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**EXPERIENCE A FREE SNEAK PREVIEW OF THE 34TH ANNUAL GREAT LAKES
SHIPWRECK FESTIVAL SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14
AT THE DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM ON BELLE ISLE**

DETROIT – On Saturday, February 14 at the Dossin Great Lakes Museum on Belle Isle, the Detroit Historical Society is presenting the final of two great programs, a preview of the upcoming Great Lakes Shipwreck Festival in Ann Arbor in March.

On Saturday at 2 p.m., local historian and divemaster **Tony Gramer** presents *Philippines: “Paradise Discovered”* followed by diver **Rudy Whitworth** presenting *Dive Domenica*.

The Philippines consist of over 7,000 islands; our adventure begins with a tour of Manila and Corregidor. The adventure continues with Tony Gramer as he travels and dives the Marco Vincent Dive Resort in Puerto Galera and the Kasai Village Dive & Spa Resort on the island of Cebu. The excitement of diving includes harlequin ghost pipefish, seahorses, frog fish, mandarin fish, octopus, beautiful soft and hard corals, shipwrecks and the most breath-taking experience: the gentle giants of the sea, whale sharks, an experience you will never forget. This 30-minute video program is synchronized to music and employs live narration.

Gramer has been diving since 1977 and is a certified PADI divemaster. He is the president of Silent World Information Masters, Inc. (SWIM). He is presently on the Dossin Maritime Group board and divemaster of the Dossin Great Lakes Museum. His images have taken best in show and first place in photo contests throughout the United States, Grand Cayman and Mexico.

Located in the eastern Caribbean, Dominica is known best for its volcanic mountain hiking, waterfalls, lush rain forests and bird life. It deserves to be known for its excellent diving. The diver is treated to healthy reefs and abundant fish life, including pipefish, seahorses, frogfish, pike blennies, batfish and electric rays — as well as unique shrimp, crabs and nudibranches.

Rudy Whitworth speaks at diving shows around the country and world. Whitworth's coral reef restoration program was shown at the Conference for Global Warming in Denmark. His dives have been featured on six 30-minute programs for "So Far, Safari" on CMN-TV in Troy.

For more information about the Great Lakes Shipwreck Festival on March 7 at Washtenaw Community College, visit shipwreckfestival.us.

The **Dossin Great Lakes Museum**, located at 100 Strand Drive on Belle Isle, is open Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free for all, all the time. The Recreation Passport will be strictly enforced for every vehicle entering Belle Isle Park. If you are planning to visit the Dossin Great Lakes Museum or attend an event and do not have a Passport, you can purchase one on the island. More information on the Recreation Passport can be found online at www.michigan.gov/recreationpassport. Permanent exhibits include *Built by the River* in the John A. and Marlene L. Boll Foundation Gallery, the *Miss Pepsi* vintage 1950s championship hydroplane, the Gothic Room from the *City of Detroit III*, a bow anchor from the S.S. *Edmund Fitzgerald*, the pilothouse from the Great Lakes freighter S.S. *William Clay Ford* in the Wayne and Joan Webber Foundation Gallery, and one of the largest known collections of scale model ships in the world.

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