

**Electronic News Update from the
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Dear Colleagues,

Via E-Notes, MCHE continues to try to keep you updated on many different opportunities for professional and personal development. This issue offers more than 30 separate items. I only wish i had the time to participate in everything. My thanks to the people who give of their time to help organize and present these quality experiences. Please support these activities by your participation, whenever possible.

I continue to be very impressed by the high quality of offerings from the Hauenstein Center for Presidential studies at GVSU, the Lorenzo Cultural Center lecture series at Macomb Community College and the tours of the Detroit Historical Society.. Two outstanding upcoming events are the “His soul Goes Marching On” symposium on March 12th at the Dr. Wright and the 51st Annual Local History Conference at Wayne State University in mid-April. And, I would be remiss if i did not call your attention to the last item in this month’s E-Notes, the Sat., May 30th “Patriots & Presidents” tour sponsored by the Historical Society of Michigan. (Yes, that’s one of my pet projects.)

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NOTE: The pdf attachment contains the same content as the message below. It is sent for those of you whose machines mess up the text of the E Notes. I hope this is helpful.

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1. Can you present session at MCHE, Wed., Nov. 4th, Lansing?

Presenter proposals are being sought for the annual MCHE Conference, Wed., Nov. 4th, at The Lansing Center; **SAVE THE DATE!** For a presenter proposal form, contact Jim Cameron, MCHE Executive Director, at cameronj@saline.k12.mi.us

2. NCHE meets in Boston, Thurs.-Sat., March 12-14

This great meeting of historians includes outstanding keynote speakers, many sessions and useful exhibitors. For details, visit www.nche.net

3. “His Soul Goes Marching On—John Brown, Frederick Douglass, Detroit, and the Path to Freedom, “ Thursday, March 12, 2009, 9am-5pm.

Cosponsored by the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, the University of Michigan-Dearborn History Department, and the Michigan Historical Commission, this all-day event features several speakers who will analyze the relationship between Frederick Douglass and John Brown and their common interests during 19th century America’s turbulent times in which they lived as well as take a look at how John Brown was and is viewed by both blacks and whites from the 19th century to the present. The date marks the 150th anniversary of the historic meeting between John Brown and Frederick Douglass in Detroit near the intersection of today’s Larned and St. Antoine Streets (Michigan Historic Marker: www.michmarkers.com/pages/S0224.htm) . The Symposium takes place at the Museum of African American History. \$20 registration fee includes lunch and symposium . materials. Register by Thursday, March 5th. http://www.maah-detroit.org/pdf/John_Brown.pdf

4. Trivia question of the month

Where in Michigan can you see an IMAX film describing the Journeys of Ibn Batutta? (I know, this is an easy one so answer quickly if you wish to win the PRIZE!

5. Trivia Quiz February Responses

(The questions was: What is the most popular first name for Presidents? (and the E Notes editor? The answer,of course, is JAMES. James Madison, Monroe, Polk,Buchanan,Garfield and Carter.

1st place (quickest correct response) Steve Evans, Thornapple-Kellogg Middle School, Middleville, MI

2nd- Geoff (really his wife Karen) Wickersham; 3rd-Joseph Macerata, Benton Harbor; Also, consolation prizes to Sylina Massengill, Lincoln Park, & Tina Vollans, Hesperia Middle School Other popular Presidential First Names include: John - John Adams, John Q. Adams, John Tyler, John Kennedy, William - William Jefferson Clinton, William Henry Harrison, William Howard Taft, William McKinley, George - George Washington, George W. Bush, George H.W. Bush,

6. McConnell & Gilder-Lehrman History Educator Award Nomination Deadline

While the deadline is Fri., May 1st, NOW is the time to prepare the application. Criteria for awards and full details at www.michiganhistoryed.org or email MCHE Awards Committee Chair Gordon Andrews at gandrews@portageps.org

7. MCHE/Genesee ISD Library of Congress Workshop

Twenty classroom teachers and media specialists are sought to develop resource materials using the Library of Congress “American Memory” website, www.loc.gov The workshop will include an orientation to the materials and will require each participant to develop a lesson for use by students. Presentations at future professional development conferences will be expected of participants. Sponsored by MCHE and the Genesee ISD, the workshop will be held Wed.-Thurs., August 5-6, , AND Wed.-Thurs., August 19-20, at the Genesee ISD in Flint, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Participants must attend all four days. \$500 honorarium paid upon completion of lesson. Applications must be received by Friday, May 1st. Applications available at www.michiganhistoryed.org. Please contact Roy Sovis, 810.591.4520 or rsovis@geneseeisd.org or Dr. Jim McConnell, 734-525-2962 or jam1776@sbcglobal.net, for more information.

8. Thurs., March 19, “Barack Obama in History” by H.W. Brands, Hauenstein Center, *Gerald R. Ford Museum Auditorium, Grand Rapids,*

Grand Valley's Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies and the Ford Foundation, Library & Museum present bestselling author H. W. Brands on “Barack Obama in History.” Reservations are required for this free program. As Americans watched Barack Obama take the oath of office on January 20, political commentators drew lofty comparisons between the new president and some of his most revered predecessors: Abraham Lincoln, Franklin Roosevelt, and John F. Kennedy. What is the basis for these comparisons? How does President Obama's historic moment compare to his predecessors'? Historian H. W. Brands will answer these questions and others as he considers the campaign, election, and transition of our 44th president into the White House, along with President Obama's earliest days in office. For more info or to reserve

your seat, visit www.allpresidents.org

Other key upcoming events include:

(A) President Obama's First 100 Days: A Debate

April 2, 7:00 PM - RSVP! Join Grand Valley's Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies at the Fountain Street Church for a debate between *The Nation's* Katrina vanden Heuvel and *National Review's* Rich Lowry.

(B) President Barack Obama & the Lessons of Antiquity

Conference at Grand Valley State University

April 16-17, Seating is limited. RSVP!, Gerald R. Ford Museum & Grand Valley State University's DeVos Center, downtown Grand Rapids

9. Fri.-Sat., April 17-18, 51st Annual Local history Conference

This outstanding event includes several keynotes and more than thirty speakers on a wide range of interesting topics. Full conference program and registration form at www.hsmichigan.org

10. Teacher Appreciation Days* at The Henry Ford, Sat., April 18

Come see everything we have to offer—FOR FREE! You'll have a chance to see much of the programming that showcases our educational resources, as well as selected dramatic presentations. FREE admission to educators and one guest to Henry Ford Museum, Greenfield Village, IMAX® Theatre and Ford Rouge Factory Tour. For details, visit www.TheHenryFord.org

11. Plan Your Field Trip Now for May Exhibit "From Haven to Home" at Detroit Historical Museum

From May 6 through August 30, the Detroit Historical Museum will feature the touring exhibit "From Haven to Home: Jewish Life in America." The exhibition features more than 200 reproductions of American Judaic treasures from the collections of the Library of Congress, augmented by a selection of important loans from other institutions. The exhibit is sponsored by the Jewish Historical Society of Michigan. A special docent-led group tour of the exhibit, combined with the Jewish Historical Society's award-winning Tour Jewish Detroit may be scheduled by contacting the JHS of MI, 248 5517 or jhs of michigan@msn.com.

12. Civil War Letters now online at Archives of Michigan

The Archives of Michigan recently acquired a landmark collection of Civil War letters. The letters are notable for their large number (291 documents span 1856-1865) and as an example of a two-way correspondence (letters from both the Civil War soldier and his wife were preserved.). Click here for more details: <http://tinyurl.com/7cbxgq> By 2011, all Archives of Michigan Civil War documents, including this collection, will be digitally scanned and available online. Some are available now. To access them, go to www.seekingmichigan.org.

On Thurs., Jan. 22, the Archives hosted the ceremonial opening of the David and Betty Morris Learning Center. The Center, when completed, will enable students to experience history by role playing as a Michigan governor and cabinet officials. These lessons will utilize archival sources.

For more info: <http://tinyurl.com/awpnmk> From Bob Garrett Archives of Michigan

13. DIA March Workshops for Social Studies Teachers:

(A) Fri., March 20; 5:30-7:30 p.m. Focus on Special Exhibitions: American Chronicles: The Art of Norman Rockwell and Service Learning * See how Norman Rockwell's images inspired Americans from WWII to the 1960s Civil Rights movement * Discuss how to meet the new High School Service Learning requirement with David Hales, Wayne RESA Social Studies consultant* Learn how to prepare students for civic life outside of school with Kari Pardoe from Learning to Give *

(B) Saturday Workshops; Day-long workshops provide an in-depth learning experience.

Member fee: \$40; nonmember fee: \$50 Pre-service teacher fee: \$25

SB-CEU available.

(B-1) Sat., March 14; 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Native American Art and Culture * Learn how to weave simple baskets for students with Kelly Church, fifth-generation Native American black ash Basket Maker * Tour the Native American galleries with Linda Margolin, DIA educator * Include Native American culture in classroom lessons with strategies provided by Karen R. Todorov, MDE Social Studies consultant * Recommended for elementary classroom and art teachers

(B-2) Saturday, March 28; 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., American Chronicles: The Art of Norman Rockwell and Primary Resources *Includes private tour of the exhibition * David Hales, Wayne RESA Social Studies consultant, shows how Rockwell's images are primary and secondary resources that support your teaching * Sample the American Art tour and classroom talk with Jennifer Williams, DIA educator * Recommended for upper elementary, middle, and high school teachers* from Jennie Williams, Educ. Dept., DIA

14. Michigan Center for Geographic Information Offers Terrific Resources

Whether you are looking for something as simple as a free copy of a Michigan road map or you fancy something a bit more complicated, the Michigan Center for Geographic Information offers an outstanding resource for your research. In addition to acting as a resource to Michigan citizens, the Center for Geographic Information acts as an essential tool to local governments and school districts. Sharing this resource at the state level produces significant savings to local decision makers and avoids the duplication of this service in each community. Please visit the Center at <http://michigan.gov/cgi/>.

Thanks to my State Senator Glenn Anderson for this item. (Amazing resource!)

15. Preservation Wayne offers Great Tours, Programs for Educators, Community

Preservation Wayne offers history and architectural tours on Tuesday evenings and Saturday mornings May through September and October by appointment. Learning at the Opera, a partner program with the Detroit Opera House, will be held in June and July this year. Dates, times and speaker info will be on website soon. The 2009 Theatre Tour is scheduled for Sat, August 15, *and* we have four new tours that will be publicized in the next 2-3 months. Custom tours are also available upon request. Join us as we celebrate Detroit and bring its **Past Forward** into our future. www.preservationwayne.org. Thanks. Karen Nagher, PW

16. Polk: The Man who transformed the Presidency and America

A intriguing story of the most important president after the Founders prior to Abe. Walter Borneman describes Polk's life, politics, and the significance of his presidency in a lively, engaging manner. Along with his other recent books on the French & Indian War and the War of 1812, Borneman brings his love of history and attention to detail to this tale of the man who truly expanded America's borders to the Pacific. The book was published by Random House in 2008.

17. NEH offers "America's Industrial Revolution" at The Henry Ford. Apply by March 16th!

We are pleased to again be offering two week-long workshops this summer on *America's Industrial Revolution at The Henry Ford*. For more information about application guidelines, workshop overview, participating scholars, teacher stipends, etc. please visit www.thehenryford.org/neh. Application deadline is March 16. Please feel free to forward this information to your colleagues. Thank you. *Dorothy Ebersole*, dorothe@thehenryford.org, Curator of Education, The Henry Ford America's Greatest History Attraction!

18. Michigan Historic Preservation Network offers 4th Annual Essay & Photo Contest

The Michigan Historic Preservation Network (MHPN) announces its Fourth Annual contest, entitled "Our Historic Places," is open to all Michigan fourth grade students. A Statewide Grand Prize (\$100 gift certificate) and Regional Prizes to three winners from each of four Michigan regions will be awarded in both the Essay and Photo divisions. Certificates of participation are awarded to all participants. Educators may download a free basic historic preservation lesson plan to introduce the topic to their students at the MHPN website. www.mhpn.org or call 517-371-8080 for complete rules and entry forms. Entry deadline is March 30, 2009.

19. National History Club offers National Underground Railroad Essay Contest

This contest invites students to write an essay of not more than 2,000 words (supplemented with a bibliography) conveying what lessons they believe emerge from the history of the underground railroad and the movement that resulted in the abolishment of slavery in the United States that can help guide the abolition of contemporary forms of slavery that exist in today's world. All entries must be received by March 15. For more info, contact Bob Nasson, Executive Director National History Club www.nationalhistoryclub.org or rnasson@nationalhistoryclub.org

20. Essays About Lincoln - Contest and Awards

The State of Michigan Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Committee, in partnership with The Michigan Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States present Essays about Lincoln. Has the life of Abraham Lincoln inspired you?...write an ESSAY! Awards and other info at http://main.gvsu.edu/cms3/assets/01174DE8-A6DD-E615-487FB094045DE5E8/Lincoln_Bicentennial/State%20Essay%20Contest.pdf Or contact the Michigan Commandery at 616-827.3369. Essays must be postmarked by April 4, 2009. Winners will be notified by May 15, 2009.

21. Sun.-Fri., June 21– 26, ABA Summer Institute, Federal Judicial Center, Washington, DC

Designed especially for secondary school teachers of U.S. history, law and civics/government, the institute will deepen participants' knowledge of the federal judiciary and of the role the federal courts have played in key public controversies that have defined our constitutional and other legal rights. This summer's theme is "Social Change via the Courts" and will study the Susan B. Anthony voting case, Chinese exclusion and the Chew Heong case, and desegregation with the Bush v. Orleans Parish School Board. Teachers are paid stipends, and all travel, hotel, and meals are provided or reimbursed. Application and details at www.abanet.org/publiced/conference/summer09.shtml Application packets must be RECEIVED no later than Monday, March 2, 2009.

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22. Saving Family Memories

This is more of a personal than profession note. My wife and I recently decided to 'save family memories' by converting selected slides to a DVD. Annette carefully researched various places and decided the best price came from D & D Video Transfer Service, 37100 West Six Mile Road, Livonia MI 48152 (734-591-3660) After selecting the 75-80 images we wanted to use, we took them to D & D The store's owner is Eric Heatherington, a lifelong friend of my son Mark. (We did not know this.) He produced some wonderful gifts for our kids, with musical background for the slides. If you are looking for a great gift and an impetus to edit your boxes of old slides, I highly recommend considering this activity. (I also typed up a list identifying the people and locations in each slide so the 'memories' will not be forgotten. Do this now, before you forget.) Eric's office shares space with a Photo Studio on the north side of Six Mile Road, a short distance east of Newburgh in a small shopping plaza.

23. Two items from ISSUE #47 (February 2009) OEAA Update Website: www.michigan.gov/oeaa

(A) New Requirements for High School Social Studies

In addition to all other eligibility requirements, a student who takes the Michigan Merit Examination (MME) in 2009 or after must now also achieve an MME score of Level 1 or 2 in Social Studies to become eligible for installment payments of the Michigan Promise scholarship. Also, beginning with the high school graduating Class of 2011, students must have taken at least three credits of high school Social Studies to become eligible for the Michigan Promise scholarship. We are working closely with the Michigan Department of Treasury to resolve issues related to students with a personal curriculum. As we learn more, we will advise schools. If you have questions about these changes, please contact the Michigan Department of Treasury which is solely responsible for administering the scholarship (call 888-447-2687 toll-free).

(B) Survey of Grade Level Content and High School Course Content Expectations

Responses to the Western Michigan University survey of the Grade Level Content and High School Course Content Expectations are arriving slower than similar surveys in 1999 and in 2002. This survey, entitled "Impacts of Statewide Social Studies Assessment in Classrooms, Schools, and School Districts in Michigan," will provide important information regarding the effects of

educational polices and changes initiated by the Michigan legislature and Michigan Department of Education over the past two years. It is available at:
<http://homepages.wmich.edu/~ldechano/sscc.htm>. The deadline for completing questionnaires has been extended to April 1, 2009. Please encourage teachers/leaders in your school district to respond. If you have questions about this survey, please contact Lisa DeChano-Cook at lisa.dechano@wmich.edu, or call her at 269-387-3536.

(*My thanks to Roy sovis for sharing this info with others.)

24. MCHE offers Michigan Week Historic Site Virtual Trip Contest for Teachers

in cooperation with the Michigan Historical Commission, the Michigan Council for History Education is sponsoring a special contest designed to generate interest in visiting Michigan's unique historic field sites. The challenge is open to educators across the state, and calls for participants to plan an imaginary trip to official Michigan historic field sites and an additional special Michigan site of their choosing. Contest rules and the entry form are available from MCHE's web site: <http://michiganhistoryed.org/docs/mhscontestflyer.pdf>. Entries must be postmarked by Friday, May 1, 2009. Questions may be e-mailed to: jam1776@sbcglobal.net. Three entries will be selected randomly to receive a copy of "Traveling Through Time: A Guide to Michigan's Historical Markers" (edited by Laura Ashlee).

**25. "The Sixties: A Decade that Defined a Generation" Feb. 28 - May 16
Lorenzo Cultural Center, Macomb Community College Center, Clinton Twp**

This fascinating series of about 50 programs and an exhibit, features several noted speakers on the events and life style of the Sixties. All events require preregistration, with some free and some at a nominal fee. Call (586)445-7348 or visit www.lorenzoculturalcenter.com/.

26. Application Deadline Near for National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) '09 Summer Institutes

NEH offers teachers opportunities to study humanities topics in a variety of summer seminars and institutes in locations across the U.S. 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 <http://www.neh.gov/projects/summer09.html>

27. Michigan Geography & History Workshops, June 15-19, Ingham ISD, Mason or June 22-26, Kent ISD, Grand Rapids

Participants will receive resources, e.g., maps, timelines, reference materials, CDs, etc. SB-CEUs are available. Cost is FREE to 6-12 teachers in Grand Rapids or Lansing Public Schools; \$100 for other teachers. Central Michigan University is offering these workshops for Graduate Credit (2). For more info, email Marty Mater at mater1ml@cmich.edu

28. Michigan Geographic Alliance Basic Summer Geography Institute, July 6-17, Central Michigan University

Graduates of Basic Summer Alliance Institutes become teacher consultants and are supported by MGA to provide professional development workshops for Michigan teachers. There is no charge for this residential institute, and most expenses are covered (housing, most meals). There will be a small honorarium for completing the two-week institute. For more info, email Marty Mater at mater1ml@cmich.edu

29. One Woodward Avenue - Behind the Scenes Tour, Sat. , March 21. 11 a.m.
Join representatives of Grubb & Ellis and Yamasaki Associates as we take a rare look inside this Minoru Yamasaki Detroit landmark. The building occupies one entire city block and stretches 423 feet into Detroit's skyline. Featuring an encased glass lobby with white marble floors and walls, it's truly a sight to behold. \$20 - Detroit Historical Society members; \$30 - Guests. For more info on this and other Detroit Historical Society Tours, call Rebecca McDonald, 313-833-1801 or visit www.detroithistorical.org

30. Judges sought for State Finals, National History Day,
A great way to learn more about History Day is to volunteer to become a judge. For details, contact Shannon White, HSM, at white@hsmichigan.org Finals are 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.

31. Michigan Week 2009
Sat.-Fri., May 16-22, Michigan Week's mission is to inspire people - at the local level - 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 click on "Michigan Week" .

32. Patriots & Presidents Tour
Sat., May 30, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Northville-Fremont & Perrysburg, Ohio, Monroe; Visit to Hayes Presidential Home & Museum, Fallen Timbers & Key War of 1812 Battlefields, Tour narration by Dr. Jim McConnell, Michigan Historical Commission member; Sponsored by Historical Society of Michigan. For more info, visit www.hsmichigan.org, call tollfree (800) 692-1828 or e-mail hsm@hsmichigan.org.
