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Dear Colleagues,

Annete and I just spent a few days visiting Michigan's Beachtowns, enjoying the sandy beaches at Holland, Grand Haven and Hofmaster State Parks and visiting the Holland Museum. Docents and staff at the Museum were very helpful and made the visit a great experience. (for more, see #24. "Archipelago.") We closed our trip at Idlewild to attend the dedication of FIVE Michigan Historical markers, commemorating the history of this historic black resort community. Congratulations to Laura Ashlee, Mich. Historical Marker Coordinator, and the Idlewild Planning Committee for a very well-organized program. I hope you have an opportunity to explore and enjoy our state's amazing heritage!
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Editor, MCHE E Notes

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. State Superintendent Mike Flanagan to address MCHE Conference, Wed., Nov. 4th

MCHE is honored to host our state Superintendent of Public Instruction Mike Flanagan as the featured presenter for our 16th Annual Conference. For emailed information on MDE goals, be certain to join us in Lansing on Wed., Nov. 4th. Cession presentations will feature MDE consultant Ruth Isaia on "Assessing the GLCEs and the HSCEs," three presentations on the Michigan Citizenship Curriculum, Michigan Geographic Alliance sessions on Africa, and much more. The MCHE Conference is CLOSE, CONVENIENT, and 'the LOWEST POSSIBLE REGISTRATION FEE. Why pay more for less? MCHE AND NCHE Membership Dues included! Register NOW, using the form at www.michiganhistoryed.org

2. Students can make artistic history by designing official logo of Michigan's War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission

The Department of History, Arts and Libraries (HAL) today announced a contest geared toward creative- and history-minded students in 7th through 12th grades: the challenge of designing a logo for the Michigan Commission on the Commemoration of the Bicentennial of the War of 1812. In cooperation with the Michigan Art Education Association, the Michigan Council for History Education and the Wayne RESA, the commission offers this terrific opportunity for the winning student's work to create the visual trademark for the commission – a look that will be carried through on all Web and print branding and promotional efforts. "For three critical years from 1812 to 1815, the Michigan territory was on the front line of a clash among the United States, Great Britain and the Native American nations of the region," said Department of History, Arts and Libraries Acting Director Mark Hoffman. "It was a defining time for our state, and through this contest we're confident that students will be able to generate ideas that capture the importance and spirit of a remarkable chapter in Michigan history." The logo contest is open to any student in 7th through 12th grade, enrolled in a public, private or home school program in the state of Michigan. A maximum of two entries will be accepted from each student, and all entries must be submitted by Saturday, Nov. 7, 2009. Full contest and design guidelines and an entry form are available at <http://socialstudies.resa.net> or <http://www.michiganhistoryed.org> (under the Workshops and Special Events tab). "We encourage art teachers throughout the state and anyone who instructs young people in the concepts of art and design to share news of this contest with their students," said Kimberly Cairy, president of the Michigan Art Education Association. In addition to having his or her design selected as the commission's official logo, the first-place winner will receive a \$100 award and four tickets for a Lake Michigan cruise on the sloop Friends Good Will, based at the Michigan Maritime Museum in South Haven. Up to three additional entrants will be selected for \$25 honorable mention awards. All participants will be notified of selections no later than Jan. 18, 2010. The logo winner, finalists and teachers will be invited to attend the War of 1812 Bicentennial Awards presentation ceremony on Monday, Feb. 22, 2010, at the Michigan Historical Center in downtown Lansing. For more information about the War of 1812 Bicentennial Logo Contest, contact David Hales, Wayne RESA Social Studies Consultant, at halesd@resa.net.

3. Come to the 2009 Michigan State Fair, now through Labor Day

COME TO THE 2009 MICHIGAN STATE FAIR! The fun begins on Friday, August 28th and continues through Labor Day, September 7th. Great memories are made at the Fair. Details at www.michigan.gov/mistatefair

4. BREAKING NEWS: Senate Rejects Gov's EO and Passes SB 503-527

Thursday, August 27, 2009 **From:** "Mike Latvis" <mike@artservemichigan.org> **ArtServe Michigan** A few minutes ago, with a vote of 21 ayes, 14 nays and 2 excused, the Senate both rejected the Governor's Executive Order to close HAL and passed its own plan to close HAL but keep the components together within the Department of State. This was the first hurdle in what will be a long journey if we are to see this package signed into law. The bills will now go before a committee in the House of Representatives before heading to the full House for a vote. There is certainly a sense of urgency in the matter as the House has until September

11th to join the Senate in rejecting the Governor's Executive Order, yet the House does not meet until September 2nd. Thank you to the hundreds who quickly sent an email to your Senator regarding this issue. It is only through your continued support that we will have a chance at getting these bills passed. STAY TUNED As soon as we learn which committee the bills will be sent to, we will ask you to send a similar pre-drafted email to members of the committee asking for a hearing to be held as well as for their support. As always, if you have any questions or comments please call Mike Latvis at 248-379-5897

5. Final days to register for Land of Lincoln bus tour Oct 8-11!

Join the Historical Society of Michigan in discovering the life of a great American President with the Land of Lincoln multi-day coach tour of Springfield , Illinois area historic sites October 8-11. The registration deadline is Fri., Sept. 4th. Registration includes motor coach transportation, guide services, all admission fees, lodging at the Carpenter Street Hotel, breakfast and dinner each day, taxes and gratuities. Non-member registration also includes one-year HSM membership. Fee is per person, double occupancy. For details and to register, visit www.hsmichigan.org

6. Fascinating website on World Religions History & Geography!

In the recently completed Library of Congress Institute offered by MCHE and Genesee ISD, I saw many great presentations from the teacher participants. I thought many of you might be interested in this site used by Clarenceville High School teacher Anthony Salciccioli" in his new lesson: www.mapsofwar.com This site from his presentation features a map displaying the historical spread of world religions.

7. Obama birthplace flap evokes Chester Arthur debate

This is fascinating for those of you interested in presidential trivia. (After reading the article, you will also have to research to find out who is claimed by both North Carolina AND South Carolina. See http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20090816/ap_on_re_us/us_earlier_president_s_birthplace

8. Resources available on The 2010 Census in the Schools

Visit www.census.gov/schools/ The 2010 Census — a count of everyone living in the United States — is fast approaching! Census questionnaires will be mailed or delivered to every household in the United States in March 2010. There are lesson plans, maps, teaching guides, and other informational materials to help teachers and students learn about the importance of the Census. April 1st is the official Census day. Resources include: *What Every High School teacher Needs to Know Handbook*; *Census in Schools Educator E-Newsletter (Sign up now to get updated information about Census education materials and Census Bureau data for educators)*; *The Census for Kids: Games & Activities*; *The Census for Teens: Games & Activities*; & *How are You Integrating the 2010 Census into Your Teaching?*

9. 2009 Oral History for Michiganians Conference

The annual Michigan Oral History Association "2009 Oral History for Michiganians Conference" is scheduled in partnership with Northern Michigan University (NMIU) on Friday and Saturday, September 25-26, in Marquette, Michigan. Russell Magnaghi, NMU History Department, is on-site chair of this very FIRST time conference in the Upper Peninsula. Barbara Sommer, keynote speaker at the dinner on Friday evening, September 25, will also take part in a forum for reporting projects and productions on Saturday morning. Watch www.michiganoha.org for frequent updates about the Friday afternoon workshop and two-day program. Have Questions: Geneva Kebler Wiskemann at gwiskemann@arq.net or call 517-321-1746

10. '09 State History Conference - Mackinac Island - October 2-4

The Historical Society of Michigan's 135th Annual Meeting and State History Conference will be held Fri.-Sun., Oct. 2-4 on Mackinac Island . The conference features a pre-conference workshop, tours, the annual

State History Awards Banquet, a Saturday evening exclusive access to Fort Mackinac with an "Outdoor BBQ" catered by Grand Hotel, three keynotes, ten breakout sessions, exhibitors and two mini-workshops for local historical organizations. Register by downloading the 2009 State History Conference brochure at www.hsmichigan.org, calling us at (800) 692-1828 or online using PayPal. Conference Hotel - Mission Point Resort: Special State History Conference Rate: \$99.95/night For reservations call: (800) 833-7711 and ask for the "2009 State History Conference Rate." For more info visit www.hsmichigan.org or email hsm@hsmichigan.org.

11. Library of Congress offers Constitution Day Resources at www.loc.gov

Constitution Day Resources from the Library of Congress include: Resources for Teachers including Lesson Plans; American Memory Collections, featuring Primary Documents; Stories for Kids from America's Library; Books; & Webcasts

On September 17, 1787, the final draft of the Constitution was signed by 39 delegates. The document was then sent to the states for ratification, and went into effect on June 21, 1788 when New Hampshire became the ninth state to ratify the Constitution.

In celebration of Constitution Day, the Library of Congress has compiled a variety of materials from across its collections. Explore these rich resources and features to learn more about one of America's most important documents.

12. Bich Minh Nguyen's Great Michigan Read October Tour

Bich Minh Nguyen will tour five cities in Michigan in October. The public is invited, but seating is limited. All events are FREE except where noted. Contact each of the sites for more information:

- Grand Rapids Tues, October 13.** 7 p.m. Loosemore Auditorium, DeVos Center, Pew Grand Rapids Campus, Grand Valley State University. Contact: 616-331-3501 or www.gvsu.edu/pewcampus/
- Traverse city. Wed, October 14.** 7 p.m. City Opera House. Tickets \$10, free for students. Contact: 231-941-8082 or www.cityoperahouse.org
- Midland. Thur, October 15.** 7:30 p.m. Grace A. Dow Memorial Library. Contact: 989-837-3430 or www.midland-mi.org/gracedowlibrary
- Lansing. Fri, October 16.** 2 p.m. Dart Auditorium, Lansing Community College. Contact: 517-483-1957 or www.lcc.edu
- Plymouth. Sat, October 17.** 1 p.m. Penn Theatre (hosted by Plymouth District Library). Contact: 734-453-0750 or www.plymouthlibrary.org.

13. Lincoln Scholar Harold Holzer to speak at Temple Beth El

SAVE THE DATE Wednesday September 16, 7pm

The Rabbi Leo M. Franklin Archives presents the Mary Einstein Shapero Memorial Lecture Series featuring a discussion on "Abraham Lincoln and the Jews" by renowned Lincoln scholar and historian Harold Holzer. The lecture takes place at Temple Beth El in Bloomfield Hills. Free and open to the public. Reservations requested; email franklinarchives@tbeonline.org or call (248) 851-1100, ext. 3137.

14. Nature and Environment Exhibit Set to Open at Women's Historical Center

The Michigan Women's Historical Center is going green this fall, with a new exhibit entitled "Resourceful Women: 30 Who Worked to Preserve Michigan's Water, Woods, and Wildlife" on display from Sept. 20, 2009 through Feb. 19, 2010. A free public reception for the exhibit is scheduled for Sun., Sept. 20, 2-4 p.m. Rebecca Humphries, the first female to lead the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, will be the featured speaker, at 2 p.m. Inside the Michigan Women's Historical Center are changing galleries highlighting women's history and art as well as the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame, commemorating nearly 250 Michigan women past and present. Photographs, biographical sketches, and lesson plans relating to the Hall of Fame honorees may also be viewed online at www.michiganwomenshalloffame.org. The Center is

located at 213 W. Main Street, Lansing, MI 48933 (517) 484-1880
Info from Patricia Majher, Assistant Director, pmajher@michiganwomen.org

15. Check Out the Archives of Michigan blogs for Great articles

For an article about James Jesse Strang and the "Kingdom of St. James" (now known as Beaver Island.). Archives of Michigan intern Christiane Evaskis wrote the article. Here's the link:
<http://seekingmichigan.org/look/2009/08/04/the-kingdom-of-st-james>
We've gotten great submissions for the Look! blog. Check in every Tuesday to see what's there. This is what we have on Look! in August:

Tuesday, 8/11: Christine Schwerin of MICHIGAN HISTORY magazine examines a "cash for clunkers" program from the 1930s!

Tuesday, 8/18: Glorianne Peck of the Library of Michigan examines the histories of Faygo and Vernor's!

Tuesday, 8/25: Kevin Driedger of the Library of Michigan observes the bicentennial of Michigan's first newspaper (published August 31, 1809)! This newspaper - the MICHIGAN ESSAY - was first published on Aug. 31, 1809. Here is the direct link to the article:

<http://seekingmichigan.org/look/2009/08/25/journalism-on-the-frontier>

Just continue to check <http://seekingmichigan.org/look> Recently, Kris Repczynski provided an update on the Michigan death records project, Maria Quinlan Leiby spotlighted roadside attractions and my (Bob Garrett) "Image of the Month" article looked at Miss Michigan 1961.) Thank you much to all our contributors, who continue to make this work!

Info from Bob Garrett, Archives of Michigan, (517) 241-1382 or garrettr1@michigan.gov

16. Should your school have a National History Club?

The National History Club (NHC) was founded on the idea that there were many students around the country who had a passion for history but no national organization to turn to for support. We believed that if we put together a clearinghouse for after-school history clubs to communicate with each other and share ideas and activities, there would be much support and excitement for it. To date, there have been more than 375 chapters to join from 43 states, and there are nearly 10,000 students involved. Their Newsletter at <http://www.nationalhistoryclub.org/> helps to show the impact that these chapters have made at their school and in their communities.

17. Italian archaeologists find lost Roman city of Altinum near Venice

SOURCE: *Times (UK)* (7-31-09) The bustling harbour of Altinum near Venice was one of the richest cities of the Roman empire. But terrified by the impending invasion of the fearsome Germanic Emperor Attila the Hun, its inhabitants cut their losses and fled in AD452, leaving behind a ghost town of theatres, temples and basilicas. Now, using aerial photography of the region, Italian archaeologists have not only located the city, but have produced a detailed map revealing its remarkably intact infrastructure and showing it to be slightly larger than Pompeii. (from History news Network, For info, visit <http://HNN.us>

18. "Ways of the World" is a new World History resource

Ways of the World offers a true alternative for world history survey courses. Written to be brief, Ways of the World focuses on truly significant historical developments and is thoroughly global in its thematic and comparative approach. The accessible voice of a single author delivers to students an insightful new synthesis, thought provoking questions, and chapter ending sections that reflect on the meaning of world history. <http://www.bedfordstmartins.com/newcatalog.aspx?isbn=031245287X>

19. Selected Info from the History News Network, <http://HNN.us>

(A) Former Nixon counsel tells story of scandal

For an article on John Dean's current comments on the Watergate scandal, visit

<http://hnn.us/roundup/41.html#112042>

(B) Doris Kearns Goodwin discusses lessons Lincoln has for Obama

You can read an interesting interview with this noted historian at

<http://hnn.us/roundup/14.html#112970>

20. Detroit Historical Museum to re-open Fri., Sept. 25 with many new exhibits

Last chance to see *Detroit 's Classic TV Personalities* closing Sunday, September 6

The Detroit Historical Museum will remain open through Labor Day Weekend and close to the public at the end of the day Sunday, Sept. 6th for a three-week recess. The Detroit Historical Society will install four new exhibitions before reopening to the public the weekend of September 26th and 27th. Among the new exhibits, the main attraction will be *VeloCity: Detroit's Need for Speed*, an exhibit devoted to Detroit 's appetite for fast competitions. Another new exhibition, entitled *Detroit Trivia*, will feature more than 300 years of fun facts. *Fabulous 5* will showcase " Detroit 's Snack Food Superstars," including the Better Made Snack Food Company, Germack Pistachio Company, Sanders Confectionery, Stroh's Products and Vernor's Ginger Ale. In addition, *Automotive Showplace* will feature the Cougar II, a one-of-a-kind prototype fastback two-door red coupe built in 1963 by Ford Motor Company as a possible competitor for the Chevrolet Corvette. The car was never put into production. The Detroit Historical Museum is located at 5401 Woodward Ave. (NW corner of Kirby) in Detroit 's Cultural Center area. Permanent exhibits include the famous *Streets of Old Detroit* , *Frontiers to Factories*, *The Motor City* , and *The Glancy Trains*. For group tours, call (313) 833-7979. For more info, call (313) 833-1805 or check out our website at www.detroithistorical.org.

21. 376th Heavy Bombardment Oral History Project now web streamed on internet!

Ball State University Libraries' Archives and Special Collections is now home to an excellent online oral history resource. In 2007, more than forty veterans were interviewed at a reunion of the 376th Heavy Bombardment Group, Inc. Veterans Association. Based in North Africa and later in southern Italy, this bomb group flew 451 missions during World War II. Among the key targets bombed by the 376th were Ploesti, Vienna, and the Brenner Pass. Pilots, co-pilots, navigators, bombardiers, flight engineers, gunners, and grounds crewmen are represented in this collection. These videotaped interviews are web streamed on Ball State's Digital Media Repository at: <http://libx.bsu.edu/collection.php?CISOROOT=/376OrHis> These oral history interviews are excellent sources for scholarly research and student projects. Other historical materials and personal papers relating to the 376th HBG, World War II, and military history are also available at : www.bsu.edu/libraries/viewpage.aspx?src=./collections/archives/guides.html

For more info, contact: John Straw, Ball State University Libraries, jstraw@bsu.edu or David J. Ulbrich, Ph.D. ulbrichdj@aol.com

(Info from Guven Witteveen)

22. The BIG DEAL Lansing can strike

This interesting article by John Bebow appeared in the August 28, 2009 E-news from The center for Michigan's Future. For more info or to subscribe, visit, www.thecenterformichigan.net "Let the hand-wringing begin. With just over a month before the October 1 deadline for an agreement on the state budget, here's some inside dope on how it could all play out." To read the full article, visit

<http://www.thecenterformichigan.net/blog/the-big-deal-lansing-can-strike/>

23. Cliff's Notes for Michigan's Next Governor

"Don't leave home without it." That's the advice for any 2010 candidate for governor ." This treatise, put together by a bipartisan team of Lansing insiders, is a fantastic game of 20 questions for would-be politicians. In fact, it's 20 pages of 20 questions. And it's a great civics lesson for any concerned citizen. Check it out. Print it out. And hold candidates accountable for answers when they come knocking next year" The above statement is from The Center for Michigan's e-newsletter. I do urge you to read this document available at http://www.thecenterformichigan.net/blog/wp-content/uploads/2009/08/MI_NEXT_GUV.pdf

24. Archipelago: Indigenous Art of Indonesia & Melanesia on display to March 7, 2010

A fascinating exhibit on art from the Dutch East Indies is now on display at the Holland Museum in downtown Holland. Especially valuable is two 65-foot long Balinese temple paintings on cloth, depicting Hindu legends. The core of the exhibit was acquired by museum founder Willard C. Wichers. For more info, visit www.hollandmuseum.org

25. What is "Beachtowns"?

Michigan's Beachtowns represent the very best of the midwest! The 151 miles of Lake Michigan shoreline from "Harbor Country" in the south to Ludington on the north includes 7 lighthouse, 29 museums, 104 shipwrecks, 41 ghost towns, and 46 golf courses. For even more about "Beachtowns," visit www.beachtowns.org

26. Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, Sept. 15-Oct. 15

The Library of Congress offers resources at www.loc.gov/topics/hispanicheritage and the National Register of Historic places has materials at www.nps.gov/history/nr/twhp/sep99.htm For more resources, visit <http://www.factmonster.com/spot/hhm1.html> or http://www.educationworld.com/a_lesson/lesson/lesson023.shtml or <http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/hispanic/>

27. Hudson leads Dutch to New York in 1609

On September 12, 1609, Hudson began his exploration of the river. The first night he anchored off the northern tip of Manhattan. (Another account states it was September 11th. For more info, visit www.henryhudson400.com and www.hudsonriver.com

28. Rushmore Live: A Constitution Day Celebration

Thurs., September 17, 2009, 7:00 PM - RSVP!, Gerald R. Ford Museum Auditorium, 303 Pearl Street NW, Grand Rapids. Join George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt, and Abraham Lincoln for a Constitution Day celebration. The four former presidents will meet on stage at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum in Grand Rapids. This event is co-hosted by the Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies at Grand Valley State University, the Gerald R. Ford Foundation, and the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library & Museum. Seating for the event is limited. RSVP! Details at www.allpresidents.org
