

**Electronic News Update from the
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Dear MCHE Members and Friends,

A few items occur prior to June so I worked to get this issue out before Michigan Week and Memorial Day weekend. Memorial day offers many great experiences to have fun while also visiting a Michigan festival or historical reenactment. (Think Michilimackinac; Alma, Feast of the St. Claire in Port Huron, etc.)

ENJOY!

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1. History Teachers Needed for Library of Congress Summer Workshop; Earn \$500 Honorarium while Learning about "American Memory" web resources!

While we have many Media Specialist applicants, we still are very interested in having a few more social studies teachers apply for the four day Library of Congress Workshop presented by MCHE and Wayne RESA. We are offering a \$500 honorarium upon completion of an appropriate Lesson Plan. Details at www.michiganhistoryed.org

Although today is application deadline, we will continue to seek qualified applicants until all positions are filled. (FYI, I will be out of state with no email access from May 24 (early a.m.) until June 1, but you can apply via email with attachments and date/time of applications will be in your emails.)

2. Great American Experience PBS programs Coming Soon to Your TV

My wife and i were watching the FDR American Experience program on PBS the other evening. I goofed and did not get on tape the last 15 minute of the program. So, I went online to see about a repeat broadcast. Found nothing on that, but did see the list of great upcoming programs. Thought you would be interested in these: Detroit Public TV *CHANNEL 56*
American Experience : Truman Sunday, May 25, 9:30pm Part 1 of a two-part study of Harry S. Truman.

American Experience : Truman Monday, May 26, 9:00pm The conclusion of a study of Harry S. Truman.

American Experience : Las Vegas: An Unconventional History Monday, June 2, 9:00pm Part 1 of two. "Las Vegas: An Unconventional History."

3. Making Integrated Education Work for Everyone: Bringing It All Together

The First Michigan Joint Education Conference on Wednesday, June 25, 2008 at Holt High School in Holt, Michigan, will feature sessions directed at teachers and administrators on integrated education, curriculum and instruction. For more info: Michigan Joint Education Conference, 3300 Washtenaw Ave, Suite 220, Ann Arbor, MI 48104, (734) 677-2270 X 144 or visit www.mijec.org

4. Young Photographers from Around the State Honored for Capturing Michigan's Historic Sites in Pictures; Winning Photos in Michigan Week 2008 Contest on Display at Michigan Library and Historical Center

The Department of History, Arts and Libraries (HAL) today announced the winners of the sixth annual Michigan Week Youth Photo Contest, coordinated by HAL, *Michigan History for Kids* magazine and Michigan State University Extension's 4-H Youth Development, with support from the Michigan Barn Preservation Network.

The 12 winning photos, from all regions of the state, depict the photographers' favorite Michigan historic sites. The photos are on display in the rotunda of the Michigan Library and Historical Center in Lansing through May 26, and will then travel around the state as part of 4-H exhibits at selected county fairs, libraries, museums and other venues.

Seventeen photos also were selected as regional winners. Both the statewide and the regional winners can be seen on the Michigan Week Web page at www.michigan.gov/michiganweek.

"It's fitting that as we celebrate both Michigan Week and National Historic Preservation Month, we're recognizing these young people who have captured some of Michigan's rich history and character on film," said HAL Director William Anderson. "I hope it inspires Michiganders of all ages to discover the unique historic treasures in their own communities and around the state."

Communities around the state celebrate Michigan Week with a variety of activities. For "how to celebrate" ideas, the governor's proclamation, resources for learning about and exploring Michigan, and more, visit www.michigan.gov/michiganweek.

Michigan History for Kids is a colorful, award-winning magazine designed to make history fun for young readers. Written at a fourth-grade reading level, each magazine is filled with interesting stories, activities and fun facts. For more information, visit www.michiganhistorymagazine.com/kids.

Michigan 4-H Youth Development is part of the Children, Youth and Family Programs of Michigan State University Extension and has programs in all Michigan counties. To learn more, visit <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/msue/cyf/youth>.

Michigan Week is a program of the Department of History, Arts and Libraries (HAL). Dedicated to enriching quality of life and strengthening the economy by providing access to information, preserving and promoting Michigan heritage, and fostering cultural creativity, the department includes the Library of Michigan, the Mackinac Island State Park Commission, the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the Michigan Historical Center. For more information, visit www.michigan.gov/hal.

5. Memorial Day Observance at Fort Mackinac Post Cemetery, Mackinac Island Mon., May 26th, 2008, 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM A brief, informal Memorial Day observance will be held on this day at Fort Mackinac Post Cemetery to pay tribute to the soldiers who served at this island fortress. Soldiers will assemble at 8:30 am at the fort and will march to the cemetery, perform a short ceremony and salute, and return to the fort. Open to the public.

6. Journey Into the Past: Touring *the Life of Abraham Lincoln in Three States* Mon.-Fri., Aug 18-22, 2008 - 5 Days / 4 Nights Call (616) 363-9835 to reserve your spot!. 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!* Details at ww.allpresidents.org

7. Good Source of Ideas for Researching Local History

Prepared by The Archives of Michigan, an interesting pamphlet, *Genealogy of a House A Practical Guide to Researching Historic Structures*, offers suggestions for learning about historic homes and buildings in your own community. You might find it of interest. To obtain a copy, go to www.michigan.gov and type "Genealogy of a House" in the search engine.

8. 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. By June 1, 2008, interested presenters should submit a brief 300-word description for a presentation to areastudies@gvsu.edu with the subject heading: Underground Railroad Conference -- African/African American Studies. Session proposals should include a one page resume or biography of the presenter(s) with complete mailing address, email, and phone number. Presenters will not be required to pay registration fees. 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/

9. AWAIR offers Middle East Materials

Looking for quality materials on the culture, geography and history of the Middle East? For many years, a good source has been AWAIR (Arab World And Islamic Resources), P.O. Box 174, Abiquiu, New Mexico 87510 or visit www.awaironline.org

10. Michigan Iron Industry Museum Packs Music, History and Family Fun into Summer Events Schedule

The Michigan Iron Industry Museum will host a full schedule of family fun and learning activities for visitors of all ages this summer. Located in forested ravines eight miles west of Marquette, the Michigan Iron Industry Museum tells the story of Michigan's three iron ranges and the hard-working immigrants who helped build modern America. An 18-minute program, shown seven times daily, presents the colorful story of immigrant and community life in the Upper Peninsula. Among scheduled activities for 2008 are:

- July 8 - Lecture Series: "Getting from Europe to Upper Michigan: The Immigrant Experience," presented by Barry James of the Michigan Historical Center.
- July 13 - "Shields of Steel: A Salute to Iron Range Veterans" will pay tribute to iron range workers from the Civil War to the present. The program will include speakers, music by the Ishpeming Blue Notes" and a video called "The U.P. Recalls 'The War.'"
- July 15 - Lecture Series: "U.P. Eats: Regional Culture Through Food," presented by Yvonne and William Lockwood of Michigan State University.

The Michigan Iron Industry Museum is one of 11 nationally accredited museums and historic sites administered by the Michigan Historical Center, an agency within the Department of History, Arts and Libraries. For more info about museum programs, call (906) 475-7857 or visit www.michigan.gov/ironindustrymuseum.

11. Michigan Public TV to air Special Documentary on Governor's Awards for Arts & Culture

Detroit Public TV is proud to partner with ArtServe Michigan and your local PBS station to bring you a special documentary of Michigan's highest arts honor. Public television viewers will travel throughout the state to see and celebrate artistic achievement in a special broadcast, THE 22nd annual ARTSERVE MICHIGAN GOVERNOR'S AWARDS FOR ARTS AND CULTURE, airing on Detroit Public TV (WTVS Channel 56), Wednesday, May 28, at 10:00 p.m. Check your local listings for exact times in other parts of the state.

The hour-long show features a profile on each award recipient along with recognizing the award finalists in each category.

12. Detroit Historical Society opens new ONLINE Museum Store at www.detroithistorical.org

If you didn't have time to shop the Museum Store during your last visit to the **Detroit Historical Museum** or **Dossin Great Lakes Museum**, you're in luck. Now, you can buy a piece of history online. The **Detroit Historical Society** is pleased to announce the opening of its new online Museum Store at www.detroithistorical.org. The store features a larger selection of items, including the following: Local history books from **Arcadia Publishing**; Seatbacks and other items recently acquired from **Tiger Stadium**; Detroit Historical Museum and Dossin Great Lakes Museum logo merchandise; 30 Great Lakes and lighthouse-themed prints from Michigan artist **Randall Higdon**.

Visitors to the online Museum Store can also make donations, buy memberships and purchase tickets to Museum programs, workshops, monthly Historic Houses of Worship tours, or the Behind the Scenes Saturdays tour series. All proceeds from the online Museum Store benefit the

Detroit Historical Society.

from Bob Sadler Director of Public & External Relations Detroit Historical Society

13. June/July 2009 Calendar of Key Events

(Send items of interest to jam1776@sbcglobal.net)

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

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
