

Electronic News Update from the Michigan Council for History Education July 1, 2010, Vol. VII, No. 11

NOTE: Deadlines coming soon on Items #7-free AMERICA The Story of US DVD

Dear Colleagues,

Summer flies by so quickly. The War of 1812 Historic Sites tour in June was a wonderful experience. Not only did we have local experts talk about Fort Wayne, the Battles of Mingoan and Brownstown, Hull's Road and River Raisin and Fort Meigs, but several of the participants spoke about their areas of expertise: Prairie du Chien in Wisconsin, Illinois in the War of 1812, Vincennes, the George Rogers Clark National Site and Tippecanoe, the Perry Memorial on Put-in-Bay and events in the Niagara, Ontario's, region. This was an event I could never duplicate.

This weekend, Annette and I head up to Mackinac Island for more War of 1812 planning. I will try to keep you informed as projects develop. Perhaps we will offer a session on "Michigan in the War of 1812" at the 17th annual MCHC Conference at the Ramada Inn, Lansing, on Thursday, Nov. 4th.

Again, this issue contains a wide variety of unique programs, resources and events that might be of interest to you. As details are edited out to keep this document brief, please use the appropriate website for more information.

I have recently learned that 'technical gremlins' halted distribution of MCHC E-Notes for April and May. If you are interested in reading these two issues (full of unique information), please visit www.michiganhistoryed.org. A few items are placed at the end of this issue.

Best wishes for a wonderful summer,

Dr. Jim McConnell, Editor
MCHC 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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WHAT NEW POSTED ON OUR HOME PAGE??

Be sure to follow developments in History Education at Michigan on MCHE's website:

<http://www.michiganhistoryed.org!>

1. Mche Election Results and Current Board & Officers

Greetings all, Thank you to those who voted in this year's MCHE Board of Directors and Officers Election. The current (2010-2011) MCHE Officers and Board of Directors are listed below.

Thanks, and enjoy the summer. Tim Evans, MCHE Nomination & Election Chair

Michigan Council for History Education, 2010-2011 Officers

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2010-2012 Gordon Andrews, Grand Valley State University; David Hales, Wayne RESA; Tim Hall, Central Michigan University; Anne-Lise Halvorsen, Michigan State University; Danielle Ozanich, Berkley Schools District; Bill Warren, Western Michigan University

2. Presenters sought for Thurs., Nov. 4th, Ramada Inn, Lansing, MCHE 17th Annual Conference

Mark your calendars now for this great professional development conference. If you are interested in making a presentation, please contact Dorothy Ebersole, Conference Coordinator, at DorothyE@TheHenryFord.org, Presenter Proposal Form 2. Use attached Updated information will be posted at www.michiganhistoryed.org as it becomes available.

3. Tall Ships Sail return to the Great lakes This Summer

In 2010, the Great Lakes United TALL SHIPSCHALLENGE® series will visit all five Great Lakes a summer full of maritime fun! The Great lakes Port schedule is: Toronto, ON June 30 July 4, Cleveland, OH July 7 -11, Bay City, MI July 15 -18, Duluth, MN July 29 -August 1, Green Bay, WI August 12 -15, Chicago, IL August 24 -29, Please note: Additional fleet ports and secondary ports may be added. Dates above reflect day of expected arrival through last day of festival. See attachment for details.

4. Michigan History features great stories

Subscribe Now to Michigan History The current issue-May/June 2010 is now on newsstands! Among the featured articles are: On to Alaska with Buchanan By Joel; The Thin Man from Duck Lake By Mardi Link; Steamin' on the Grand By Gordon Beld; and Where Hockey Got its Start By Amy Whitesall. Save 33% off the newsstand price by purchasing a subscription! Call (800) 366-3703 to place your order today! More info available at www.hsmichigan.org

5. HSM State History Award Nomination Deadline Approaches

Each year the Historical Society of Michigan presents a State History Award to those individuals and organizations that have made outstanding contributions to the appreciation and understanding of Michigan history. Criteria: Excellence of achievement by an individual or organization in the collection, preservation and promotion of state and local history in the several categories. Visit www.hsmichigan.org for details. Nominations are due in the HSM offices by cpm on July 30, 2010. Postmarks are not accepted.

6. Report to Michigan Social Studies Supervisors Association May, 2010 Educating for Citizenship Conference

The 26th Annual Law-Related Civic Education Conference is scheduled for Thursday, December 9 at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing. Registration materials will be available in September. Nominations will be accepted for the Law-Related Civic Education Teacher of the Year Award to be announced at Educating for Citizenship

7. School principals, register for your school's free AMERICA The Story of US DVD!* (Note July 1st Deadline) *America The Story of US* – premiering on HISTORY™ April 25 at 9pm/8c – is a six week event that provides a fascinating look at the stories of the people, events, and innovations that forged our nation. It will provide you with an unprecedented opportunity to bring our nation's history to life for your students. This 12-hour series will be supported by educational materials tied to curriculum standards and is copyright cleared for Fair Use in the classroom by instructors or pupils in the course of face-to-face teaching activities.

* HISTORY is offering America The Story of US on DVD to every school in the United States. School must be an accredited public, private or home school, grades K-12 and college. In order to receive your school's DVD,

your school principal (grades K-12) or Dean of Students (college) should fill out the request form below. HISTORY strictly limits each school to one request. DVD requests must be made prior to July 1, 2010. DDS will be mailed around August 2010, and free shipping is included in this offer.

Order your school's DVD at: <http://classroom.history.com/america-dvd/event/form>

Classroom lessons are available at: <http://www.history.com/shows/classroom/articles/classroom-whats-new>
My thanks to Detroit Media Partnership Newspapers in Education (NIEManager Sharon Martin for this information. For info on using newspapers in your classrooms, contact her at: smartin@dnps.com or call 1-800-678-0789

8. Citizen petition challenge

Help us reach the 1,000-signatures mark on citizen petitions urging tax and budget reform and an overhaul of term limits. Visit MichiganPetitions.org today and pass it on! To learn more, visit

www.thecenterformichigan.net/blog/citizen-petition-challenge-help-us-reach-the-1000-mark/

9. What's New at the Michigan Historical Museum

(A) Michigan Studies Workshop, Mon. through Thurs. August 2 to 5

We've created a four-day learning field trip for 3rd and 4th grade teachers that begins and ends here at the museum. Registration deadline is June 30. Learn more at http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,1607,7-153-54463_54464_48421-237443--,00.html .

(B) August 19 Why Michigan is Square: Legacy of the Baseline and Michigan Meridian -A

presentation sponsored by the Friends of Michigan History. Fee. Learn more at

http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,1607,7-153-54463_54464_40016-238088--,00.html .

(C) **AT OUR SITES**-The Michigan Historical Museum is the flagship of an 11-site museum system. Learn more at http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,1607,7-153-54463_18595---,00.html (D) The Michigan Historical Museum is located inside the Michigan Library and Historical Center, 702 West Kalamazoo Street, Lansing. Here's more information about how to find us: <http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,1607,7-153-54463-51058--,00.html> .

(from Phil Kwiatkowski, Director, Michigan Historical Museum, Lansing)

10. Michigan Students Win Top Honors at National History Day

Fifty-two Michigan students competed at National History Day outside of Washington , DC this week. Three students from Michigan reached the top tier of competitors making the final rounds of competition. Over 2,400 students competed from across the nation in National History Day this year, held on the campus of the University of Maryland in College Park . Only a handful of students advanced in each category to the final round. These top tier Michigan students presented their very best projects at National History Day 2010.

"National History Day was a resounding success. It represents the culmination of nearly a year's worth of work on projects in a variety of categories. Competing here is a great achievement for our students," commented Shannon White, Historical Society of Michigan Assistant Director and Michigan 's State Coordinator for National History Day. More info on the Michigan History Day program is available at www.hsmichigan.org

11. Tickets Now Available for Detroit Historical Society's July Behind the Scenes Tours

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

A. Livonia Greenmead, Fri., July 9, 10 a.m. – A special Friday tour! This 95-acre farm complex was once the 1820s homestead of Michigan pioneer Joshua Simmons.

B. Masonic Temple, Sat., July 10, Noon – Back by popular demand! This amazing building contains more than 1,037 rooms including cathedrals, chapels, numerous dining rooms and offices, two large ballrooms, a library, a drill hall and two auditoriums -- one of which seats more than 4,400. .

C. Hecker Smiley Mansion, Sat., July 17, 11 a.m. – This historic home dates back to 1889.

Guests on this tour will see its restoration and hear stories about its past.

D. Sacred Heart Seminary, Sat., July 24, 11 a.m. – This historic landmark was founded as a minor seminary in 1919. The Gothic style building, completed in a record 18 months, was the first seminary of its size to be built at one time.

E. Governor Warner Mansion & Museum, Sat., July 31, 11 a.m. – Tour the former home of Michigan governor Fred Warner (1905-1911). This Victorian Italianate style structure was built in 1867 by P.D. Warner, the governor's father.

For more info or to reserve your spot for one of these Detroit Historical Society Behind the Scenes tours, call (313) 833-1801 or visit www.detroithistorical.org/main/upcoming/index.aspx .(from Bob Sadler, Director of Public & External Relations, Detroit Historical Society)

12. 2010 MGTV Michigan Mock Election Project

The Center is collaborating with Michigan Government Television on the 2010 MGTV Mock Election Project, a statewide initiative to promote voter-education in Michigan schools through participating in pre-election activities and voting in the 2010 National Student/Parent Mock Election (NSPME). Contact MGTV at mgtv.org or call 517-373-4250 for more information.

13. Detroit Historical Society offers Summer, Fall Tours and Programs

Check out the July-September offerings of the Detroit Historical Society!! New tours and events just announced ... don't delay... the DHS tours are very popular and have been selling out! Now is your chance to tour the Hecker Mansion or Masonic Temple or take an Indian Village walking tour, among others! Details and online registration at: www.detroithistorical.org/main/upcoming/behind_scenes.aspx

14. Sun., August 8, 9:00 AM, Detroit's Riverwalk: An Art & Architecture Tour

For much of its history, the best view of Detroit was had by leaving the country and viewing it from Windsor, Ontario. Now, along Detroit's newly constituted Riverwalk, Detroiters may appreciate the history and beauty of their city's public art and architecture from its historic shore. Our tour will include the history of Detroit's founding on the river, the art now installed on the Riverwalk and the architecture seen from along the waterfront. Detroit began at the river, and its future is tied to it, as well. Tour will begin at the Rivard Plaza (Rivard & Atwater) Cost: \$20.00 U.S. per person Reservations and full payment to Art House must be made in advance. Visit www.arhousetours.com

15. News from the archives of Michigan

(A) Look!: Mackinac Island Buildings

The Indian Dormitory and the Agency House, both located on Mackinac Island, would tell interesting stories if they could speak. This week, the Archives of Michigan's Mary Zimmeth presents these stories. For "A Tale of Two Buildings," click this link: <http://seekingmichigan.org/uncategorized/2010/06/01/mackinac-island-buildings>

(B) Look!: Kirtland's Warbler

A new Michigan historical marker tells the story of the Kirtland's warbler. Sandra Clark, Michigan Historical Center Director, provides t

16. Subscribe to History News Network and help me win a prize?

hen your friends subscribe to HNN's newsletter here (<http://hnn.us/articles/20883.html>), have them enter your email address on the "Referrer" line. That's it! The top four referrers will receive HNN prize bundles! For our list of prizes, please go here: <http://www.hnn.us/articles/127307.html> Do you want to be the only person who DIDN'T receive autographed copies of the latest books from top historians? Tell your friends about HNN and that horrible eventuality will never come to pass!

17. Enjoy a Discovery Cruise this Summer!

Discovery cruises are for everyone: families, educators, & individuals

- Lake Erie Metropark (Lower Detroit River) cruise schedule and online registration
- Metro Beach Metropark (Lake St. Clair) cruise schedule and online registration

Please Note: Lake St. Clair and Lower Detroit River cruises are conducted at separate locations, and require separate registrations. Michigan Sea Grant enhances the sustainability of Michigan's coastal communities, residents, and businesses through research, outreach and education. in partnership with Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority Other partners: Michigan DNR & DTE Energy One tour that lots fascinating to me is "The History of Lake St. Clair" We cruise Lake St. Clair and the St. Clair Flats in search of the geologic past of the St. Clair River Delta and tell the human stories that shaped the history of this unique area. For info on a wonderful summer activitiy, visit <http://miseagrant.umich.edu/discovery/>

18. Items from the History News Network, (www.hnn.com)

*Looking for a 'New' Narrative of Founding Fathers

<http://hnn.us/roundup/14.html#127366>

*Lindsay Porter on assassinations

<http://hnn.us/roundup/14.html#127254>

*Robert Dallek: The character issue is "always out there"

<http://hnn.us/roundup/14.html#127234>

*Scholar asks if the Crusaders had a Muslim ally in the First Crusade

<http://hnn.us/roundup/14.html#127769>

*Controversy continues to dog Lincoln scholar Frank J. Williams

<http://hnn.us/roundup/14.html#127684>

*What If Theodore Roosevelt Was President Today? DANIEL RUDDY

<http://www.hnn.us/articles/127912.html>

**"Lucy" Kin Pushes Back Evolution of Upright Walking?

<http://hnn.us/roundup/41.html#128257>

*Conservative class on Founding Fathers' answers to current woes gains popularity

<http://hnn.us/roundup/14.html#127667>

19. What's happening is State Parks in July?

Jul 03 / Mears State Park--Independence Day Fireworks Display

Jul 10 /Hartwick Pines State Park--Michael Deren's "Past In Person Program"

Jul 18 / Jul 21 / Cheboygan Field Office--Port Huron to Mackinac Yacht Race--Mackinac Island State Harbor

Jul 24 /Maybury State Park--Northville Roadrunner Classic

Jul 30 / Aug 01 / Fort Wilkins State Park--Battery "D"

For complete listing, visit http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,1607,7-153-10365_36576_48489---M_2010_07,00.html

20. America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places

America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places has identified more than 200 one-of-a-kind historic treasures since 1988. From urban districts to rural landscapes, Native American landmarks to 20th-century sports arenas, entire communities to single buildings, the list spotlights places across America that are threatened by neglect, insufficient funds, inappropriate development, or insensitive public policy. THIS YEAR'S PLACES

- America's State Parks & State-Owned Historic Sites
- Black Mountain, Kentucky
- Hinchliffe Stadium, New Jersey
- Industrial Arts Building, Nebraska
- Juana Briones House, California
- Merritt Parkway, Connecticut
- Metropolitan AME Church, Washington, DC
- Pågat, Guam
- Saugatuck Dunes, Michigan
- Threefoot Building, Mississippi
- Wilderness Battlefield, Virginia

more info, visit www.preservationnation.org/issues/11-most-endangered/

21. Sunday on PBS--Leadership - News & Public Affairs

(A) Louis Brandeis: The People's Attorney Sunday, 6/27 from 1:00-2 a.m. ET. This Program illuminates the life of a figure who was central to the development of modern American law, progressive politics and social reform. As both a public-interest attorney and judge, Louis Brandeis championed social justice and the rights to free speech, privacy, fair working conditions and education.

(B) New series on DPTV set to energize Michigan

Magical but little known Michigan areas to visit, people to meet, and places to eat. *Under the Radar* is hosted by Emmy Award-winning Michigan actor, producer, and writer, Tom Daldin.

Broadcast Times Detroit Public TV Channel 56. Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. starting June 26 Repeated Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. Show 1, June 26, features •Royal Oak - Three good, fast and cheep eateries.

•Detroit - The Inn on Ferry Street ... a collection of beautiful bed & breakfasts. •Kalamazoo - The Air Zoo ... An amazing, interactive aviation museum.

22. Submit your article or story idea to Michigan History magazine

Late in 2009, an important event occurred at the Historical Society of Michigan as Michigan History magazine moved from state government to the Society. We are privileged to publish Michigan's premier history periodical again. To ensure that Michigan History magazine continues to be filled with similarly engaging articles, HSM invites you to submit article manuscripts for consideration by their editorial committee. To assist you in this process, a list of author guidelines is accessible at www.hsmichigan.org/mhm/pub_guidelines.html. To submit an article idea, e-mail the editor, Patricia Majher, at Majher@hsmichigan.org or mhmeditor@hsmichigan.org. HSM also publishes news, event and other information in their membership magazine, the Chronicle. For more info on on submitting content for the Chronicle, email hsm@hsmichigan.org. (from Larry J. Wagenaar, Executive Director, The Historical Society of Michigan & Publisher, Michigan History Magazine; Visit www.hsmichigan.org

23. Smmer Festivals, Fairs, Unique Events & Professional Development Programs Compiled by Michigan Council for History Education (Send new items to jam1776@sbcglobal.net)

Sun., June 27, 24th Annual Michigan Log Cabin Day
visit www.qtm.net/logcabinrafts

Sunday July 4, Star Spangled Fourth of July, Fort Mackinac, Mackinac Island
More info at www.mackinacparks.com

Sat., July 10, Past In Person, 7 p.m. Hartwick Pines Logging Museum, Grayling
Michael Deren transports you to the 1870s, when lumberjacks were "cutting the big sticks." Details at www.michigan.gov/haratwigpines

Sat.-Sun., July 10-11, Civil War Days at Fort Wayne, Detroit
Details at www.historicfortwaynecoalition.com/cwdays.html

Wed.-Sun., July 14-18, Great Lakes Maritime Education Workshop, St. Helena Island, Straits of Mackinac; Info: Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers Association, P.O. Box 219, Mackinaw City MI 49701, (231) 436-5580 or visit www.gllka.com

Thurs.-Sat., July 15-17, 86th Bayview Mackinac Race & Blue Water Festival, Port Huron, 11 a.m. to midnight daily. For more info, www.thebluewaterfest.com.

Wed.-Sat., July 15-18, Tall Ships Celebration, Bay City

More info at www.tallshipscelebration.com

Sat.-Sun., July 17-18, 18th Annual Concert of Colors, Max M. Fisher Music Center, Detroit Free admission, celebrating Detroit's diversity through music from around the world. Details: www.concertofcolors.com

Wed.-Sun., July 21-25, 1860s Village Celebration, Crossroads Village and the Huckleberry Railroad, Flint . More info at www.geneseecountyparks.org/village_events.htm

Fri.-Sat., August 6-7, 161st Annual St. Andrews Society Highland Games, Greenmead Historical Park, Livonia. Details at www.highlandgames.com

Award Nomination Deadlines

(A) 5 p.m., Fri., July 30 in HSM offices. Postmarks are not accepted : Historical Society of Michigan Awards. Awards offered in many categories. For details, visit www.hsmichigan.org

(B) August 1, Michigan History Teacher Odyssey Award. For details, E-mail: mhfoundation@michigan.gov

Fri.-Sun., August 13-15, Great Lakes Folk Festival, East Lansing

Updates and program info at www.greatlakesfolkfest.net

Sat., Aug. 14, Preservation Wayne Annual Theatre Tour Detroit;

A very popular event that sells out early.www.preservationwayne.org/tours_theater.php

Fri.-Sun., Aug. 20-22, African World Festival, Hart Plaza, Detroit

Updates at www.maah-detroit.org

Sat., Aug. 21, Woodward Avenue Dream Cruise; Oakland County

A very popular event attracting international attention, www.woodwarddreamcruise.com

Sat.-Sun. August 28-29, Black Iron Days, Hartwick Pines Logging Museum, Grayling

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. More info at www.michigan.gov/haratwigpines

Sat., Sept. 4, Stagecoach Days, Walker Tavern, Brooklyn

10 a.m. to 4 p.m., More info at www.michigan.gov/walkertavern.

Mon., Sept. 6, 54th Annual Mackinac Bridge Walk '10 , St. Ignace

Info at www.mackinacbridge.org A truly wonderful experience!

Sept. 10-12, 37th Annual Wheatland Music Festival

Details at ww.wheatlandmusic.org

Fri., Sept. 17, Constitution Day

Nationwide Celebration of 1787 Signing of the United States Constitution

ITEMS FROM APRIL & MAY THAT MIGHT STILL BE OF INTEREST

(as noted above, the April and May issues of MCH E-Notes were not distributed due to 'technical' problems. The following items items might still be of interest.

Jim

A. Key Research Question for 2014

Where is Sochi? (and why should you care?)

CRC's Con-Con Series Covers Michigan's Constitutional History

Check out the second of a series of reports on the con-con question on the 2010 ballot now on the Citizens Research Council of Michigan website at: www.crcmich.org/PUBLICAT/2010s/2010/rpt36002.html.

B. Michigan Women's Hall of Fame offers documentary

In honor of Women's History Month, the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame documentary *We Can Do It: A Celebration of Michigan Women* was broadcast on WKAR tv. This documentary celebrates the 25th Anniversary of the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame. The documentary can be purchased on our website www.michiganwomenshalloffame.org for \$15.00. ((from Michigan Women's Hall of Fame, 213 W Main Street, Lansing, MI 48933 and info@michiganwomen.org)

C. How long will you live?

A recent issue of Time referred to this burning question. For an answer, (If you want to know your projected life span) take the quiz at www.livingto100.com

D. It's time to start thinking about DNIE 2010-11 programs!

I've received several e-mails and phone calls from people inquiring about DNIE programs and pricing for the 2010-2011 school year. We plan to continue to offer sponsored (free to you) daily e-Editions of the Detroit Free Press and The Detroit News. Beginning Monday, May 3 you will be able to place orders online for 2010-2011 e-Edition access from September 7, 2010 through June 10, 2011. Next year's username will be "nie" followed by your 2010-2011 order number. We also plan to continue offering customer paid delivery of Thursday and Friday print editions of the Free Press and The News at 25 cent per copy. You will also be able to place online orders for 2010-2011 print delivery of Thursday only, Friday only or Thursday and Friday editions beginning May 3. Enjoy! - Sharon R. Martin, DNIE, smartin@dnps.com
