

May 2008 to April 2009
Social Studies Calendar of Key Events
Compiled by Michigan Council for History Education
For more info, visit www.michiganhistoryed.org
(Send items of interest to jam1776@sbcglobal.net)

Preservation Wayne Heritage Tour Season Begins

From the first week of May and continuing through September, Preservation Wayne offers many special Detroit tours; www.preservationwayne.org

Friends Good Will Sailing Season Begins

Late May. The historic replica tall ship begins her fourth season of public sails. Michigan Maritime Museum, South Haven. For more info, visit www.michiganmaritimemuseum.org

Detroit Historical Society Tours & Programs

Throughout the year, the Detroit Historical Society offers a series of Behind the Scenes Tours (usually on Saturdays), Houses of Worship Tours (first Monday of most months), and other special programs at the Museum, 4401 Woodward, at the Dossin Museum on Belle Isle, and even at Fort Wayne in southwest Detroit. For details, visit www.detroithistorical.org

28th Annual Michigan Historic Preservation Network Conference

Thurs.-Sat., May 8-10, Dearborn Inn, Dearborn, "Preserving History, Conserving Energy," Annual MHPN Awards and Community Open House & Vendors Showcase. To learn more, www.mhpn.org.

26th Annual Detroit Downtown Hoedown

Fri.-Sun., May 9-11, Hart Plaza, Detroit, The World's Largest Fee Country Concert. Info at <http://www.americajr.com/entertainment/hoedown/budhoedown.html>

Michigan One-Room Schoolhouse Association (MORSA) Annual Meeting

Saturday, May 17, Marshall. For info, see www.one-roomschool.org/

Michigan Week -*Great Lakes, Great Traditions*

Sat.-Fri., May 17-23; Michigan Week's mission is to inspire people to embrace, explore and celebrate the history, resources and opportunities that set Michigan apart as an ideal state to work, play and thrive. We invite you to take part in the grand tradition of Michigan Week. Visit www.michigan.gov/hal and then click on "Michigan Week" .

42nd Annual Flower Day

May 18, 7 a.m. - 5 p.m., Eastern Market, Detroit; Info at www.detroiteasternmarket.com/

Feast of the Ste. Claire

Sat.-Sun., May 24 - 25, 2008. Pine Grove Park, Port Huron; Living History Reenactment. See more than 600 historic reenactors bring alive the sights, sounds and smells of early Michigan history. For info, visit www.phmuseum.org

MCHE Great Lakes Maritime History and Tall Ship Day Sail for Teachers

Sun., June 8, Port Huron, Sail aboard the 154-foot topsail schooner *Highlander Sea*. For registration info, contact Liz, 810-966-3488, 9:am-4 pm or lizm@achesonventures.com. Please identify yourself as a **MCHE** participant. Questions, contact Tim Evans at 810-364-5935 (home) or tevans@sc4.edu. Info about *Highlander Sea* www.achesonventures.com/highlandersea.asp.

Festival of the Arts

Fri.-Sun., June 6-8, Cultural Center, Detroit. Enjoy the 19th annual Festival, with juried artists, performing arts, street performers, unique food, a children's fair, visual arts, and more. **FREE ADMISSION**. For more info, visit www.detroitfestival.com or call (313) 577-5088.

13th Annual Dearborn Arab international Festival

Fri.-Sun., June 20-22. Warren Ave., Dearborn; Music, food, crafts, entertainment, and more; 313-945-1700 or www.americanarab.com

Heroes & Inventors, Past and Present

Sat.-Sun., June 21-22, Crossroads Village and the Huckleberry Railroad are located just North of Flint; Come dressed as your favorite hero, and meet some of ours! Harriet Tubman and Abe and Mary Lincoln will visit the Village this weekend and talk about their lives. More info at www.geneseecountyparks.org/village_events.htm

50th Annual Target Fireworks

Mon., June 23, Riverfront, Detroit & Windsor, Annual Firework's Event, Choreographed by Zambelli Fireworks Internationale, the more than 10,000 pyrotechnic effects can be viewed for many miles along the Detroit International Riverfront. www.theparade.org

2008 Upper Peninsula History Conference

Fri.-Sun., June 27-29, Gwinn, The 59th Annual UP History Conference is being hosted by the Forsyth Township Historical Society. Find details at www.hsmichigan.org

22nd Annual Michigan Log Cabin Day

Sunday, June 29, Several Locations across Michigan; For info, Virginia Handy, Sec./Treas., Log Cabin Society of Michigan, 3503 Rock Edwards Drive, Sodus MI 49126-9707 or 269/925-3836 or email logcabinrafts@qtm.net or visit www.qtm.net/logcabinrafts

Leslie Bluegrass Festival

Thurs.-Sat., July 3-5, 2008, with a special patriotic celebration on July 4th. The Wheel Inn Campground is also hosting a 2 day show on August 15-16, the Wheel Inn Campground Bluegrass Festival. www.jerryatesbluegrass.com

Wyandotte Street Art Fair

Wed.-Sat., July 9-12, Biddle Ave., Downtown Wyandotte, www.wyandottestreetartfair.org

Michigan ElvisFest '08

Fri.-Sat., July 11-12, Ypsilanti. Depot Town, Put on your blue suede shoes and come on down! www.mielvisfest.org (Music on their website)

Festival of India

Fri.-Sun., July 11-13, Hart Plaza, Downtown Detroit. www.festova.org; pfomdoadetrpot/cp,

World of the Model T Conference

Thurs.-Sat., July 17-19, Dearborn & Detroit, Model T Centennial Celebration Registration details at www.thehenryford.org

16th Annual Concert of Colors '08

Fri.-Sun., July 18-20; Max M. Fisher Music Center, Detroit Midtown. Diversity festival, free admission, 3 stages, celebrating music from around the world. Details: www.concertofcolors.com

30th Annual Hiawatha Traditional Music Festival

Fri.-Sun., July 18-20, 2008 - Tourist Park, Marquette www.hiawathamusic.org/

Great Lakes Maritime Education Workshop

Sat.-Wed., July 19-23, St. Helena Island, Straits of Mackinac; Info: Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers Association, P.O. Box 219, Mackinaw City MI 49701, (231) 436-5580 or visit www.gllka.com

The GM Century: The Men, The Machines Car Show

Sat., July 26, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Automotive Hall of Fame, 21400 Oakwood Boulevard, Dearborn, Thirty-five men associated with GM have been inducted into the Automotive Hall of Fame. This is a car show that celebrates the cars and the men behind them.

St. Andrew's Society 159th Highland Games

Fri.-Sat., August 1-2, Greenmead, Livonia. 248-477-7375 or www.highlandgames.com/

Award Nomination Deadlines

Fri., Aug. 1, Historical Society of Michigan Awards. For details, visit www.hsmichigan.org
Michigan History Teacher Odyssey Award. For details, visit www.michigan.gov/odyssey

Riverfolk Music & Arts Festival '08

Sat., August 2, Manchester, www.riverfolkfestival.org 6th annual. "known for its peaceful atmosphere, is a Kid-friendly festival of traditional music, bluegrass, folk, blues, Celtic and world .

Port Oneida Fair, Rural Arts and Culture Day

Fri.-Sat., August 8-9, Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, Kimberly Mann, Historic Archivist Kimberly_Mann@nps.gov Port Oneida. Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, 9920 Front Street, Empire, MI 49630, 231-326-5134. or visit www.nps.gov/slbe/planyourvisit/pofair.htm

Great Lakes Folk Festival '08

Fri.-Sun., August 8-10, East Lansing, MI. Read more about performer biographies, performance schedules, maps, parking options and more at www.greatlakesfolkfest.net or call (517) 432-GLFF.

Econ Expo III '08

Mon., August 11, at Valley Plaza Resort in Midland, InFO AT Www.mceonline.org

African World Festival

Sat.-Sun., August 16-17, Hart Plaza Detroit sponsored by the Dr. Charles H Wright Museum of African American History., www.maah-detroit.org

Woodward Dream Cruise

Sat., August 16, World's largest one-day celebration of car culture, from Eight Mile to Pontiac, www.woodwarddreamcruise.com

Michigan Renaissance Festival

Weekends, Aug. 16-Sept. 28, Holly, www.renaissancefestival.com

Journey Into the Past: *Touring the Life of Abraham Lincoln in Three States*

*Mon.-Fri., Aug 18-22, 2008 - 5 Days / 4 Nights A tour of Lincoln sites in Kentucky, Indiana, and Illinois, guided by **Gleaves Whitney**, director of the Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies. All for \$749.00/person/Double Occupancy; \$929.00 Single Occupancy Seating on the tour is limited. Call (616) 363-9835 to reserve your spot!*

Michigan State Fair

Wed., Aug. 22-Mon., Sept. 31 Detroit - Michigan State Fairgrounds, Woodward at Eight Mile Rd., www.michiganstatefair.com

Detroit Belle Isle Grand Prix 2008

Fri.-Sun., Aug. 29-31, Detroit Belle Isle, For info, 866-464-PRIX or www.detroitgp.com

29th Annual Detroit International Jazz Festival

Aug. 29 - Sept. 1, Detroit on the Riverfront. www.detroitjazzfest.com. Six stages, Jazz & American music. Free.

51st Annual Mackinac Bridge Walk '08

Mon., Sept. 1, The Mackinac Bridge Authority, the St. Ignace Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Mackinaw Area Chamber of Commerce would like to make your BRIDGE WALK as pleasant as possible and offer information at www.mackinacbridge.org A truly wonderful experience!

Model T Centennial Regional Tour

Sat.-Thurs., Sept. 6 - 11, Ypsilanti, Join the Piquette T's Chapter, MTFCI in celebrating the Centennial of the Model T Ford. The tour is centered in Ypsilanti. Details at www.tplex.org

"Model T: A Car for the Great Multitude"

Sun., Sept. 7, The Henry Ford, Dearborn. Lecture by Robert Casey, Curator of Transportation at The Henry Ford, will discuss his book on the Model. Info at www.TheHenryFord.org

St. Albertus Music Festival

Sat., Sept. 13, 3-10 p.m., St. Albertus Historic site, 4231 St. Aubin, Detroit, www.stalbertus.org or albertus1884@yahoo.com

Constitution Day

Wed., Sept. 17, Nationwide Celebration of 1787 Signing of the United States Constitution

Democracy's Challenge and the 2008 Presidential Election

Wed.-Thurs., Sept. 17-18, *Constitution Day celebration at Grand Valley; Details at www.allpresidents.org*

Michigan Museums Assn Conference

Tues.-Fri., Sept. 23-26, "*Beyond Borders: People, Places and Points of View*", Traverse City; Info: Teresa M. Goforth, Director, Details at www.michiganmuseums.org

Lincoln & Douglas: The Debates That Defined America

Fri., Sept. 26, 7:00 PM, *Gerald R. Ford Museum Auditorium (303 Pearl Street NW, Grand Rapids)*
Presentation by Allen Guelzo. Details at www.allpresidents.org

Underground Railroad Conference in Michigan

Fri.-Sat., Sept. 26-27, Grand Valley State University and the Michigan Freedom Trail Commission announce The Underground Railroad in Michigan - A Decade of Discoveries Conference For more info: Veta Tucker Grand Valley State University Department of English, 242 Lake Huron Hall 616-331-3692 or tuckerv@gvsu.edu or visit www.gvsu.edu/ugrrdecade/

2008 State History Conference

Fri.-Sun., Sept. 26-28, 2008, Grand Rapids, MI For more info, visit www.hsmichigan.org, call toll-free (800) 692-1828 or e-mail hsm@hsmichigan.org.

National Council for Geographic Education

Thurs.-Sun, Oct. 9-12, Hyatt Regency & The Henry Ford, Dearborn. Includes sessions on Model T Centennial and Field Trips to such sites as Arab American National Museum. Details www.ncge.org

13th Annual Great Lakes Lighthouse Festival '08

Thurs.-Sun., Oct. 9-12, Thunder Bay Recreational Center, 701 Woodward Avenue, Alpena, Activities for the young and old including lighthouse tours (aerial, boat or personal vehicle), entertainment, and vendors. From Saginaw to Mackinaw, lighthouses will be open for tours and visits! Details at www.lighthousefestival.org/

Michigan Archaeology Day

Sat., Oct. 11, 11 am-3 pm, Michigan Historical Museum, Lansing. Events typically include lectures, displays, and hands-on activities for kids. Details: www.michiganhistory.org in September

Detroit Orientation Institute

Tuesdays, October 14, 21, 28, Wayne State University, Detroit. Three day intensive seminar studies key issues of Detroit Metropolitan Area, with featured speakers and field trips. For details, contact Ann Cuddohy Slawnik, DOI Director, 313-577-0171 or visit www.doi.wayne.edu

33rd Annual Great Lakes History Conference, '08

Fri.-Sat., Oct. 17-18; Grand Rapids, sponsored by Grand Valley State University, Info at www.gvsu.edu/history/glhc.html

Historic Detroit Bus Tour

Sat., Oct. 18, Detroit Historical Society; Drive by many famous Detroit sites, including the birthplaces of Motown and the Model T; Walk the grounds where Cadillac founded Detroit; learn about Campus Martius, the Woodward Plan, and much more. A narrated tour of Detroit's most noted locations. Details to be posted in August at www.detroithistorical.org (Info on many other tours and special events also posted here.)

Michigan Story Festival

Fri.-Sat., October 24-25, Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant; For more info, visit www.michiganstoryfestival.org

*******15th MCHE ANNUAL CONFERENCE *******

Wed., Nov. 5, Lansing Convention Center in Downtown Lansing. Special programs on MEAP, GLCEs, teaching history and info on historical resources along with other workshops for social studies teachers. Contact MCHE Executive Director Jim Cameron at cameronj@saline.k12.mi.us or visit www.michiganhistoryed.org

Oral History for Michiganians 2008 Conference

Fri.-Sat., Nov. 7-8, Grandbau Education Center, Rogers City; offered by the Michigan Oral History Assn in partnership with the Michigan Dept of History, Arts and Libraries and the Huron Shore Humanities Council in Rogers City. The keynote speaker is Tom Wiener, historian for the Veterans History Project of the Library of Congress. See www.michiganoha.org for updates.

2008 Veterans Tribute at the Michigan Historical Museum, Lansing

Sun., Nov. 9, For more info, visit www.michigan.gov/hal

Mulling Over Michigan

Date TBD & SE Michigan Location TBD Info: www.hsmichigan.org

88th Annual Conference, National Council for the Social Studies

Fri.-Sun., Nov. 14-16; Houston TX, Info at www.ncss.org.

America's Thanksgiving Parade

Thurs., Nov. 27. Annual tradition brings floats, bands, horses & helium balloons down Woodward Avenue, with arrival of Santa Claus as the highlight. www.theparade.org

24th Annual Conference Educating for Citizenship

Thurs., Dec. 4, Kellogg Center, East Lansing on MSU Campus, Michigan Center for Civic Education Through Law, info, mccel@oakland.k12.mi.us or visit www.oakland.k12.mi.us/resources/miciviced/

36th Annual Noel Night

Sat., Dec. 6; Detroit Cultural Center; 5pm - 9:30pm. Activities include horse-drawn carriage rides, plus performances by over 70 area music and dance groups. www.detroitmidtown.com

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) '09 Summer Institutes

Summer, 2009, locations across U.S. NEH offers teachers opportunities to study humanities topics in a variety of Summer Seminars and Institutes. Dates and duration of projects varies. Application deadline is usually in EARLY March. All teachers selected will be awarded a stipend. For details regarding eligibility, application and a COMPLETE listing of the 2009 Summer programs, visit www.neh.gov/projects/si-school.html posted by late Dec. '08.

Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History '09 Summer institutes

SUMMER, 2009, Locations across the U.S. Seminars provide a \$500 stipend, books, room and board; Deadline for applications late winter. For details, visit www.gilderlehrman.org posted by late Dec. '08.

With Liberty and Justice For All Annual Public Symposium

Monday, January 19, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, 8.30 am – 1.00 pm, Anderson Theater in Henry Ford Museum; All activities are free of charge; Dorothy Ebersole, Curator of Education, The Henry Ford. Details and registration at www.TheHenryFord.org

Michigan Statehood Day

Sat. Jan. 24, Michigan Historical Center, Lansing Statehood Day honors the 172nd birthday of the Great Lakes State. On January 26, 1837, Michigan joined the Union as the nation's 26th state. Tour the museum galleries to learn more about Michigan, its citizens and their accomplishments. You will enjoy presenters, costumed interpreters, musical performances and hands-on activities highlighting Michigan milestones. For details, visit www.michigan.gov/hal

2009 MCSS State Conference

Mon.-Wed., Feb. 9-11. Amway Grand Hotel, Grand Rapids; Info from. Erecenia Friday, Business Manager, MCSS, 3300 Washtenaw Avenue, Suite 220, Ann Arbor, MI 48104 efriday@ucia2.com or (734) 975-2811 Details at www.mcssmi.org

*******National Council for History Education 2009 Conference*******

Thurs.-Sat., March 12-14, 2009, Park Plaza Hotel, Boston, MA Theme-Revolutions in History Featuring David McCullough Visit www.nche.net/conference for more details.

33rd Annual Living History Show

Sat.-Sun., March 21-22,, Kalamazoo; We Bring History Alive! Contact: Larry Coin, P.O. Box 453, Portage MI 49081, Larrycoin@kalamazooshow.com or visit www.KalamazooShow.com

NCAA Men's Basketball Final Four

Sat. & Mon, April 4 & 6; Ford Field, Detroit. March Madness concludes in the Motor City. www.ticketmaster.com

Michigan in Perspective: 51st Annual Local History Conference

Fri.-Sat., April 17-18, 2009, McGregor Memorial Conference Center, Wayne State University in Detroit. Sixteen program sessions explore topics relating to the history and culture of Michigan and the Great Lakes region from a variety of perspectives including historic preservation, exhibit design, archival materials, public art, oral history, genealogy, and folk life traditions. For more info,

Alberta Asmar. Conference Assistant, 313 577- 4024 or AD3196@wayne.edu Program details and registration materials will be available at www.hsmichigan.org by early February '09.

State Finals, National History Day,

Sat., April 25, Grand Valley State University, Allendale, Regional competitions in Feb. & March 2009. For more info, visit www.hsmichigan.org or call (800) 692-1828.

MCSS Social Studies Olympiad XXIII

Sat., April 25, Bloomfield Hills,. For more info, contact: Connie Wakefield. 54561 Jack Drive, Macomb, MI 48042, (586) 677-5145 or www.mcssmi.org.

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This listing was compiled in May 2008 and is as accurate as I could determine. As with most calendars of this nature, please check the sponsoring organization website for additional information and any changes in plans.

NOTE: There are many good sources for events that you might find of special interest.

1. www.michigan.gov/hal has press releases on activities at historic sites across the state. Many of these are posted after my deadlines and I am not able to effectively circulate. Check both the press releases and the Historic Michigan Field Sites.
 2. www.hsmichigan.org has a wonderful calendar of events arranged by regions within the state. I encourage local historical groups to submit info to the Historical Society of Michigan for posting on this site.
 3. www.detroithistorical.org includes many worthwhile tours and programs throughout the year. While i include some in E-Notes, you really should visit their site to see all of their offerings.
 4. www.preservationwayne.org offers a variety of Saturday and weekday evening walking tours. These are fascinating glimpses at many Detroit locations. Their August theater Tour always sells out well in advance.
 5. The Michigan Festival & Events Association produces an amazing collection of items available at www.michiganfun.com.
 6. For those interested in a detailed Detroit area calendar of events emailed weekly and *compiled* by *Kathleen Marcaccio*, email your request to her at dkosh@msn.com.
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