

**Electronic News Update from the
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Dear Colleagues,

Please join the Historical Society of Michigan as we travel to Ohio to learn about the "Sixty Years war for the Great lakes. This fascinating time in American history takes us from the origins of the French & Indian war in western pennsylvania to the defeat of the British at the Battle of the Thames during the War of 1812. The tour highlight is the visit to the home of President Rutherford B. Hayes. Details in article below.

I do hope some of you will consider nominating yourself or a colleague for the McConnell and/or Gilder-Lehrman (Elementary this year) Awards. The 2008 forms are posted and can be used for 2009 (May 20 deadline) Info at www.michiganhistoryed.org.

And, if you are within an hour's drive of the Genesee ISD in Flint, consider applying for the August "Library of Congress" MCHE Institute. You will enjoy learning about the web resources of the Lib. of Congress while also earning a nice honorarium.

Hope you are able to enjoy Michigan Week this year, as the nice weather allows us to appreciate Michigan's scenic beauty and historic sites. For a "Historic sites & Museums" matching quiz, send me an email with "Michigan Historic Sites Quiz" in subject heading.

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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. Save the Date: Wed., Nov. 4, 16th Annual MCHE Conference, Lansing Center

We are seeking presenters on "History" themes. For an application form, email Jim Cameron, MCHE Executive Director, at cameronj@saline.k12.mi.us

2. MCHE/Genesee ISD Library of Congress Workshop offers \$500 Honorarium; Apply by May 1st!

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 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 from me. Send email, with "Lib. of Cong." in subject line, to jam1776@sbcglobal.net

3. Many Fascinating Events at www.hsmichigan.org

I continue to appreciate the hard work of the historical society of michigan in creating and updating a wonderful calendar of historical programs across the state. The calendar is arranged by regions so you can just check for events in your area. For example in "Northern Michigan, if i lived nearby, I would love to attend the Mon., **May 18, Boyne Falls program offered by the Charlevoix Country Historic Preservation Society.** They present speakers Ed Grice, Lois and Mary Kircher, and Donna Moll as they talk about the history of Boyne Mountain on its 60th Anniversary. For info on events across michigan, visit www.hsmichigan.org

4. "An invitation to participate in a new MSU study about social studies educators and historic site field trips."

You're invited to be a participant in a new research study about how Michigan K-12 educators prepare their students for school field trips to historic sites. Educators who bring students for visits, in partnership with historic site professionals, strive to meet the learning needs of students. By asking educators about their classroom practice, this study will provide important information for helping students make the most of their experiences during field trips. We really value and need your input on this topic.

Please use the link below to be taken to the online survey at SurveyMonkey. The survey consists of

questions about what you do to prepare your students in the classroom, what kinds of materials and tools you prefer using, and how these methods and materials work for your students. Completing the survey takes less than 20 minutes. For more info. please contact Denice Blair Leach, College of Education, 401 Erickson Hall, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824 / leachden at msu.edu. www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=ib3FTjqHRMa_2fR8Hel90svQ_3d_3d

5. Support House Bill 4352 to HELP HISTORY

Introduced by Rep Mike Huckleberry, H.B. 4352

would allow Michigan drivers to purchase license plates with a "history" designation. This is similar to the special cause plates which are designated for several state universities, lighthouse preservation, wildlife habitat and veterans. Proceeds from this voluntary license plate designation would be split as follows: 30% to the Michigan Historical Museum operations; 20% for funding publications, archival activities and non-federal preservation programs by the Michigan Historical Center; 40% to local grant programs for non-state museums and societies; and 10% for development and grant administration by the Michigan Historical Center. Certainly this license plate program cannot totally replace the state's current funding of the Historical Museum but it can help in two ways. First, it will provide some new revenues (especially to local museums); but second, and perhaps most importantly, it will encourage the thousands of history society and museum members statewide to show their support of these important programs.

History buffs around the state can help by writing/calling the Chair of the House Transportation Committee, Rep. Pam Byrnes, to ask her to move HB 4352 through her committee. (Rep. Pam Byrnes, P.O. Box 30014, Lansing, MI 488909; toll free 1-800 645-1581) They can also call Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land (toll free 1-888-SOS-MICH, or 517-373-4422; Michigan Department of State, P.O. Box 30045, Lansing, MI 48918).

6. PATRIOTS & PRESIDENTS - Historic Sites Bus Tour, Saturday, May 30,

Join the Historical Society of Michigan for an educational day highlighting historic sites in southern Michigan and northern Ohio. Dr. Jim McConnell offers commentary on the "Sixty Years war for the Great Lakes", Presidential site visits, and much trivia. Tour is scheduled for Sat., May 30, 2009 from 8:00am to approximately 6:00pm. Tour stops include:

* Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Center - Speigle Grove in Fremont , Ohio * Fallen Timbers Memorial & Battlefield in Toledo , Ohio * Fort Meigs State Memorial Park in Perrysburg , Ohio * River Raisin Battlefield War of 1812 Visitor Center in Monroe Michigan

Registration for the bus tour is \$99 for members and \$125 for non-member, including one-year HSM membership. Includes charter bus transportation, buffet lunch, all admissions and full tour narration. The Patriots & Presidents Bus Tour leaves at 8:00am from northeast corner of the Northville Meijer parking lot located at 20401 Haggerty Rd , Northville , 1/4 mile west of I-275. **Registration deadline is April 29.** Info and registration form and online registration options available at www.hsmichigan.org/workshops.php · Call HSM directly at (517) 342-1828 to register by phone and pay with a credit card.

7. The Great Michigan Read

The Great Michigan Read is a humanities initiative encouraging the entire state to read the same work of literature – a community reading program for all Michiganians. It aspires to engage

Michiganians with literature unique to the Great Lakes State while encouraging them to learn more about their state, their history, and their society.

The book selected for the next *Great Michigan Read* will be announced **May 19, 2009**. Visit www.michiganhumanities.org for details. *The Great Michigan Read* is a biannual program. In July 2007, the Council announced Ernest Hemingway's *The Nick Adams Stories* as the title for the premiere *Great Michigan Read*.

8. Saving the Jews: Franklin D. Roosevelt and the Holocaust

May 7, 2009, 7:00 PM - RSVP! Gerald R. Ford Museum Auditorium, Grand Rapids,

Join Grand Valley's Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies, the Kaufman Interfaith Institute, the Ford Foundation, and the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library & Museum for a presentation by bestselling author Robert Rosen. In his book, *Saving the Jews: Franklin D. Roosevelt and the Holocaust*, Rosen argues that, in fact, FDR was one of the few men of his time who understood -- and sought to defeat -- the enormous threat Hitler posed, and that the Roosevelt Administration did all that could reasonably be done, under the circumstances, to save the Jews and other victims of Nazism. Rosen reveals that, seen in this light, FDR's achievements in battling Nazism and saving Jews were very nearly monumental. *Seating for the event is limited. RSVP! at www.allpresidents.org*

9. STATEMENT REGARDING PROPOSED TRANSFER OF THE MICHIGAN HISTORICAL MARKER PROGRAM TO THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF MICHIGAN

by the Michigan Historical Commission ADOPTED: April 16, 2009

For more than a half-century, under Act 10 of 1955, the Michigan Historical Commission has exercised its judgment and discretion over the State of Michigan Historical Marker Program, relying on the expert support of the professional historians of the Michigan Historical Center. The program serves vital public purposes in identifying sites and subjects of historic significance to the State of Michigan, educating the people of Michigan about their heritage, and enhancing cultural economic development. It is a lynchpin of Historical Center programs, drawing together projects and knowledge and sharing them with the public. The Commission and Center work diligently to preserve the integrity of the program and to ensure that official Michigan historical markers, which are the property of the state, embody authenticity supported by the full faith and credit of the State. The Commission reaffirms the essential public purpose of the Michigan Historical Marker Program and calls for its preservation as a public, professional and official function of the state.

10. April Trivia Question Answer

The winner is Wendy Miller Wendy, a Social Studies/English Teacher at Comstock High School in Kalamazoo. Closest (from SE Michigan) President's home open to visitors is that of Rutherford B. Hayes in Fremont, OH.; Patriots & Presidents is the tour. (Set for Sat., May 30th, we are also visiting key sites from the "Sixty Years War for the Great Lakes. For details or to register, visit www.hsmichigan.org

11. May Trivia Question

What are the Michigan week 2009 dates? (Prize to first correct answer. (Pervious Contest

winner are not eligible for the prize.)

12. Social Studies Teacher Standards Field Review

The Michigan State Board of Education reviewed the proposed revisions for the Social Studies Endorsement Standards for Teacher Preparation at the April board meeting. This document includes revisions to the following endorsement areas: Social Studies (RX), History (CC), Geography (CB), Economics (CA), and Political Science (CD). The Michigan Department of Education is now asking for content experts and members of the education community to provide feedback and comments regarding the revised standards. The proposed revisions for the Social Studies Endorsement Standards document, a PowerPoint and video presentation explaining the process of development and content within the standards document, and links to the field review surveys can be found at the following URL: http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-6530_5683_6368-212000--,00.html. I urge you to review them and provide feedback. From Anne White O'Hara , Assistant Professor of History & Coordinator of Secondary Social Studies Education, Marygrove College , awhite@marygrove.edu

13. "From Haven to Home: 350 Years of Jewish Life in America" Exhibit make Exclusive Midwest Stop at Detroit Historical Museum (May 6-August 30)

Since the dawn of its discovery, America has been a haven for the world's oppressed and persecuted. In 1654, the first Jewish settlers, 23 refugees from Portugal , arrived in New Amsterdam to establish a community. Since then, hundreds of thousands of Jewish immigrants from across the globe have made America their home. Created by the **American Jewish Historical Society**, in cooperation with the **Library of Congress**, the exhibition chronicles the American Jewish experience. Docent-led tours of the exhibit are available through the Jewish Historical Society of Michigan, www.michjewishhistory.org or **(248) 432-5517**. For more info, call the Museum at **(313) 833-1805** or check out our website at www.detroithistorical.org.

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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 2 Graduate Credit For more info, email Marty Mater at mater1ml@cmich.edu

B-2. Michigan Geographic Alliance Basic Summer Geography Institute. July 6-July 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

15. SS MEAP Analysis Tools

If your school is analyzing your students' scores from the Grade 9 SS MEAP test, I recommend these tools: The Fall 2008 MEAP toolkits are complete and available on the Wayne RESA website. Go to: www.resa.net Then click Teacher Resources and then MEAP Toolkit. All subjects and grades are available back to Fall 2005.

Or, follow this link: <http://www.resa.net/teacherresources/meaptoolkit/>

From: "David Hales" <HalesD@resa.net>

From: "David Hales" Wayne RESA Social Studies Guy

16. 2009 Michigan History Day State Finals Winners Announced

Over six hundred people were present as Michigan students received top honors at the Michigan History Day (National History Day in Michigan) State Finals on Saturday, April 25th in Allendale at Kirkhof Center at Grand Valley State University This year an estimated 5,500 students competed in the History Day program statewide in Michigan . After competing in ten regional districts statewide in March, over 300 of these students reached the state finals representing schools from all across the state. Finalists chosen at the state finals in the Junior and Senior categories now head to College Park , Maryland in June to compete in National History Day with their peers from the other forty-nine states and several US territories. Michigan History Day is an educational program of the Historical Society of Michigan and hosted this year by Grand Valley State University . Lead sponsors of History Day include Meijer Inc., the Cook Charitable Foundation, the Richard and Helen DeVos Foundation, the Detroit Salt Company, and Amway. In addition financial support was provided by the Holland Area Historical Society, the Algonquin Club of Detroit & Windsor , the Michigan Chapter of the Society for the War of 1812, the Daughters of the American Revolution Louisa St. Clair Chapter, and the Michigan Oral History Association.. Special award prizes were sponsored by the Friends of Michigan History, the Michigan Women's Studies Association, the Michigan Roundtable of the Lexington Group in Transportation, the Michigan Archival Association, the Michigan Oral History Association, the Michigan Genealogical Council, the Association for Great Lakes Maritime History and the Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services.

"This was my first year as the State Coordinator for Michigan History Day and I was so excited about the outstanding quality of the entries" commented Shannon D. White, Education and Awards Coordinator for the Historical Society of Michigan. "Students put in tremendous effort researching their topics and it shows throughout the day as they are interviewed by our volunteer judges." A full list of winners and can be found at <http://www.hsmichigan.org/mhd.php>

You may leave the list at any time by sending a "SIGNOFF MCH-ENOTES" command to LISTSERV@H-NET.MSU.EDU.