

Electronic News Update from the Michigan Council for History Education August 1, 2010, Vol. VII, No. 12

Dear Colleagues,

Summer seems to have slowed the flow of information. This issue has fewer items than during the school year. Hopefully, you have found time for some reading and relaxing. Labor day brings a quickening of the pace and a return to the classroom (for you, not me). Please save the date of Thursday, Nov. 4th, to join us at the 17th Annual Conference of the Michigan Council for History Education. This year's program will be held at the Ramada Inn on the west side of Lansing.

I've tried to include several activities in August that might be of interest to you while also featuring some items to help planning for the 2010-2011 school year. MCHE just completed another very successful Library of Congress workshop with a group of highly-qualified educators. Their lesson plans featuring primary documents from "American's Memory" will soon be posted at www.educationextras.com, a site maintained by J'aime Holdenbaum. Be certain to visit www.loc.gov for all your primary Source needs.

Best wishes for a relaxing, enjoyable August!
Dr. Jim McConnell, 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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Be sure to follow developments in History Education at Michigan on MCHE's website:

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

1. MCHE Conference Seeks Presenters; SAVE THE DATE!

The Michigan Council for History Education (MCHE) will hold its 17th Annual Conference on November 4, 2010 at the Ramada Inn in Lansing, Michigan from 8:30 am-3:30 pm. The conference theme this year is: "Bringing History Home: Local Stories, Global Context." The conference will be held at the Ramada Inn on Lansing's west side. We cordially invite you to be a presenter by completing the application form available at www.michiganhistoryed.org. For more info, contact Dorothy Ebersole, Conference Coordinator, at DorothyE@TheHenryFord.org

2. NCHE Conference Presenters Sought; Charleston, South Carolina, Save the Date!

The Causes and Consequences of Civil Wars, March 31-April 2, 2011

www.nche.net/conference Submit a Session Proposal!

Have you developed a unique strategy for teaching history that you would like to share with other interested educators? Are you a museum or similar organization that is doing exceptional programming? Have you found a new perspective on an historical topic through original research? Have you participated in a TAH grant and would like to share your knowledge with others? Then submit a proposal for a session at the 2011 NCHE Conference! To submit a Breakout or Poster Session for the 2011 NCHE Conference, go to www.nche.net/conference/for_presenters/index.html

Travel Assistance: Need some help in attending the conference? We have arranged a limited number of scholarships to help K-12 teachers defray travel expenses.

Find out more at www.nche.net/conference/for_attendees/travel_assistance.html

3. Note Change of Email address for MCHE Executive Director Jim Cameron

Please do NOT email Jim Cameron at his Saline Schools email address. It is NOT working, for at least the next 30 days. (See his note.) Please use <cameronj47@comcast.net>

Saline Area Schools cut off my school e-mail account for the next 30 days by law. I received no warning and was cut off. Please use <cameronj47@comcast.net> and share with others as much as you can.

Thanks, Jim Cameron

4. Wayne RESA offers Constitution Day Resources

For a great collection of idea to help your students celebrate Constitution Day on Friday, September 17th, be certain to visit socialstudies.resa.net (NOTE: Do not use www) This wonderful, well-organized compilation was created by David Hales, Social studies consultant at Wayne RESA (And, if you would like a "Constitution Quiz" to use with your students, visit the MCHE website, www.michiganhistoryed.org, and click on "Quizzes.")

5. FREE "Teachers as Makers" Workshop at The Henry Ford on August 3rd and 4th

Hello! We are offering a free Teachers as Makers Workshop on August 3rd and 4th at The Henry Ford. The workshop, a follow-up to our Maker Faire—the Midwest's largest DIY (do-it-yourself) Festival--will

explore how makers and teachers can collaborate to foster 21st century skills and inspire innovation in the classroom. Also check out the link to The Henry Ford's website for more info on our first annual Maker Faire. <http://wiki.oercommons.org/mediawiki/index.php/HFM> www.thehenryford.org/events/makerFaire.aspx
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6. MiVote.org gives voters up-close view of candidates

Michigan's 2010 elections are different from any election we've known in our lifetimes. First, our state is seeing an unprecedented number of empty seats because term limits are forcing the retirements of Gov. Jennifer Granholm, Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land, Attorney General Mike Cox, 29 of 38 state senators and 34 of 110 state representatives. Throw in at least four hotly contested congressional races, and Michigan could see wholesale change come January. Second, technology has changed the way citizens interact with one another and is changing their expectations about how they are involved in the political process. **MiVote.org** is a nonpartisan, educational Web site designed to facilitate those conversations. The product of a collaboration between Detroit Public Television, the University of Michigan-Dearborn and the Center for Michigan, the site attempts to redefine voter guides. MiVote.org has published traditional candidate profiles, along with demographic data and statistics on individual districts. What makes MiVote.org unique, however, is providing a common platform for more than 200 candidates in open seat races to address voters directly. MiVote.org's mission also extends to education, offering a curriculum guide and suggested lesson plans, so teachers can take the message of civic responsibility into the classroom and prepare future voters. Be certain to visit MiVote.org for election info. (By Rich Hombert, President & General manager, Detroit public Television)

7. Historical Society of Michigan Moves to New Office

The Historical Society of Michigan announces its move to new quarters effective Tuesday, July 7. Located at 5815 Executive Drive on the south side of Lansing, the new office offers needed space for the Society and its subsidiary, Michigan History Magazine L3C, to better serve its members and subscribers as well as accommodate the organization's program and growth needs. Located approximately one mile north of the Cedar Avenue exit on Interstate 96, the new HSM office features 6,000 square feet of space and includes an education room that can accommodate workshops and lectures plus space for the Society's Michigan History Library collection. Phone and fax numbers will remain the same for both organizations along with all other contact information. The Historical Society of Michigan, the state's oldest cultural organization, was founded in 1828 by territorial governor Lewis Cass and explorer Henry Schoolcraft. For more information visit www.hsmichigan.org or email hsm@hsmichigan.org. The Historical Society of Michigan, 5815 Executive Dr. Lansing, MI 48911 517) 324-1828 FAX: (517) 324-4370

8. Michigan WHG Teachers 'Holocaust Memorial Center 2010 Educational Seminar'

Limited spots, so act now. SB-CEU and college credits can be earned. education@holocaustcenter.org for more information. **Time:** August 16, 2010 all day **Location:** Holocaust Museum **Organized By:** Eastern Michigan and the museum **Event Description:** Join scholars and survivors for a week-long seminar that will examine the Holocaust from the rise of Nazism to the deniers of today. This seminar can earn participants up to 9 SB-CEU credits or 3 graduate credits from Eastern Michigan University. **WHG Moving to Google Groups:** WHG Teachers on Ning.com is shutting down. I've created a new home for us on Google Groups. If you haven't already, go to <http://groups.google.com/group/whg-teachers>

9. Nomination Deadline for State History Awards is July 30.

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 several categories: For a list of Award categories, visit

www.hsmichigan.org Nominations are due in the HSM offices by 5pm on July 30, 2010. Postmarks are not accepted. Please note that there are new requirements this year in the nomination process. Please read the nomination form submission requirements carefully. To obtain a nomination form visit <http://www.hsmichigan.org/awards.php> .

10. Look!: Governor's Decision Room

The Archives of Michigan has developed a new and exciting education program focused on the Governor's decision-making process. Students will play the role of the Governor and the Cabinet as they examine actual reports placed before state leaders in times past. The issues will be tough ones, such as the events of the 1967 Detroit Riot. In three pre visit modules, students learn about the role of government officials, key situations and review documents leading up to a particular crisis. In the culminating experience, students travel to the Governor's Decision Room at the Archives of Michigan and deal with the crisis as it unfolded in real time using newspaper articles, letters from the public and reports from government inspectors, and advisors. The program will be open to high school student beginning in Fall 2010. The Decision Room consists of three classroom modules and one onsite module at the Archives. To learn more, contact the Archives of Michigan by visiting <http://seekingmichigan.org/look/2010/07/13/6778>

11. MotorCities Story of the Week "Woodward Avenue - the Spine of Detroit"

You'd be hard pressed to name a thoroughfare in any American community that has meant more to a city than Woodward Avenue has to Detroit. The 27-mile, eight lane road, which runs from the heart of downtown Detroit to the city of Pontiac going northwest, is the locale for four star restaurants, professional sporting events, entertainment venues, and some of the most renowned museums anywhere. Woodward has a long and colorful past which was actually laid out hundreds of years ago by Native American tribes who used what they called the Saginaw Trail to move goods from the Detroit River to points north, south and west. In 1701, French explorer Antoine Laumet de la Mothe Cadillac established Fort Ponchartrain du Detroit on the banks of the river. The fort eventually evolved into the settlement of Detroit. The British took control of Detroit in 1760 before ceding it to the United States as a result of the Revolutionary War in 1783, although the British did not relinquish control until 1796. Read more at:

<http://www.motorcities.org/Story/Woodward+Avenue++the+Spine+of+Detroit-168.html>

to get the weekly motor cities emails, email :Lisa Ambriez <lambriez@motorcities.org>

12. ArtServe's 2010 Election Strategy: Building a Foundation of Support for the Arts, Culture and Arts Education

This November, Michigan voters will go to the polls to elect a new Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, at least 29 of 38 State Senators, and 53 of 110 State Representatives. This unprecedented change in leadership offers Michigan citizens and arts advocates a unique opportunity to influence and shape our state's leaders for the future. Given the economic challenges facing our state, and the need for transformational leaders, Michigan voters must become more engaged in the selection of our leaders for tomorrow. As arts advocates, each of us bear responsibility to inform and educate our political candidates about the importance of the arts, culture and arts education for the future of Michigan, its people and communities. ArtServe's 2010 Election Strategy contains the key points that will build the foundation for your engagement in this year's election. In addition to these initiatives, also be aware that ArtServe is working "behind the scenes" to get to know the gubernatorial and other statewide candidates, preparing a social media campaign to maximize our arts advocacy messaging, and seeking new opportunities to infuse our platform into the mainstream election conversation.

To learn more about ArtServe's 2010 Election Strategy and download helpful resources, please visit the election section at <http://www.artservemichigan.org/?q=node/127>

As always, if you have any questions, ideas or comments to share, please do not hesitate to contact Mike Latvis, ArtServe's Director of Public Policy, at mike@artservemichigan.org or 248-379-5897.

13. Selected News Items from the History News Network (www.hnn.us)

***Lincoln tops in presidential tourism (7-20-10)

<http://hnn.us/roundup/41.html#129313>

Abraham Lincoln dwarfed other presidents in tourism to federally run sites in 2009, thanks in part to celebrations tied to the bicentennial of his birth. According to figures collected by the National Park Service, nearly 6.8 million people visited sites associated with Lincoln last year, including his memorial on the National Mall, Ford's Theatre and childhood homes in Kentucky, Indiana and Illinois. By contrast, 2.7 million people visited two sites associated with Franklin D. Roosevelt. Also high on the list were Founding Fathers Thomas Jefferson, George Washington and John Adams. To read the full article, with much fascinating info, visit www.congress.org/news/2010/07/14/lincoln_tops_in_presidential_tourism

***History buffs eye Canada's 'birth certificate'

<http://hnn.us/roundup/41.html#129307>

***Historian stages sleep-ins to save SC slave cabins

<http://hnn.us/roundup/14.html#129516>

***Chinese archaeologists' African quest for sunken ship of Ming admiral SOURCE: Guardian (UK)

It's another chapter in the now familiar story of China's economic embrace of Africa. Except that this one begins nearly 600 years ago. A team of 11 Chinese archaeologists will arrive in Kenya tomorrow to begin the search for an ancient shipwreck and other evidence of commerce with China dating back to the early 15th century. The sunken ship is believed to have been part of a mighty armada commanded by Ming dynasty admiral Zheng He, who reached Malindi in 1418. According to Kenyan lore, reportedly backed by recent DNA testing, a handful of survivors swam ashore. After killing a python that had been plaguing a village, they were allowed to stay and marry local women, creating a community of African-Chinese whose descendants still live in the area.... Read the full story at <http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2010/jul/25/kenya-china>

14. Are you reading "Michigan History"?

The July/August 2010 issue, now on newsstands, features such articles as (1) *Remember the Time: Making a Wish in the Mist* By Chris Lyon A resident of St. Joseph looks back on her childhood in this southwest Michigan community and the history of its iconic 19th-century fountain.; (2) *Nelson and Eliza Truckey: A Civil War Saga* By Chris Shanley-Dillman A great-great-great-granddaughter of the Truckeys shares the unusual story of a wife and mother of six who assumed responsibility for the lighthouse at Marquette Harbor while her keeper husband went to war. (3) *UAW: An Iconic Union Turns 75 Years* By Kathryn Dowgiewicz In the 1930s, a strike at Kelsey-Hayes Wheel Company marked the beginning of one of the most powerful labor unions that Michigan-and the nation-has ever known. A photo essay looks back at key events in United Auto Workers' history.; and (4) *Women with Wings: The WASP in Michigan* By Sarah Byrn Rickman Almost as fast as airplanes came off the assembly line, they were ferried to their destinations by an elite corps of fliers: the Women Air Service Pilots of Romulus AAB. Save 33% off the newsstand price by purchasing a subscription! Call (800) 366-3703 to place your order today!

15. Happy 75th Anniversary, Social Security!

(So, what would you expect from a retiree?) The 75th anniversary of Social Security is on August 14. The Retiree Alliance submitted testimony to the Subcommittee on Social Security of the House Ways and Means Committee for the record of a July 15 hearing, "Social Security at 75 Years: More Necessary Now Than Ever." In it, the Alliance addressed the incorrect words of deficit hawks who repeatedly claim that Social Security is to blame for the national debt, even though the program has not contributed to the federal deficit and maintains a \$2.5 trillion surplus. To see the testimony, go to <http://bit.ly/bi7qAJ> [<http://bit.ly/bi7qAJ>]. To find a Social Security 75th birthday event near you, go to <http://bit.ly/aTIDaP> [<http://bit.ly/aTIDaP>].

16. August 2010 Events (from Detroit History & Culture ecalendar compiled by Kathleen Marcaccio; To get your name on her email list, send her a note at dkosh@msn.com)

(A) **Detroit's Riverwalk: An Art & Architecture Tour, Sunday, August 8, 2010, 9am.** Join art and architecture historian Prof. Michael Farrell for this tour on 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 begins at the Rivard Plaza (Rivard & Atwater). \$20 per person; reservations and full payment to Art House must be made in advance. Visit www.arthousetours.com for details.

(B) **Preservation Wayne Annual Theatre Tour, Saturday, August 14, 2010.** This annual Theater District tour showcases the amazing architecture of downtown theaters in Detroit's premier entertainment district. Tour groups are limited in size and depart every half hour from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM. Tickets: \$40 per person; payment by cash, check, and MasterCard or Visa is accepted. Includes a boxed lunch at the Detroit Opera House. Reservations required. Note: Tours usually last between four and four and one half hours. Call 313) 577-7674 for reservations or more info. www.preservationwayne.org/tours_theater.php

(C) **Ste. Claire Voyageurs Annual Living History Encampment, Saturday and Sunday, August 28-29, 2010, 10am-5pm.** Come and learn about the history connected with the Voyageurs, early settlers, Native Americans, and military of the Great Lakes during the fur trade era. This reenactment includes demonstrations of canoe building, traditional crafts and skills, trade goods and artifacts, blacksmithing, campfire cooking, military life, cannons and weaponry, period music, dance, stories, lectures, and more! The event is held at the Metropolitan Beach Metropark. For additional information, contact 1-800-477-3172. www.macombcountymi.gov/historicalcommission/historyblog.htm

(D) **Diamond Jack's River Tours (June 10 through September 5, 2010 - Thursday through Sunday, 1:00 and 3:30 departures).** Enjoy a two-hour cruise on the sparkling waters of the Detroit River, the world's busiest international waterway. Passengers of all ages discover countless sights rich in history and anecdote during our expertly narrated river tours. **Two tours to choose from: Detroit and Wyandotte (Lower Detroit River).** Departing from both Hart Plaza in Detroit and Bishop Park in Wyandotte. \$17 Adults; \$15 Seniors (60 years of age and over); \$2 discount for AAA or AARP members. Tickets may be purchased on board the boat approximately 15 minutes prior to departure time. www.diamondjack.com/publictours.html"

17. Detroit Historical Society Behind the Scenes Tours

Every season, the Detroit Historical Society hosts special Behind the Scenes tours of historic locations and other venues throughout metro Detroit. These tours normally take place on Saturdays, but occasionally special tours take place during the week. We invite you to join us as we go Behind the Scenes of some of metro Detroit's most unique locations. Ticket Prices are, unless otherwise noted, : \$20 per person for Detroit Historical Society Members \$30 per person for Guests

Governor Warner Mansion & Museum Sat., July 31, 11 a.m.

Eastern Market Tour Sat., August 7 11 a.m.,

Elmwood Cemetery Sat., August 14 10 a.m., .

Indian Village Walking Tour Sat., August 21, 11 a.m.

Corktown Walking Tour Sat., August 28, 11 a.m.

Mt. Elliott Cemetery Sat., Sept. 11, 2 p.m.

Hamtramck Walking Tour Sat., Sept. 18 11 a.m.

Mill Race Village Sat., Sept. 25, 10 a.m.,

For info on these tours, on Special Events, and on historic Houses of Worship Tours, and to register, please visit www.detroithistorical.org

18. Mobile Ed Productions offers Great School, Class Assemblies, Programs

Bringing learning to life for over thirty years, Mobile Ed Productions' quality assembly programs for schools have been traveling the United States, educating and entertaining hundreds of thousands of students

with live educational programs and hands-on workshops. This year we're not only maintaining the quality of excellence you've come to expect from a Mobile Ed show...we're raising the bar! Are you seeking alternatives to field trips? Can you use exciting Elementary and Middle School assemblies to motivate your students to want to learn more? With just one call and with the aid of a professional program consultant, you can set up an entire season of quality programming from our library of educational presentations, from astronomy to zoology. It's Not Just School Assemblies. Mobile Ed's lineup of top-notch educational programs are such a hit in schools nationwide, you might want to think about having our performers entertain (and educate!) at your next family night, ice cream social, reward assembly, holiday party, or school fund raiser. The sky's the limit! Call 800.433.7459 or e-mail info@mobileedproductions.com For more info, visit www.mobileedproductions.com or write Mobile Ed at 26018 West Seven Mile Road, Redford, MI 48240

19. Bianco Tours, Inc., offers great student tours, charter bus services

From Washington, D.c. to Chicago, from Gettysburg to New York City, from Lansing State Capitol visits to overnights to historic Mackinac Island, Bianco can put together a package to benefit your student's learning experiences. Bianco Tours is a group tour and motor coach operator, specializing in student travel. With over 30 years of experience in the travel industry and a library of established tour itineraries, we are qualified to provide customized tours for your school. We can offer your student groups transportation only, or custom itinerary planning including hotels, restaurants, attractions and step-on multi-lingual tour directors. For more info, call **(800) 835-8904** or email our **Sales Department** at: junsworth@biancotours.com or braines@biancotours.com, email our **Charter Department** at: charterabus@biancotours.com or visit ww.biancotours.com

20. Ingall offers Walking, Driving Tours of Historic Monroe

David Ingall, former Assistant Director at the Monroe County Historical Museum offers tours for student and adult groups of key historic sites in the Monroe area. Among the locations are sites related to the life of George Armstrong Custer, the Battles of the River Raisin, and famous folks found in Historic Woodland Cemetery. Ingall may also be booked for informative, entertaining power point presentations on a variety of topics, including the Civil War, Custer, and the war of 1812. For more info, contact him at 734-847-9527 or dcicw@yahoo.com

21. Mackinac State Historic Parks gets Archaeology Grant

Mackinac State Historic Parks is getting a \$144,288 grant from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services to help inventory the Ft. Michilimackinac archaeology collection. The grant will help ensure artifacts are linked to their catalog records. The collection contains more than 122,000 artifacts or groups of artifacts.

22. Celebrate the Michigan Suffragist Movement!

On Sunday, Sept. 26, 2010, 2-4 pm, a new history exhibit on women's suffrage will open in the Michigan Women's Historical Center. This exhibit, "**Petticoat Patriots: How Michigan Women Won the Vote,**" explores the suffrage movement in Michigan and the patriots that worked to win the right to vote. If you have any questions or would like to schedule a speaker at your meetings about the exhibit and the suffrage movement in Michigan, please contact Emily Fijol, Assistant Director and Curator at efijol@michiganwomen.org or by phone at 517-484-1880 x202. the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame is located at 213 W Main Street, Lansing, MI 48933. For more info call 517/484-1880 or e-mail: info@michiganwomen.org

23. Book TV This Weekend Highlights

For the full scheduled, visit www.booktv.org
Saturday, July 31st

10am (ET) Approx. 35 min. Scoundrels in Law: The Trials of Howe and Hummel, Lawyers to the Gangsters, Cops, Starlets, and Rakes Who Made the Gilded Age *by Cait Murphy* **11am (ET)**
4pm (ET) Approx. 58 min. Declaration: The Nine Tumultuous Weeks When America Became Independent, May 1 - July 4, 1776 *by William Hogeland* **5pm (ET)**
Sunday, August 1st
4:15am (ET) Approx. 35 min. Scoundrels in Law: The Trials of Howe and Hummel, Lawyers to the Gangsters, Cops, Starlets, and Rakes Who Made the Gilded Age *by Cait Murphy* **5am (ET)**
8pm (ET) Approx. 58 min. Declaration: The Nine Tumultuous Weeks When America Became Independent, May 1 - July 4, 1776 *William Hogeland* **9pm (ET)**

24. Key Calendar Information Sources for Great Events and exhibits

NOTE: There are many good sources for events that you might find of special interest.

1. www.hsmichigan.org has a wonderful calendar of events arranged by regions within the state. I encourage local historical groups to submit info to the Historical Society of Michigan for posting on this site.
2. www.detroithistorical.org includes many worthwhile tours and programs throughout the year. While I include some in E-Notes, you really should visit their site to see all of their offerings.
3. www.preservationwayne.org offers a variety of Saturday and weekday evening walking tours. These are fascinating glimpses at many Detroit locations. Their August Theater Tour always sells out well in advance.
4. The Michigan Festival & Events Association produces an amazing collection of items available at www.michiganfun.com.
5. www.michiganhumanities.org, Michigan Humanities Council, include both programs and exhibits as well as info on grants that might help fund school and community public programs.
