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Dear Colleagues,

I admit it. The Winter Olympics has been a great visual experience that almost caused me to be late getting out this issue of MCHE E-Notes. However, I persevered and skipped some of the curling competitions. Some of this information describes activities coming this weekend so I urge you to skim down for items of immediate interest. I did include some program highlights from C SPAN II's "Book Notes" that you might find of value. Their full program schedule is available at www.booktv.org/schedule.aspx

This is a very eclectic collection of items. The issue was enjoyable to compile and edit, but the amount of time you can waste on such items as #14 is unbelievable. And for background on one of the NBC "feature stories" during the Olympics Sunday night closing ceremonies is discussed in #11. (I did enjoy reading the article). On Saturday, the Macomb Community College begins its spring lecture series. If the snow is not too deep, maybe we will see you there.(#25)

May the groundhog enjoy his extra hibernation time as we Michiganders enjoy the white wonder of winter.

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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. MCHE Seeks Educator Nominees for McConnell & Gilder-Lehrman Excellence in Teaching History Awards

To recognize excellence in teaching history in the state of Michigan, the Michigan Council for History Education (MCHE) presents the Annette and Jim McConnell History Educator Award – named for MCHE founders – annually to three Michigan history teachers. MCHE also serves as the Michigan coordinator for the National Gilder-Lehrman Award. Application deadline postmarked by May 15, 2010 Application details are available at www.michiganhistoryed.org or by contacting MCHE History Award, c/o Gordon Andrews, Portage Central High School, 8135 South Westnedge. Portage, MI 49002 Or email gandrews@portageps.org

2. Educators sought for Summer Library of Congress Workshop.

MCHE and Wayne RESA offer Teaching with Primary Sources Project

Eighteen classroom teachers and media specialists are sought to develop Lesson Plans using the Library of Congress website, www.loc.gov The workshop will include an orientation to the materials and will require each participant to develop lessons for use by students. This project is subject to approval of funding, which is expected by early March. (after the Memorandum submission deadline.) Sponsored by the Michigan Council for History Education and the Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency, the workshop will be held on Monday-Tuesday, July 12/13, AND Monday-Tuesday, July 26/2. All sessions will be at Wayne RESA, Westland, MI, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Applications must be RECEIVED by Thursday, May 21st. Applications are available at socialstudies.resa.net (Note: Do NOT use a www first) or www.michiganhistoryed.org. Applicants will be notified of their selection by Friday, June 11. Please contact David Hales, 734-334-1311(W) or halesd@resa.net, or Dr. Jim McConnell, 734-525-2962 or jam1776@sbcglobal.net, Project Co-Directors, for more information. Participants will be expected to develop curriculum materials using the Library of Congress web resources and to help disseminate the materials by making presentations at educational conferences. A \$500 honorarium will be paid upon completion of appropriate materials. For sample lessons, visit <http://memory.loc.gov/learn/lessons/index.html>

3. Local History Conference moves to Dearborn Inn on Fri.-Sat., March 19-20

To learn about the many great speakers and topics offered for the Local History Conference: Michigan in Perspective, visit www.hsmichigan.org This fascinating program offered by scholars and community leaders from several leading community and historical organizations is a wonderful bargain for all. To view the program and obtain registration materials, visit www.hsmichigan.org . The conference will be held at the Historic Dearborn Inn, a new location this year. A special room rate for conference participants is available at the historic Dearborn Inn..

4. NCHE Annual History Conference set for San Diego, March 25-27

The 2010 theme is “Crossroads of Peoples and Places Over Time” program features field trips, keynote speakers and many outstanding sessions. Full details available at www.nche.net/conference/index.html

5. HSM offers "Historic Detroit" Bus Tour, Sat., May 22nd... REGISTER NOW!

Sponsored by the Historical Society of Michigan, this highly popular "Historic Detroit" tour will be offered on Saturday, May 22nd, 9 a.m.-4:00 p.m., departing from the Northville area. This comprehensive tour of Detroit's historic sites is led by Dr. Jim & McConnell, a member of the Michigan Historical Commission, and facilitated by Annette W. McConnell, a volunteer at the Detroit Historical Society. Tour highlights include a walk through Cadillac's Fort Pontchartrain, a stop at Campus Martius, and lunch at the Hard Rock Cafe. Details and registration materials are posted at www.hsmichigan.org or call (800) 692-1828.

6. New Gallery of Islamic Art to Open at Detroit Institute of Arts February 28, 2010 -

The Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA) will open its long-awaited new gallery of Islamic art on Sunday, Feb. 28, 2010. The new gallery includes works of art from the Mediterranean region, the Middle East, Central Asia and India, and spans the 7th-early 20th centuries. The Islamic collection will be on view in a larger space than was previously allocated. In addition, the new gallery incorporates significant works of art on loan from nine public and private collections. DIA Director Graham W. J. Beal believes that giving attention to the collection of Islamic art is crucial for the museum given that the Detroit metropolitan area is home to the largest Middle Eastern population in the United States. "We're excited to highlight some of our Islamic masterpieces and to display some works of art that have never before been on view," said Beal. To read the full media release, visit

http://us.mc838.mail.yahoo.com/mc/welcome?.partner=sbc&gx=1&tm=1264710620&.rand=3o8956b20a396#_pg=showMessage&sMid=1&&filterBy=&.rand=789278768&midIndex=1&mid=1_75081_AEFVk0UAAN4pS2G8DgsAZxZ1AaM&m=1_76511_AFdVk0UAAAlryS2H08AEBi18Nd28,1_75081_AEFVk0UAAN4pS2G8DgsAZxZ1AaM,1_73618_AF9Vk0UAADD1S2G4AQ6I7IX6QPk,1_72864_AEFVk0UAAKojS2G31w0lvnQE uVE,1_70181_AEdVk0UAAAjfs2GSHQAt%2BkS5rHU,1_64306_AFIVk0UAAARusS2CzIQSIVjokvKs,1_47138_AFdVk0UAAIsxS2CA9gijoHozs3k,&sort=date&order=down&startMid=0&hash=7283d03bee0b449a16c1b0330c87a020&.jsrand=2937523 (Are you kidding?)

7. War of 1812 in the Western Great Lakes Call for Papers

The Michigan Historical Review seeks proposals for articles to be included in a spring 2012 special issue on the War of 1812 in the Great Lakes region, preferably west of Niagara. Articles should be based on original research or reinterpret commonly accepted conclusions related to the conflict in this region. Suggested length is 8,000 words including notes. Prospective authors should send a 300-word proposal summarizing their subject, probable thesis or conclusions, and types of sources, plus a brief c.v., to David Macleod, Editor, Michigan Historical Review, Clarke Historical Library, Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48859 or MIHISREV@cmich.edu. Please respond by April 30, 2010. The Clarke Historical Library may host a one-day conference for authors if this proves manageable for those involved.

David Macleod, Editor, Michigan Historical Review, Clarke Historical Library, Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, MI 48859 Email: mihisrev@cmich.edu www.h-net.org/announce/show.cgi?ID=174004

8. Suffragist Tea, Sunday, March 21, 2-4 p.m.

Please join us on Sunday, March 21, 2-4 p.m. "Writing Women Back Into History" - A Celebration of the 90th Anniversary of Women's Right to Vote Sponsored by the Friends of the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame and the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs - Greater Lansing Area Chapter. We are counting on your help! Hope to see you on March 21st. If you have questions or would like to purchase tickets via phone or e-mail please contact- Emily: 517-484-1880 ext 203; ecrampton@michiganwomen.org (from Sandy Soifer, Executive Director, Michigan Women's Historical Center & Hall of Fame www.michiganwomenshalloffame.org)

9. Spring One Day Teacher Institutes at the Library of Congress (www.LOC.gov)

Interested in one day professional development opportunities?

(1) 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? Participants will leave with strategies and materials they can use in their schools. Learn how to make this era in our country's history come alive for student using images, manuscripts, letters, photographs, maps, and poetry.

(2) Exploring the Early Americas Teacher Institute

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

Interested in learning strategies to teach about European Explorers in the Americas? Want to know more about the indigenous cultures of Mesoamerica (Maya, Inca, and Aztec)? You will be able to do all of this and more by using Library of Congress primary sources. The institute uses the Library's exhibition "Exploring the Early Americas" as its foundation.

10. Book TV Schedule Highlights This weekend

These are a few topics I selected for my DVR this weekend. To see the full scope of Book TV programing, visit www.booktv.org/schedule.asp

Saturday, February 27th 8:30am (ET) Approx. 1 hr. Discussion on the Afghanistan War *Seth Jones; Mark Moyar*

Sunday, February 28th

1pm (ET) Approx. 1 hr. 22 min.

China's Megatrends: The 8 Pillars of a New Society by *Doris Naisbitt; John Naisbitt* **2:30pm (ET)**

10pm (ET) Approx. 59 min. Black Men Built the Capitol: Discovering African-American History In and Around Washington, D.C. by *Jesse Holland*

11pm (ET) Approx. 55 min. King of the Lobby: The Life and Times of Sam Ward - Man-About Washington in the Gilded Age by *Kathryn Jacob*

Monday, March 1st 1am (ET) Approx. 1 hr. 9 min. Honorable Survivor: Mao's China, McCarthy's America and the Persecution of John S. Service by *Lynne Joiner*

11. Tune In: Tom Brokaw Interview with OSU Colleague as Olympics Draw to a Close

During NBC's February 28 broadcast of the Closing Ceremonies of the Winter Olympics, Tom Brokaw is scheduled to interview Shirley Brooks-Jones, a Dublin, Ohio resident and Ohio State University retiree. Shirley will tell the story of the love and generosity extended by the citizens of Lewisporte, Newfoundland, to the passengers and crew of Delta Flight 15 when it was re-directed to Gander after the tragic events of 9/11. Shirley was not content with a mere thank-you note -- she created a scholarship endowment to assist Lewisporte students in their pursuit of higher education. Need to restore your faith in humanity? Here is a link to a press release telling a bit more of Shirley's story:

<http://extension.osu.edu/news-releases/banner/5480> . Tune in on February 28!

(from Dennis Moore, Public Affairs Officer | Agent des Affaires publiques, Consulate General of Canada - Detroit | Consulat général du Canada - Détroit--I love the bilingual details.)

12. NEH K-12 "Ben Franklin" Teacher Workshop LAST CHANCE!

The National Endowment for the Humanities offers wonderful professional development workshops in the summer. They are interesting, informative, geared toward your teaching, and, best of all, the NEH pays the teacher to attend, This year there is a \$1200 stipend attached to attendance. The deadline for the Benjamin Franklin workshop is coming soon! Check us out at www.teachingfranklin.org or all of the NEH workshops at www.neh.gov/projects/landmarks-school.html

(from Carol Baldridge, Associate Director. A Rising People: Benjamin Franklin and the Americans, NEH Landmarks in American History and Culture

13. Save the Date! May 13-16, MHPN's 30th Annual Statewide Preservation Conference - "Celebrating Sustainable Communities" - will take place May 13-15, 2010 at UM's historic Michigan

League in Ann Arbor. Over 400 individuals, people in private business, architects and planners, preservation professionals, elected and appointed community officials, government staff, and those doing hands-on work with historic buildings are expected. Join us! linfo@mphn.org | www.mhpn.org

14. Website of pictures of any address (Check out your old homes)

This is really amazing....Check out some of your old haunts. When you enter an address you will see a picture of that place. There's a little map with a little man on it - you can move the little man up and down the block if you need to. I just looked at my childhood home. Really nice website! (Info from Ron Sartor.) Copy and past: <http://www.vpike.com/>

15. CRC Introduces Series of Papers on Con-Con Question- Attachment

Please see the attached article regarding the State Constitutional Convention from the Citizens Research Council (CRC) of Michigan. It is first of a series. If you wish the reports directly from CRC they can be contacted at www.crcmich.org .

16. Maritime Symposium to kick off celebration of Dossin Great Lakes Museum's 50th Anniversary, Saturday, March 6th

The Detroit Historical Society kicks off a year-long observance of the 50th Anniversary of the Dossin Great Lakes Museum with a symposium for maritime enthusiasts on Saturday, March 6 from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Guests will have a chance to meet maritime authors, divers and historians. The event will feature keynote speaker Robert Schultz, the author of *We Were Pirates* and *The Madhouse Nudes*, who will discuss Detroit's WWII submarine – the U.S.S. *Tambor*. Other featured guests include Joe Grimm, author of *Windjammers: Songs of the Great Lakes Sailors*, and Patrick Livingston, author of *Summer Dreams: The Story of Bob-lo Island* and *Eight Steamboats: Sailing Through the Sixties*. The cost for the event is free thanks to the generous support of the Michigan Humanities Council. For more info or to register, please call (313) 833-1801 or visit www.detroithistorical.org.

The Society is celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Dossin Great Lakes Museum throughout 2010! Other upcoming events at the Dossin include the following:

- New Exhibits Opening event on Saturday, April 24 at 11 a.m. with former Dossin curator John Polacsek appearing from 1 – 3 p.m. The two new exhibits are *Dossin Great Lakes Museum: Celebrating 50 Years!* and *Life on a Long Ship: Great Lakes Sailors*
- The 3rd Annual Dossin Regatta on Sunday, April 25 at 11 a.m., pitting the Detroit Rowing Club against challengers from Toledo, Ohio.
- A Curator Chat about the Dossin Museum's two newest exhibits with Detroit Historical Society curator Joel Stone on Wednesday, June 16 at 6 p.m.
- Dossin Great Lakes Museum 50th Birthday Party on Saturday, July 24 from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

For more info call (313) 833-5538 or visit www.detroithistorical.org.
(from Bob Sadler, Director of Public & External Relations, Detroit Historical Society)

17. War and Peace: Obama's America and the Muslim World

Presentation by award-winning historian Juan Cole March 31, 2010, 7:00 PM - RSVP!

Grand Valley's Loosemore Auditorium, 401 Fulton Street West, Grand Rapids, MI

Participate in a follow-up roundtable discussion on April 1.

Join Grand Valley's Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies, for a presentation by award-winning historian and scholar of the Middle East, Juan Cole. Western society, Juan Cole argues, is suffering from Islam Anxiety--the product of fearmongering and misinformation. There is a desperate need to debunk the myths concerning Islam in order to improve the political and ideological understanding between Muslim countries and their Western counterparts. In this presentation, Dr. Cole will carefully sort through all the major issues in Western-Muslim relations, addressing such hot-button topics as terrorism, dependence on the volatile Persian Gulf, the uncertainties of the Iraq War, and the little-understood regimes in Iran and Saudi Arabia. **Juan R. I. Cole** is Richard P. Mitchell Collegiate Professor of History at the University of

Michigan. His most recent book is *Engaging the Muslim World* (Palgrave Macmillan, March, 2009) and he also recently authored *Napoleon's Egypt: Invading the Middle East* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2007).

Roundtable Discussion: April 1, 2010, 10-11:30 AM, Cook DeWitt Center, GVSU's Allendale Campus
Participants: Dr. Majd Al-Mallah, moderator (GVSU Middle Eastern Studies) Dr. Coeli Fitzpatrick (GVSU Philosophy) Dr. Jim Goode (GVSU History) Dr. Brian Kingshott (GVSU Criminal Justice) Dr. Joel Westra (Calvin College Political Science) The event is free. The lessons are priceless. Because space is limited, please visit www.allpresidents.org to reserve your seat, or call (616) 331-2770.

18. Building America: Minnesota's Iron Range, U.S. Industrialization, and the Creation of a World Power

Minnesota's Iron Range supplied late 19th and 20th century America with the iron needed to fuel industrialization, economic expansion, and military might. Learn more at the Minnesota Humanities Center's weeklong seminar in Summer 2010, offered at no cost to educators from around the nation! The weeklong workshop will be based on national history standards and the national social studies standards.

REGISTRATION AND EXPENSES: Thanks to a generous donation from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), there is no registration fee for this program. Funding from the NEH will cover travel, lodging, and meal expenses for educators from around the nation to attend. **TO APPLY:** Detailed information and application materials are posted online at www.ironrangeworkshop.org. **QUESTIONS?** Contact Mallory Wessel, 651-772-4252, or mallory@minnesotahumanities.org. www.minnesotahumanities.org Weeklong seminar for educators nationwide Sunday-Friday, June 13-18, 2010 OR Sunday-Friday, Aug. 1-6, 2010

19. "Civil Wars in Domestic and Global Context: Conflict and Resolution from the Battlefield to the Home Front" Call for Papers: Great Lakes History Conference

The 35th annual Great Lakes History Conference, sponsored by Grand Valley State University, will be held in Grand Rapids, on October 8-9, 2010. All fields of history, as well as other disciplines, are invited to submit proposals related to this year's theme: "Civil Wars in Domestic and Global Context: Conflict and Resolution from the Battlefield to the Home Front." Please consult the Grand Valley State University History Department website (www.gvsu.edu/history) and its link to the conference for updated information.

Registration and program information will be sent summer 2010. If you are interested in presenting a paper, please send an abstract of approximately 200 words and curriculum vitae by June 30, 2010, to Dr. Scott Stabler at stablers@gvsu.edu. Please include your address, email, and phone number.

20. Seeking Michigan website offers fascinating articles

(A) Look!: Adam and Sarah Crosswhite

You may have heard of the famous Crosswhite case of 1847. Adam and Sarah Crosswhite were fugitive slaves who settled in Marshall, Michigan. Then, one day, four slavecatchers found them. Marshall's citizens, however, had some strong opinions on the matter. This is a Black History Month feature, written by me.

Find the full article (AND a Lesson Plan) at: <http://seekingmichigan.org/look/2010/02/02/crosswhite>

(B) Look!: Sit-Down Strikes of Feb. 1937

The United States saw a rash of sit-down strikes in February 1937. Why were there so many and why did they happen at that precise time? Read the article to find out!

Here's the link: <http://seekingmichigan.org/look/2010/02/23/standing-up-by-sitting-down>

Seeking Michigan added some nifty features of its own. Derek Kastner explains more at:

<http://seekingmichigan.org/look/2010/01/29/new-features-no-keynote>

(from Bob Garrett, Archives of Michigan, Communications Division, DNRE)

21. Selected Items from the History News Network (<http://hnn.us>)

(A) Channelling George Washington: The Imperial Congress by Thomas Fleming

Read the article at www.hnn.us/articles/123537.html

(B) Women's History Month (The following articles are at <http://hnn.us/articles/86351.html>)

• Estelle B. Freedman: How Did Women's History Month Come About? • HistoryLink: Woman Suffrage Crusade, 1848-1920 • Daniel Sauerwein: Women's History Month: Comparing Presidential Proclamations • Jessica Pritchard: Women's History Month • Obama Proclaims March Women's History Month (2009) • Carl Sferrazza Anthony: Michelle Obama, First Ladies and African-American History • Mary Chapin: Alice Paul a fitting figure to remember during Women's History Month Video- Mary Ryan: Does Women's History Have a Future (OAH 2009)
Again, find the above articles at <http://hnn.us/articles/86351.html>

(C) *Newly Discovered Archaeological Sites In India Reveals Ancient Life

<http://hnn.us/roundup/entries/123696.html>

(D) Kennedy Miniseries Stirs Controversy SOURCE: NYT (2-16-10)

A new mini-series about John F. Kennedy's presidency that is being prepared by the History channel does not yet have a cast or a premiere date. Not a frame of footage has been shot. It does, however, have prominent critics who want it brought to a halt. The critics, including Theodore C. Sorensen, a former Kennedy adviser, say they have read the scripts for the project and that those contain errors of fact and emphasis. But like a similar controversy over a 2003 television film about Ronald Reagan, the dispute over the embryonic Kennedy series seems to say as much about the enduring place of the Kennedys as a battleground in the culture wars as it does about history itself. The mini-series, called "The Kennedys," is the brainchild of Joel Surnow, a creator of the Fox action show "24" and an outspoken political conservative. That raised alarms among Kennedy partisans when the History channel said in December that it would pick up the project. Now a documentary filmmaker who makes no secret of his liberal politics is releasing an Internet video in which Kennedy scholars say the scripts offer a portrait of the president and his family that is, at best, inaccurate, and at worst, a hatchet job.

"It was political character assassination," the filmmaker, Robert Greenwald, said of the screenplays in a telephone interview. "It was sexist titillation and pandering, and it was turning everything into a cheap soap opera of the worst kind." Mr. Greenwald said he is hoping that his 13-minute video and an accompanying petition, at stopkennedysmears.com, will take on lives of their own on the Web. A title card at the film's conclusion reads: "Tell the History Channel I refuse to watch right-wing character assassination masquerading as 'history.'" ... Mr. Kronish, the "Kennedys" screenwriter, said that the History channel's standards for producing its mini-series are more rigorous than the broadcast networks', and that his finished scripts will require bibliographic annotations and legal vetting before filming proceeds. He also said that he was drawing upon nonfiction works, including books by Seymour Hersh, Robert Dallek, David Talbot and others. "If I'm wrong," he said, "I guess all of them are wrong." ...

22. Great Debates 2010 launched by large coalition of Michigan interest groups; Seeks gubernatorial & legislative debates on public TV & online

Michigan citizens will get an in-depth, issues-oriented look at the candidates for governor and dozens of important Michigan House and Senate seats through a new bipartisan initiative called Great Debates 2010. An unprecedented partnership of 19 leading trade organizations and numerous public broadcasters across the state, Great Debates 2010 aims to provide: • Three, one-hour gubernatorial debates (one in each major party primary and one during the general election cycle). • 50, half-hour legislative debates (during the general election cycle); • Several multi-candidate legislative forums in both the primary and general cycles. Altogether, the Great Debates program is expected to run from July thru Election Day (November 2). The Debates will be broadcast on public television and freely distributed in video format for "on demand" online viewing across the state. For example, the Great Debates videos will air, free of charge to viewers, on MiVote.org, a co-production of UM-Dearborn and Detroit Public Television. MiVote.org uses candidate interviews and person-on-the-street interviews to engage and educate Michigan voters.

For more info, visit www.thecenterformichigan.net

23. 35th Annual Living History Show set for Kalamazoo on Sat.-Sun., March 20-21

Sponsored By YANKEE DOODLE MUZZLE LOADERS, INC.

"Lyrics of the Lakes- History and Heritage Interpreted Through Music"

Many aspects of the history and culture of a society can be traced through its music, and the unique heritage

of Michigan and the upper Great Lakes is no exception. The 2010 Kalamazoo Living History Show™ will focus on and explore the rich and varied cultural traditions of the Great Lakes region from earliest European contact up to the late 19th century. Included will be the musical traditions of the Native Americans, the lilting, rhythmic songs of the French voyageurs, the martial music of the fifers & drummers that accompanied the European military powers battling to take control of this rich fur trading area in the 18th century, songs from the Civil War era, and music of the logging and mining industries during their heyday. Details and directions at www.kalamazooshow.com

24. Phil Porter Named Chair, Michigan Bicentennial Commission for the Commemoration of the War of 1812

Rebecca Humphries, director of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment, recently appointed Phil Porter of Cheboygan as chair of Michigan's Bicentennial Commission for the Commemoration of the War of 1812.

The commission, formed in 2008, is charged with encouraging, planning, and developing activities, events, programs, observances and services appropriate to commemorate Michigan's role in the War of 1812. Porter currently serves as director of the Mackinac Island State Park Commission and was formerly its chief curator. He has a Master of Arts and numerous publications to his credit, focusing upon topics of relevance to the upcoming commemoration events. Porter has been active with the commission since its formation and succeeds Dr. William Anderson, retired director of the former Michigan Department of History, Arts and Libraries.

Porter will now lead the commission through numerous commemorative events, including the creation of a logo through a contest within Michigan's schools, re-enacted events, tall ship gatherings and possibly a full-length educational program featuring Michigan's rich history through "the War that forged a nation." Porter thanked his predecessor, Dr. Anderson, and his fellow commissioners. He added that he "looks forward to 2012 through 2015, during which Michigan will appropriately commemorate events ranging from the loss of Detroit and Mackinac Island, bitter defeats, to the restoration of Michigan's territorial sovereignty placing her on the road to statehood through the establishment of a lasting peace." Porter is the former president of the Michigan Museums Association, former trustee of the Historical Society of Michigan and serves on the board of trustees of the Round Island Lighthouse.

The Michigan Commission on the Commemoration of the Bicentennial of the War of 1812 is housed in the Michigan Historical Center, part of the Department of Natural Resources and Environment. To learn more about the commission, visit www.michigan.gov/war1812.

25. Two items from Detroit History and Cultural Heritage eCalendar of Events 02/24/10 compiled by Kathleen Marcaccio Information on the following upcoming events that relate to Detroit's history and cultural traditions has been culled from a variety of print and Internet sources. If you would like to receive the weekly eCalendar, contact her at dkosh@msn.com.

(A) Staying Alive and Fighting to Survive: Detroit in the Great Depression, Saturday, February 27, 2010, 1pm. As part of the Lorenzo Cultural Center's *And Still They Prospered: Living Through the Great Depression*, Jack Lessenberry, Michigan Radio (WUMO-FM) commentator, veteran journalist and professor of journalism at Wayne State University, provides an overview of Detroit during the 1930s.

(B) Paradise Valley Elegies: The Detroit Poems of Robert Hayden and Dudley Randall, Sunday, February 28, 2pm. Frank Rashid, professor of English at Marygrove College, examines the impact that growing up in Paradise Valley and witnessing the effects of the Great Depression on Detroit's African-American population had on the poetry of Robert Hayden and Dudley Randall. Both events are Free of charge; pre-registration required; call 586-445-7348 or register online. The Lorenzo Cultural Center series of programs and exhibits on the Depression continues for the next several weeks. Be certain to visit www.lorenzoculturalcenter.com/events.htm for complete details on this outstanding series.
