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Dear Colleagues,

October is such a busy month that I hope you can find time to REGISTER NOW for the Wed., Nov. 4th, MCHE Annual Conference in Lansing. Be certain to register by Wed., Oct. 22nd, to benefit from the LOW EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION (and do some 'comparative shopping to be sure you and your school gets the best bargain anywhere for professional development) A pdf of the registration form is attached. Program details available at www.michiganhistoryed.org

This issue includes many items of interest for those following the State budget and key organizations so I hope you can benefit from MCHE's initiatives to help you keep informed. And, don't forget to watch "Amazing race" on CBS on Sunday.
Best wishes,

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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. BEST MCHE CONFERENCE EVER AT BARGAIN PRICE!

Do you really get memberships in BOTH the National Council for History Education AND the Michigan Council for History Education as part of your registration fee for the 16th annual MCHE Professional Development Conference on Wed., Nov. 4th, at the Lansing Center? YES, and not only do you get a one year membership in both prestigious organizations, but you also get a continental breakfast, coffee breaks, a nice lunch, and some great exhibits. And the program includes a keynote address by Mike Flanagan, state Superintendent of Public Instruction, on "Current Issues Facing Michigan," many outstanding sessions by the Michigan Geographic Alliance, the Michigan Department of Education, and others. And, don't forget that Dale Van Eck, from Colonial Williamsburg, will be joining us to share his views on Revolutionary America. Don't gamble away your district's budget by paying exorbitant registration fees for any program too far north. Join MCHE in Lansing to get updates on GLCEs, HSCE, and more. PLEASE REGISTER NOW: Registration form available at www.michiganhistoryed.org. (Deadline is Wed., Oct. 22nd, for REDUCED fee.)

2 Michigan Government Television Expands Coverage during State Budget Crisis

MGTV will be programming 7 days per week, 24 hours per day Monday, September 14 through Friday, October 9th. MGTV would like to thank Comcast, Charter, Bright House, Broadstripe, Time Warner and Atlantic Telecommunications for making this possible. The schedule on some cable systems will vary depending on other local programming commitments. (This is a great public service and I urge you to watch their programming. Editor) For more info, visit www.mgtv.org

3. Did you register for HSM Conference on Mackinac Island

The deadline for registering for the Historical Society of Michigan's Annual Conference is Friday., Sept. 25th. The program is set for Fri.-Sun., Oct. 2-4. For program and registration details, visit www.hsmichigan.org

4. Why was Nov. 7th selected as War of 1812 Bicentennial Logo Contest Entry Deadline?

Check your history books to discover why the Michigan Commission on the Commemoration of the Bicentennial of the War of 1812 selected this unique date. Prizes will be sent to the first three correct answers to this challenging trivia question. Send answers to jam1776@sbcglobal.net Full details on the logo design contest are available at www.michigan.gov/war1812

5. Upcoming Events at the Hauenstein Center, Grand Valley State University

October 12 - Nothing to Fear? Debating the 1929 Economic Collapse

October 13 - Nothing to Fear? Debating Today's Economic Recovery

October 20 - What in the World is Going On? An Intelligence Briefing for GVSU

October 27 - Leadership Workshop: Strenuous Life Leadership

October 29 - Hardscrabble Lesson: Herbert Hoover, the Great Depression, and American Conservatism

November 3 - Community Conversations

November 12 - Community Conversations

November 18 - Community Conversations

For details and registration info, visit www.allpresidents.org

6. Starting Sept. 27th, Ken Burns 12 hour PBS "National Parks" documentary

For more than 30 years, filmmaker Ken Burns has been creating award-winning documentaries on topics ranging from the Brooklyn Bridge to baseball. In his latest project, Burns used more than six years worth of footage and dozens of interviews to explore the creation of America's national park system, the first such effort in history. The 12-part series, "America's Best Idea," airs Sept. 27 on PBS.

7. Michigan Archaeology Day at the Michigan Historical Museum, Sat., Oct. 10th

Be certain to visit the Michigan Historical Center on Sat., Oct. 10th, for Michigan Archaeology Day, to learn about many great programs across the state. From 11:00 am to 3:00 pm, the Michigan Historical Museum will feature several special presentations and exhibits on archaeology and research as part of a special program.

11:00 am "Ancient Diggings": Prehistoric Copper Mining Pits on the Keweenaw Peninsula and Isle Royale, presented by Dr. John R. Halsey, State Archaeologist; and 2:00 pm The Warner Homestead, presented by Tim Bennett, Saginaw Chapter, Michigan Archaeological Society. The day's activities include many exhibits, special programs for kids and much more. For directions and other details, see www.michigan.gov/archaeology. (From Barbara Mead, Asst. State Archaeologist)

8. Arab American Museum offers FREE Workshops for Teachers & Students

The Arab American National Museum (AANM) is offering FREE half-day workshops to high school students and teachers in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. Through a grant from the Institute for Museum and Library Services, the AANM is able to offer instructional workshops on the Arab

World, Arab Americans and Islam free of charge. The AANM is also offering free on-site presentations at schools outside of metro Detroit . Students from all over the Midwest have left these interactive workshops and on-site presentations with a deeper appreciation for their Arab friends, colleagues and neighbors. For more information, please call Janice Freij at 313-624-0203 or visit www.arabamericanmuseum.org/highschoolworkshops . Limited slots are available.

9. Great Lakes History Conference at Grand Valley State, Nov. 13 & 14,

The 34th annual Conference, sponsored by GVSU's History Department, will be held in Grand Rapids. The theme is "Indigenous Peoples of the Globe: Colonization and Adaptation." Keynote speakers are Sherman Alexie and Amy Lonetree (Ho-Chunk). Conference headquarters will be at the L.V. Eberhard Center in Grand Rapids. Hotel accommodations available at Days Hotel of Grand Rapids across from the Eberhard Center. Address all inquiries to: Dr. Matthew Daley, [daleym@gvsu.edu](mailto:daley@gvsu.edu) or Dr. Scott Stabler, stabl@s@gvsu.edu

10. See the Soo Locks Ship Traffic

Watching the huge vessels pass through the Soo locks is a unique experience that cannot be seen anywhere else in the United States. You can watch the "Lakers" and the "Salties"(ocean-going vessels) as they rise or drop the 21 feet between the levels of the St. Mary's River. Check out what is happening right now with the Soo Locks Live Web Cam. Visit

<https://webcam.crrel.usace.army.mil/soo/>

11. Robert Garrett's Blogs from the Archives of Michigan

The "Civil War Letters of Mack and Nan Ewing Collection" is one of the largest Civil War letter collections in the country. This month, the Archives' Nicole Garrett samples some of the letters. They are often quite fascinating! Check it out here:

<http://seekingmichigan.org/look/2009/09/01/crewel-war>

12. Colonial Williamsburg Teaching Resources for Your Classroom

Colonial Williamsburg offers a variety of quality instructional materials dealing with 18th-century life, including: • *Think Like a Historian* (primary source CD-ROMs) • *The Eye of the Beholder: Looking at Primary Sources* (lesson unit) • *Teaching Literacy Through History* (lesson unit) For details, visit www.history.org/History/teaching/enewsletter/volume8/sept09/cwresources.cfm

13. Winter Olympic Games set for Vancouver, Feb. 12-28, 2010

The Olympics always provides great learning opportunities for both students AND teachers. For details on the events, visit <http://www.vancouver2010.com/> For resource material on the Vancouver, British Columbia, area visit

www5.hellobc.com/2010olympicwintergames/?gclid=CPK3oY2N1pwCFeKO5wod0I_uJw And, for more background, visit http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2010_Winter_Olympics

For another great sporting event, the World Cup soccer competition will be held in South Africa from June 11 to July 11, 2010 .

14. Sandra S. Clark wins 2009 MHPN Leadership Award

The Michigan Historic Preservation Network is pleased that Sandra Sageser Clark is its 2009 Leadership Award winner. The Leadership Award was established in 2008 and is presented by the Board of Directors to a person, group, or project that has demonstrated outstanding leadership in the field of historic preservation in Michigan. Sandra has been an advocate for historic preservation in Michigan for over 30 years. A graduate of MSU, she was the editor of the Michigan History Magazine for nine years and deputy director of Travel Michigan for three years. Since 1991, she has been the director of the Michigan Historical Center, overseeing the State Historic Preservation Office, the Office of the State Archaeologist, the Michigan Historical Museum system, *Michigan History* magazine, the Archives of Michigan, and Records Management Services. As director, she has managed the various programs and missions of the Historical Center with expertise and enthusiasm. Sandra is dedicated to helping the people of Michigan discover, enjoy, and find inspiration in their heritage through historic preservation, museums, archives, and other public history programs. The Leadership Award will be presented to Sandra at the Michigan Historic Preservation Network's Annual Fall Benefit, to be held at the Riverside Arts Center in Ypsilanti on October 2, 2009.

15. Creating the US Teacher Institute

http://myloc.gov/Exhibitions/creatingtheus/Pages/teacher_institute_form.aspx

Interested in learning strategies to teach about the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights using Library of Congress primary sources? Register to attend the Library of Congress Creating the US Teacher Institute. Participants will leave with strategies and materials they can use in their schools. The institute uses the Library's exhibition *Creating the United States* as its foundation.

16. 2010 History day Theme Announced

The History Day theme for 2010 is ***Innovation in History: Impact and Change***. "Each year, the National History Day office selects a theme, which all History Day entries must address" explained Shannon White, Education and Awards Coordinator for the Historical Society of Michigan. Michigan History Day is the Michigan manifestation of National History Day. The academic competition engages young people in history by having them actually research topics as a professional historian would, by reviewing and evaluating primary source materials, then presenting their findings to a panel of history professionals who are reviewing and judging many entries in a single day. The competition is open to all Michigan students, grades 4-12, who are judged in three grade appropriate divisions, Youth (grades 4-5), Junior (grades 6-8) and Senior (grades 9-12). "All students are welcome," commented Larry Wagenaar, HSM Executive Director, "whether from public, private, charter, or parochial schools, or whether they are home schooled." Finalists at each district competition will then gather on Saturday, April 24 at the Henry Ford in Dearborn for the Michigan History Day finals. Finalists in the Junior and Senior Divisions then advance to the National History Day finals in College Park, Maryland. For detailed info, contact Shannon White, Education and Awards Coordinator, Historical Society of Michigan, 1205 Abbott Road, East Lansing, MI 48823, (517) 324-1828, white@hsmichigan.org or visit www.hsmichigan.org

17. Center for the Book offers Student Contest

The Library of Congress' center for the Book invites students in grades 4-12 to write a personal letter to an author describing how that writer's work changed their view of themselves or their world. Winning entries in three grade level groups will not only receive a cash prize but also a \$10,000 Reading Promotion Grant for the school or community library of their choosing. Deadline is dec. 12th. Details at www.lettersaboutliterature.org

18. PBS offers NEW Teacher website

To provide easier access to its many educational resources, PBS has re-designed its educator website. Check it out at www.pbs.org/teachers/

19. Ruth Isaia leaves OEAA for new MDE role; will present at MCHE Conference

"I have accepted a new position in MDE/OEII working with High Priority high schools to help implement effective literacy programs. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with all of you the last four years, and it is a somewhat enviable position to leave a job that I truly love for another that I hope to find as meaningful and enjoyable. I will still be attending the OEAA fall conferences, the Mulling Over Michigan conference, and the MCHE conference in November, as well as conducting some webinars about the alignment documents, as I make the transition to my new position. Karen R. Todorov is contracted by OEAA to write items, facilitate the SCAS, and to serve on the item review committees, so I know we are in good stead until my position is filled.

My sincere gratitude to Karen for all her support and mentorship, Davids Klemm and Hales for their sharing and cooperative interactions, Kelly Sweet and Roy Sovis for all their support and verve, and to so many of you who welcomed me and made my time at OEAA a wonderful experience. It is very sad for me to leave this worthy position: carry on with your passionate endeavors to keep Michigan social studies at the forefront for all Michigan students. My best wishes to all of you, and a heartfelt goodbye to so many wonderful Michigan social studies educators. Sincerely, Ruth"

20. International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit offers "All World Market, in Southfield, Oct. 2-4

In Celebration of American Unity, The International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit in collaboration with The City of Southfield proudly presents The All-World Market at the Southfield Civic Center Pavilion, 1234 Evergreen Rd (10 1/2 Mile Rd) 48075 October 2-4, 2009 (Friday, 2:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.; Saturday 12:00P.M. to 7:00P.M; Sunday 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM) A three-day event celebrating cultural and global awareness Dancers, Musicians, Singers, Story Tellers, Vendors, Food; For more info and/or reservations call Nada Dalgamouni, Ethnic Enrichment Director (313) 871-8600 ext. 226 nada@iimd.org

21. OCTOBER 13TH LUNCHEON TO FOCUS ON BELLE ISLE RESTORATION

The Belle Isle Women's Committee and the Bloomfield Hills chapter of the Women's National Farm & Garden Association are hosting a luncheon on Tuesday, October 13 at 11:30 a.m. at the Detroit Yacht Club focusing on the future of Detroit 's island park. Proceeds from the event will

be used to continue the renovation of Belle Isle and funding horticultural scholarships. The featured guest speaker will be Lynden B. Miller, famous for the renovation of the Conservatory Garden in New York City 's Central Park, as well as most of the public parks in Manhattan . For tickets or more info, call (248) 433-3560.

22. Arts & Cultural Groups Gearing Up for 2010 Election at *October Statewide Meetings*

ArtServe Michigan, the statewide arts advocacy organization, will be conducting four regional meetings around the state next month in October. All four meetings will focus on the upcoming 2010 elections while analyzing the regional issues which are currently most affecting the state's arts and cultural sector during these trying economic times. Michigan's 2010 election year is sure to change the face of the state's political landscape dramatically. With term limits preventing Governor Granholm, Attorney General Cox, Secretary of State Land and many legislators from running for a third term, groups across Michigan have an unprecedented opportunity to reintroduce themselves and their priorities to a fresh new crop of leaders. Mike Latvis, ArtServe Michigan's Director of Public Policy, will be on site at many regional meetings to lead the discussions. **To register for the regional meeting closest to you**, use the online registration form. For more info, contact Simon Perazza, ArtServe Michigan's Director of Constituent Relations, at simon@artservemichigan.org or (517) 980-1839.

ArtServe Michigan's October Regional Meeting Dates and Locations

(A) Thurs. Oct. 15th, 1-4PM at Midland Center for the Arts, Midland

(B) Tues. Oct. 20th, 1-4PM at Marquette Arts and Culture Office, Marquette

(C) Tues. Oct. 27th, 9AM-12PM at Arts Council of Greater Grand Rapids, Grand Rapids

(D) Wed. Oct. 28th, 1-4PM, Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, Birmingham

Learn more about how you can be a part of the movement for arts and culture in Michigan at www.artservemichigan.org.

23. *Michigan History Magazine* Moving to State Historical Society

The Historical Society of Michigan and the Michigan Department of History, Arts and Libraries are pleased to announce that an agreement has been signed to transfer *Michigan History* magazine from the Department to the Society effective October 1. *Michigan History* is among those state history magazines with the highest circulation in the United States. It was first published in 1917 as a journal and evolved into its current magazine format in 1978. Recent state budget cuts and the elimination of the Department of History, Arts and Libraries, also effective October 1, put the continuation of *Michigan History* magazine at risk. HSM President Kendall Wingrove commented that "*Michigan History* magazine remains one of the most respected publications of its kind. For decades, the magazine has set the standard. It is vital that this high level of quality be maintained in the years ahead as we continue to share memorable stories about our state's heritage."

Governor Jennifer Granholm's Executive Order 2009-36 directed that future management and publication of *Michigan History* magazine be transferred from the Michigan Department of History, Arts and Libraries (HAL) to a non-profit agency. The Society was selected to take it over. "We're very proud of *Michigan History* magazine's award-winning tradition of bringing Michigan 's authentic and exciting story to it's readers" interim HAL director Mark Hoffman said. "I look forward to working with the Society on this transition." Staff of the Department and Society are fully engaged in a process to transfer all of the magazine's functions in a very short

timeframe. Due to the transfer, the first issue published by the Society, the November-December 2009 issue, is expected to arrive in subscriber homes approximately 3-4 weeks later than normal. The new website for *Michigan History* magazine will be www.michiganhistorymagazine.org and will become active on or about October 1. For more info on the Historical Society of Michigan visit www.hsmichigan.org.

24. Historical Society of Michigan seeks Editor, Associate Editor for *Michigan History* magazine

The Historical Society of Michigan (HSM) is seeking an Editor and an Associate Editor in their East Lansing Michigan office for *Michigan History* magazine. The Editor is responsible for the editorial and circulation team, content creation, ensuring accuracy, integrity and creative vision of the print publication and related website content, and will be part of representing the magazine and HSM to the public. Applicants should submit a cover letter, resume and three references to the Historical Society of Michigan at info@hsmichigan.org. Resumes will be considered until the position is filled. For more info, visit www.hsmichigan.org

25. *Becoming Historians* Edited By James Banner and John R. Gillis

[From the Publisher:] In this unique collection, the memoirs of eleven historians provide a fascinating portrait of a formative generation of scholars. Born around the time of World War II, these influential historians came of age just before the upheavals of the 1960s and '70s and helped to transform both their discipline and the broader world of American higher education. The self-inventions they thoughtfully chronicle led, in many cases, to the invention of new fields—including women's and gender history, social history, and public history—that cleared paths in the academy and made the study of the past more capacious and broadly relevant. In these stories—skillfully compiled and introduced by James Banner and John Gillis—aspiring historians will find inspiration and guidance, experienced scholars will see reflections of their own dilemmas and struggles, and all readers will discover a rare account of how today's seasoned historians embarked on their intellectual journeys. (From History News Network) To read the full article, visit <http://hnn.us/roundup/entries/116984.html>

26. Muster on the Wabash, Nov.7-8, 2009, at Fort Knox II,

This major historical reenactment occurs at Vincennes State Historic Sites, IN. For details, visit www.SpiritOfVincennes.org

27. Visionaries thinking out loud (from Center for Michigan's Future)

By John Bebow - September 10, 2009 (from The Center for Michigan's Future)

What better time than now for Michigan-built inspiration? In celebration of its 80th anniversary, The Henry Ford is launching a wonderful online collection of oral histories this fall. At www.OnInnovation.com, you will be able to see oral histories from some of the greatest inventors and change agents in the recent history of our state and our nation. Imagine getting inside the heads of the people who started such revolutions as Apple Computer, PayPal, Ethernet, and the Mars Rover. This fall, you can!

28. News from the Detroit Institute of Arts

(A) Graham Beal on Upcoming DIA Exhibit... Next season we will be featuring a trail-blazing exhibition, *Through African Eyes*. Organized by Nii Quarcoopome, the DIA's curator of African art, the exhibition follows the way west Africans depicted Europeans from the first recorded contact in the mid-1500s down to today. Believe me, it will be truly eye opening.

(B) Now at the DIA--Photography—The First 100 Years: Photographs from the DIA's Collection, Sept. 2–Jan. 3, 2010 Upon seeing his first photographic work—a daguerreotype—the painter J. M. W. Turner (1775–1851) exclaimed, “This is the end of Art. I am glad I have had my day.” As this exhibition demonstrates, photography did not herald the demise of art, but was instrumental in expanding its very definition to include new technologies, subject matter, and imagery.

(C) Exhibition: Government Support for the Arts: WPA Prints from the 1930s, Nov. 18, 2009 - March 21, 2010 This exhibition features around 100 prints created under the Federal Art Project, a unit of the Works Progress Administration (WPA) created in 1935 to provide economic relief to Americans during the Great Depression. While images of industry, labor, leisure, and daily life dominate the material, portraiture and landscape were also subjects. For more info, visit www.dia.org

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

(A) Terracotta army museum denies major discovery

SOURCE: *The Art Newspaper* (9-1-09) Beijing--The director of the Terracotta Army Museum (officially titled the Xi'an Terracotta Warriors and Horses Museum) and other officials at the institution denied local media reports that a major discovery of 100 new terracotta warriors has been made. China's state news agency Xinhua, and the AFP, reported that archaeologists have found 100 figures in the “number three” excavation pit at the museum's site in Shaanxi Province, where work started one month ago. Director of the museum, Chao Wei, told *The Art Newspaper* that “it is impossible, the pit is only 200 sq. m, if you were here and saw the site you would see it was not possible to have 100 figures in the pit. Potentially there are maybe ten figures, but work has only just begun”.

(B) Vatican to give Queen a copy of Henry VIII's divorce plea

SOURCE: *The Times Online* (9-1-09) A facsimile of an historic document from the Vatican Secret Archives in which English peers appeal to Pope Clement VII to annul Henry VIII's marriage to Catherine of Aragon is to be given to the Queen tomorrow. The 95 x 46cm (37 x 18in) parchment, which dates from 1530 and bears 81 red wax seals, is a key document of events leading to the schism between Rome and the Church in England. Vatican historians say that whatever the later causes of the schism, the “most immediate and determining cause” was Henry VIII's “wish to get rid of his legitimate wife, Catherine of Aragon, daughter of Ferdinand and Isabella of Spain, in order to marry Anne Boleyn.”

(C) Lincoln's last signature?: Signed envelope, believed to be real, found at flea market

SOURCE: *The Morning Journal* (8-17-09) SOUTH AMHERST — “Let this man enter with this note. April 14, 1865. A. Lincoln.” The short sentence is written on a small envelope, tattered and discolored with age. But it has been a ticket to a big adventure for Bruce Steiner, who stumbled upon the lost fragment of history at the bottom of a box of assorted papers he purchased at Jamie's Flea Market in October 2006. “I said it can't be real,” Steiner recalled when he first laid

eyes on the signature, dated the fateful day a bullet from John Wilkes Booth's Derringer ended Lincoln's life. Steiner, 56, a self-proclaimed Civil War buff, antique collector and amateur historian, said the note elicited skepticism from others as well.....Why did the 16th president sign this envelope on his last day, perhaps only hours before donning his stovepipe hat and climbing into a carriage for his ride to Ford's Theatre? "That's the \$64,000 question," Lupton said. "I've talked to a few people who think it might have had something to do with getting into the White House. Lincoln had an open-door policy of letting people in to ask him questions."

(D) Max Blumenthal: Ike's Other Warning

SOURCE: *NYT* (9-2-09)History New Network at <http://hnn.us/roundup/entries/116335.html>
IN this summer of town hall disruptions and birth-certificate controversies, a summer when it seemed as if the Republican Party had been captured by its extremist wing, it is worth recalling a now-obscure letter from President Dwight D. Eisenhower.... The story began in 1958, when Eisenhower received a letter from Robert Biggs, a terminally ill World War II veteran. Biggs told the president that he "felt from your recent speeches the feeling of hedging and a little uncertainty." He added, "We wait for someone to speak for us and back him completely if the statement is made in truth." Eisenhower could have discarded Biggs's note or sent a canned response. But he didn't. He composed a thoughtful reply. After enduring Senator Joseph McCarthy of Wisconsin, who had smeared his old colleague Gen. George C. Marshall as a Communist sympathizer, and having guarded the Republican Party against the newly emergent radical right John Birch Society, which labeled him and much of his cabinet Soviet agents, the president perhaps welcomed the opportunity to expound on his vision of the open society. "I doubt that citizens like yourself could ever, under our democratic system, be provided with the universal degree of certainty, the confidence in their understanding of our problems, and the clear guidance from higher authority that you believe needed," Eisenhower wrote on Feb. 10, 1959. "Such unity is not only logical but indeed indispensable in a successful military organization, but in a democracy debate is the breath of life." Eisenhower also recommended a short book — "The True Believer" by Eric Hoffer, a self-educated itinerant longshoreman who earned the nickname "the stevedore philosopher." "Faith in a holy cause," Hoffer wrote, "is to a considerable extent a substitute for the lost faith in ourselves."

30. Lieutenant Governor Cherry expanding opportunities for citizens to comment on streamlining state government

Lt. Governor John D. Cherry, Jr. has created a work group focused on streamlining government and is offering citizens new options for participating in the ongoing conversation on what services a streamlined government should provide. Since starting work on the government streamlining initiative earlier this year, citizens from across the state have taken time to share their ideas on the core functions of state government. To enable more citizens to be part of this important conversation on Michigan's future, the lieutenant governor has unveiled a new website, Facebook page, and Twitter feed devoted to the streamlining initiative. The new website (and links to the Facebook page and Twitter feed) can be found at: www.michigan.gov/streamlining.

31. Michigan to Remove Indian Dioramas from Natural History Museum

SOURCE: *Inside Higher Ed* (9-15-09) Responding to objections from American Indian students and staff members, the University of Michigan will remove a set of dioramas depicting scenes of Native American life from its natural history museum, *Indian Country Today* reported. Some American Indian professors at Michigan said they found it insulting for them and their culture to

be represented as miniaturized dolls amid the museum's dinosaur bones and fossils. "We are living, breathing, contemporary human beings," Margaret Noori, a professor of Ojibwe language and literature at Michigan, told *Indian Country Today*. A Michigan official confirmed that the dioramas would be removed by January. (from History News Network)

32. Tickets still available for 3 DHS October "Behind the Scenes" Tours

The Detroit Historical Society continues its popular weekly "Behind the Scenes" series, sponsored by the DTE Energy Foundation, this October with the following guided tours of some of Metro Detroit's unique locations.

(A) Fisher Mansion on October 3rd at 11 a.m. – This historic mansion, owned by Fisher Body and Cadillac founder **Lawrence Fisher**, was built in 1927 by more than 200 European craftsmen. Cost: \$20 for DHS members and \$30 for guests.

(B) Detroit Yacht Club on October 17th at 11 a.m. – Guests will tour one of North America's oldest and most prestigious private clubs. After the tour, guests will have lunch in one of the club's leisure rooms. Cost: \$30 for DHS members and \$40 for guests.

(C) Stahl's Automotive Museum on October 31st at 11 a.m. – Guests will explore this St. Clair Shores Museum's collection of rare and historically significant cars from the Depression and Art Deco eras and learn how they preserve and restore vintage vehicles of the 20th century. Cost: \$20 for DHS members and \$30 for guests.

Telephone reservations can be accepted with a Visa or MasterCard Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets are not sold the day of the tour. Those who register receive directions to the tour location, a map, and additional information in the mail one to two weeks prior to the tour. For more info or to reserve your spot for the *Behind the Scenes* Saturday tours or other 2009 events, call **(313) 833-1801**, or visit www.detroithistorical.org.

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

33. Upcoming Events of possible Interest

14th Annual Great Lakes Lighthouse Festival '09

Thurs.-Sun., Oct. 8-11, Thunder Bay Recreational Center, Alpena, Activities for young and old including tours, entertainment, and vendors. Details at www.lighthousefestival.org

Michigan Archaeology Day,

Sat., Oct. 10, 11 am-3 pm, Michigan Historical Museum, Lansing. Events typically include lectures, displays, and hands-on activities for kids. Details: www.michiganhistory.org

Detroit Orientation Institute,

Tuesdays, October 15, 22, 29, 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

Michigan Museum Association Annual Conference

Wed.-Thurs., Oct. 14-15, Ann Arbor. For more info, visit www.michiganmuseums.org

Mulling Over Michigan Educator Conference

Tues. Oct. 27, Grand Valley State University, Allendale. For more info, visit www.hsmichigan.org, call tollfree (800) 692-1828 or e-mail hsm@hsmichigan.org.

*******16th ANNUAL CONFERENCE ***** Michigan Council for History Education**
Wed., Nov. 4, 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

The 10th Michigan Railroad History Conference,
Sat., Nov. 7, Cascade Manor House in Jackson, MI, Keynote is "Runaway Research on the Michigan Central" by Nicholas Marsh, Questions, Greg Degowski, gjdegowski@yahoo.com (preferred) or 248-547-4783 or visit www.michiganrailroadhistory.org

34th Annual Great Lakes History Conference,
Fri.-Sat., Nov. 13 & 14, Grand Rapids; Theme: Indigenous Peoples of the Globe: Colonization and Adaptation, sponsored by Grand Valley State University, Info at www.gvsu.edu/history/

The Jingle Ball -
Sat., Nov. 21, 7-11 pm, Lansing. Join the Michigan History Foundation for a spectacular gala benefiting the Michigan History Education Fund. Save 25% when you order tickets now! Info at www.michigan.gov/jingleball or call 517-373-2565

25th Annual Conference Educating for Citizenship,
Thurs., Dec. 10, 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/

*******National Council for History Education 2010 Conference*******
Thurs.-Sat., March 25-27, 2010, San Diego, CA Theme-"Crossroads of People & Places over Time"
Visit www.nche.net/conference for more details.

Michigan Finals, National History Day Sat., April 24, Regional competitions in Feb. & March 2010. For more info, visit www.hsmichigan.org or call (800) 692-1828. The National History Day website includes a variety of tools Visit www.nationalhistoryday.org
