

Electronic News Update from the Michigan Council for History Education September 1, 2010, Vol. VIII, No. 1

Dear Colleagues,

September is already here and this issue includes some ideas about great LABOR DAY WEEKEND activities. Annette and I were in Alaska for the past few weeks so I am late getting this info to you. I apologize.

I am very thankful to the many individuals who sent info to me for inclusion. This is one of the most diverse collections of items that I have produced. Could say more, but want to send this out.

Best wishes as you start another great school year!

Dr. Jim McConnell, Editor, MCHE E-Notes

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1. MCHE Conference Registration Now Open! Thurs., Nov. 4th, Ramada Inn, Lansing
Each fall the Michigan Council for History Education hosts a conference for elementary, middle, and secondary education teachers, professors in education and history, and college students on history, pedagogy, and the challenges of creating dynamic teaching strategies. This year’s conference will take place on Thursday, November 4th and will focus on *“Bringing History Home: Local Stories, Global Context”*. Download the Conference Registration Form [here](#) and if you mail your registration and payment by October 22nd, the conference fees are only \$50 for MCHE Members, \$80 for Non-members (MCHE and NCHE membership is included in this price), and \$25 for college students. Conference fees will go up after October 22nd, so reserve your spot for this important event!

2. Historic Fort Wayne needs your support....

The Historic Fort Wayne Headquarters is under consideration for a Community Challenge Grant from the National Trust for Historic Preservation. You can help by voting at:

http://my.preservationnation.org/site/News2?page=NewsArticle&id=9451&security=2862&s_interest=3108 If that doesn't work, click on the website link:

http://my.preservationnation.org/site/PageServer?pagename=TPM_CC_Map

3. Weekly eCalendar of Detroit History and Cultural Heritage Events 9/1/10

Welcome, September! My, how fast the summer has gone!!! Hope you enjoy these last few days of summer!!

A. *Reminder: The Detroit Historical Museum is open on Saturday and Sunday this weekend and then closes for 3 weeks to install new exhibits. The Museum reopens on Saturday, September 25.*

**** The Diamond Jack River Cruise closes for the season following its Sunday, September 5 cruises.*

B, Looking for interesting things to do this weekend?

B-1. Detroit International Jazz Festival - Friday, September 3 through Monday, September 6.

Details in the eCalendar. FYI...I'll be there Sunday afternoon to see LL7, a local Latin jazz group that my husband Dave plays with. He's the drummer.

B-2. 2010 Romeo Peach Festival - Thursday, September 2 through Monday, September 6 -

www.peachfestromeo.com/

B-3. Arts, Beats & Eats 2010 - Friday, September 3 through Monday, September 6 - now in

downtown Royal Oak!! Enjoy terrific music from both local and national acts, great food from local restaurants, all sorts of arts and crafts to buy, plus children's activities!! <http://www.artsbeatseats.com/>
FYI...I'll be there Friday evening to see Thornetta Davis perform at 9:45; my husband Dave is on the gig!!

B.4. Thumbfest 2010 - Saturday, September 4 - Lexington

A FREE all-day music festival for the entire family spotlighting acoustic music from traditions as diverse as New Orleans brass to Celtic, PanWorld to blues, Eastern European to Americana as played by many Detroit and Southeastern Michigan musicians. There are multiple stages, workshops, jam sites, dance hall, song circles, children's stage area, crafts, and a Hootenanny at the end of the night. Be sure to bring your instrument, lawn chairs AND your singing voice so you can participate in the events.

<http://www.thumbfest.org/> *FYI...we'll be there with the Nicky Boy Street Band, playing some good old-fashioned New Orleans jazz!!*

B-5. Hamtramck Labor Day Festival - Friday, September 3 through Monday, September 7.

B-6. Annual Labor Day Parade - Monday, September 6 - 10am Woodward Avenue - 11:30 Rally at Hart Plaza

For more, check out Detroit Moxie's Weekly Roundup at <http://www.detroitmoxie.com/>.

(from Kathleen Marcaccio <dkosh@msn.com> (To subscribe to Kathleen's weekly ecalendar, just send her an email. It is a valuable service for Southeast Michigan.)

4. Historical Society of Michigan's 136th Annual History Conference, Oct. 15-17, Frankenmuth

Among the featured keynotes: "Frankenmuth: From Isolation to Invitation" by Alan Knoll, "The Home Front: WWII in Saginaw, Bay City and Midland" presented by Eric Jylha, and "The Bronners and Zehnders: Frankenmuth's Famous Families" with Judy Zehnder Keller and Wayne Bronner sharing their family's stories. For more information or to register for the conference, visit www.hsmichigan.org or call (800) 692-1828.

5. Register Now for the 2011 NCHE Conference

The Causes and Consequences of Civil Wars, Charleston, SC, March 31-April 2, [2011 NCHE \(National Council for History Education Conference\)](http://www.nche.net/conference/for_attendees/registration.html) There are two ways to register for the 2011 Conference. Please go to: http://www.nche.net/conference/for_attendees/registration.html A PDF version of the registration can be printed from this page. Please send the completed form to: National Council for History Education,

Attn: Conference Registration , 7100 Baltimore Avenue, Suite 510, College Park, MD 20740 or fax the completed form to:(240) 770-3964 An online registration form can be completed from this page as well. The 2011 Conference Hotel is the Charleston Marriott.

6. The Detroit Historical Museum offers Field trips for grades 3 through 12

If you are interested in learning specifics about how the Detroit Historical Museum's tours meet the State of Michigan's new Social Studies Content Expectations, visit www.detroithistorical.org

There is a lot to see and do at the Detroit Historical Museum. Our standard tours will give you and your students an adventure by walking through the history of Detroit and the state of Michigan. We offer a variety of tours to choose from. We also provide trained docents and staff to give your students an educational and exciting view of history! In addition, we offer two exciting enhancements to the standard tours, our Storyliving presentation and Historic Mackinac on Tour. The popular Historic Mackinac on Tour, also one hour in length, features interpreters in full colonial costume that will draw your group into an interactive demonstration of colonial life. But you better hurry to reserve your space for this one. It's only available for one week (March 8-12, 2010) and typically sells out fast. Please read our Group Tour Planning Information Sheet - which contains the answers to several Frequently Asked Questions about parking, registration and payment. If you'd prefer to speak with one of our School Tour Representatives, please call us at 313.833.1733 or visit www.detroithistorical.org

7. Congratulations to Michigan's TAH Grant Recipients

The latest round of Teaching American history grant awards included two Michigan applicants. For a complete list of awards, visit <http://www.ed.gov/news/press-releases/education-secretary-duncan-announces-1153-million-124-grants-improve-teaching-am> The Michigan winners are:

- MI -- ALPENA -- Alpena-Montmorency-Alcona Educational Service District, Gary Goren, goren@amaesd.k12.mi.us, \$498,252.
- MI -- STANTON -- Montcalm Area Intermediate School District, Rebecca Bush, rjbush@ioniaisd.org, \$999,991.

For information on the possible future status of the TAH Grant program, visit the MCHE webpage, www.michiganhistoryed.org

8. Teacher Appreciation Day at The Henry Ford on Sat., Sept. 25, 9 a.m. -5 p.m.

Enjoy FREE admission for educators and one guest to Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village. Attend our 60 minute NEW Edventures in Learning at The Henry Ford from 9:30-10:30 a.m. or 11:00 a.m-12:00 p.m.. to receive complimentary admission for you and a guest to the Ford Rouge Factory Tour and an educational film at the IMAX Theatre! Register online at www.thehenryford.com/education for a day of education, inspiration and fun!

9. "Fill Up the Canvas" with Lewis & Clark Primary Sources from the Library of Congress

An amazing collection of primary source materials describing the exploration of the Louisiana Territory and the Great Journey west to the Pacific Ocean by the Lewis & Clark expedition is available from the Library of Congress "American memory" website, www.loc.gov. Using the "Fill Up the canvas" map, a set of five lessons were developed by Margy Barile, Library Media Specialist, Haslett High School., The lessons were developed in the MCHE/Wayne RESA July 1010 "Teaching with Primary Sources" Institute. Check them out at <http://writer.zoho.com/public/mbarile/lewis-and-clark-lesson2/script>

10. News from the History News network (www.hnn.us)

***Democracy's Lawyer: The Saga of Felix Grundy NEDA RAEKER

<http://www.hnn.us/articles/129713.html>

*****Once deadly warriors, today tourist draw: Polish city trying to cash in on Teutonic knights

<http://hnn.us/roundup/41.html#129824>

****A Glittering Crossroads of Faiths at a Mosque in Damascus

<http://hnn.us/roundup/41.html#129823>

****Oldest university on earth is reborn after 800 years

<http://hnn.us/roundup/41.html#129884>

****Judge dismisses Geronimo lawsuit

<http://hnn.us/roundup/41.html#130102>

****Oldest house in Britain discovered to be 11,500 years old

<http://hnn.us/roundup/41.html#130101>

^^^Great article on History Textbook Wars: *Textbooks and History Standards: An Historical Overview” by Robin Lindley at [/www.hnn.us/articles/130766.html](http://www.hnn.us/articles/130766.html)

11. Summer Vacation & Student achievement

The August 2, 2010, issue of Time magazine featured a fascinating story. “The Case against summer vacation,” that should be read by all educators. Not only was the article thought-provoking, but it also included references to some interesting sources. Two were a brief video “Two steps Forward” on YouTube, and an American Library Association reading list at www.ala.org. For more ideas, see the article.

12. Welcome to Vote iQ

Imagine a site that revolutionizes politics for the 21st century—welcome to Vote iQ, the nation’s first major social networking site built expressly for politics.<http://www.voteiq.com>

Just as Facebook is your social network and LinkedIn is your professional network, Vote iQ is your nonpartisan political network. * Get the basic facts from nonpartisan sources about 70,000 people involved in politics—and find out where they really stand on the issues. * Read in-depth and unbiased analyses of today’s hottest political topics: * Express your views, debate topics, and post links to blogs, podcasts, videos, images, and more. Join other HNN (History News Network) members who are taking part in politics as it is played in the 21st century. Join Vote iQ today at www.voteiq.com and join the conversation!

13. Professional Development Opportunities

Occasionally, professional development opportunities will come to NCHE’s attention that we believe will be of value to our members. The National Humanities Center, planned under the auspices of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, began operation in North Carolina in 1978. NHC is an independent institute whose goal is to promote the teaching, scholarship, and public understanding of the humanities. It has a regular calendar of Professional Development opportunities specifically designed for American history and literature teachers. Go to online professional development for more information.

14. Detroit Historical Museum closing for annual Recess; Sept. 5 marks last chance to see four exhibits; Reopens Sept. 23

The Detroit Historical Museum will remain open through Labor Day Weekend and close to the public at the end of the day Sunday, September 5th for a three-week recess. The Detroit Historical Society will install four new exhibitions before reopening to the public the weekend of September 24-26. Among the new exhibitions opening in September, a main attraction will be Saying I Do: Metro Detroit Weddings, an exhibit devoted to exploring the diverse cultural heritage of our area and community rituals surrounding getting married over three centuries. Another new exhibition, entitled WWJ Newsradio 950: 90 Years of Innovation, will share the station’s rich history through a variety of unique artifacts, photographs, audio and video. Fabulous 5 will showcase “Detroit’s Historic Retailers,” including Crowley Milner & Co., Ernst Kern Co., Fyfe’s Shoe Store, J. L. Hudson Co., and S.S. Kresge Co. The Detroit Historical Museum, located at 5401 Woodward Ave. (NW corner of Kirby) in Detroit’s Cultural Center area, is open to the public Wednesday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from Noon to 5 p.m. On Mondays and Tuesdays, the Museum is not open to the public but available for group tours by

calling (313) 833-7979. Permanent exhibits include the famous Streets of Old Detroit , Frontiers to Factories, The Motor City , and The Glancy Trains. For more info, call (313) 833-1805 or visit www.detroithistorical.org.

15. Black Historic Sites to host screening of 102nd U.S. Colored Troops documentary, Tues., Sept. 14 at the Detroit Historical Museum

The Detroit Historical Society's Black Historic Sites Committee invites the public to a special screening of excerpts from "Lest We Forget" by local filmmaker Jeffrey O'Den showing Tues., Sept. 14, 6 – 8 p.m. at the Detroit Historical Museum's Louise C. Booth Auditorium. The program is free to the public, but reservations are required by Friday, September 10 with a call to (313) 833-1262. The Committee will also have information available for those interested in learning more about the group or in volunteering for upcoming activities as it celebrates its 40th anniversary.

(from Bob Sadler, Detroit Historical Society)

16. Glory, Valor & Sacrifice: Southeast Michigan Civil War Remembrance Tour.

These all-inclusive tours feature expert narration by Dave Ingall, a leisurely stop at a nice local restaurant or pub and relaxing travel aboard a modern mini-motorcoach.

(A) September 25: **Remember the Raisin! Walking Tour** Join Dave Ingall on these exciting walking tours of the River Raisin Battlefield and related neighboring sites of interest. Dave, a former interpreter at the Battlefield museum, will provide expert narration on the bloodiest battle fought during the War of 1812, also known as America's second battle for independence.

(B) Sept 16 – 20: **Michigan at Gettysburg, a Civil War Tour you won't want to miss**

Join Hometown History Tours and Civil War historian Dave Ingall as we recount the heroic contributions made by the Michigan Regiments as they fought and sacrificed during this horrific yet pivotal battle to preserve our Nation Final payment due August 31. For further details on these tours or to register, please visit: www.hometownhistorytours.com Or, call 734.642.5712. Remember, register early and save!

17. Opportunities for Teachers

A. Macedonian Festival, St. Mary's Orthodox Church, 43123 Ryan Rd., Sterling Heights, August 28-29, 12:00 – 9:00 pm

There will be a variety of events and ethnic foods for sampling, dancing, and enjoyment for all ages. In addition to celebrating Macedonian culture, this year we welcome the Consul of Mexico, Mr. Sanchez-Ventura along with the Mexican folk-dancing group *Ballet Folklorico*. Together with *K.U.D. Tanec*, our dance group they will perform on Saturday at 4 pm. _____

B. The American Presidency and Philanthropy Since the Civil War

Loosemore Auditorium, Grand Valley State University, 401 Fulton St. West, Grand Rapids , Sept. 16-17,

A keynote address by GVSU professor Richard Gunderman on September 16 at 7 p.m. will kick off this GVSU Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies series on the presidency and philanthropy in America. Gunderman will compare and contrast the contributions of Presidents Herbert Hoover and John F. Kennedy. On September 17 the event will resume at 7:30 a.m. for breakfast and sessions on Adam Smith, the development of philanthropy, public/private partnerships and a book discussion. The event will wrap up at 2:45 p.m. | Details and registration at www.allpresidents.org

C. Regardez!! Rendez-vous Belle Rivière "A Little Bit of French Next Door"

September 17th & 18th, Notre Dame Street Closed Dupuis to Chisholm, 4 to 11 pm Fiddling Contest Authentic French Cuisine Music & Dancing in the Street Unique Vendors Creative Kids Zone Youth Activities Cooking Demonstrations Folklore & Storytelling

<http://www.rendezvousbelleriver.com/> Belle River is not far from Detroit, in Ontario on Lake St. Clair.

D. Teacher Workshop: Southeast Asian Art and Culture, Forrest McGill, Asian Art Museum,

San Francisco, University of Michigan Museum of Art Galleries and Multipurpose Room, 525 South State Street, Ann Arbor, 4:00 – 8:00 pm, Wed., October 6, The University of Michigan Museum of Art and the U-M Center for Southeast Asian Studies will cosponsor an exciting workshop for educators highlighting traditional and contemporary art from Thailand and Cambodia. Teachers will have a private tour of this material with renowned scholar and U-M alumnus, Forrest McGill. They will also be introduced to UMMA's celestial Apsara made of decommissioned weapons. As always, the event begins with a light meal and all participants receive teaching materials to take back to the classroom. Registration required. Email Pam Reister at preister@umich.edu or Jann Wesolek at jannwes@umich.edu for more info.

E. The Michigan Council for History Education Annual Conference

Ramada Inn, Lansing, Michigan, Thursday, November 4, The conference is titled Bringing History Home: Local Stories, Global Contexts. The 2010 MCHE Annual Conference will explore the teaching and learning of history in different sites including classrooms (elementary, middle, high school), museums, and other public history sites. Conference sessions could address how local, state, national, and global histories are creatively explored or reinforced at these various sites as well as examine the connections between literacy and teaching history. MCHE welcomes proposals that address this broad theme as well as submissions addressing other aspects of history education. For more info about the Michigan Council for History Education please visit <http://www.michiganhistoryed.org/> or contact Dorothy Ebersole, Curator of Education, The Henry Ford, Dearborn, MI, 313-982-6036 (phone), dorothye@thehenryford.org

F. Michigan Council for the Social Studies 55th Annual Conference

Radisson Plaza Hotel & Suites, 100 W. Michigan Ave, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

November 8-9, MCSS is pleased to announce that sociologist and noted author Dr. James Loewen will be the keynote speaker at the MCSS Annual Conference in Kalamazoo. Please mark your calendars for Sunday, November 7, 2010 to hear the man who brought us Lies My Teacher Told Me, which has sold over 800,000 copies. In addition, he will be doing at least two sessions on Monday, November 8, 2010. Online Registration will be available September 7, 2010. For registration fees, see <http://www.mcssmi.org/conferences.html?Itemid=28>
<http://www.radisson.com/hotels/mikalama>

G. National Council for the Social Studies, 90th Annual Conference, Denver, Colorado ,

November 12-14, More than 400 sessions, workshop, clinics, and poster presentations will highlight the best of social studies teaching and learning. For more info: www.socialstudies.org/conference

H. Save the Date! World History Initiative: Teaching Globally Comparative Approaches to World History and Geography Era Seven (1900-1045) of the Michigan Social Studies Framework Fri., Dec. 3, Sat. Dec. 4 & 11, University of Michigan School of Education 610 E. University Ave. Ann Arbor

A professional development workshop for high school world history/geography teachers presented by the University of Michigan International Institute, School of Education, and the Eisenberg Institute Global Dimensions Project. Further details coming in September.

Information from Sylvia M. Meloche, International Institute, The University of Michigan,
meloches@umich.edu

18. Interesting Articles on Railroads

In the July-August issue of **Michigan History**, there is an article by Railroad Historian Bob Cosgrove dealing with the history of the Detroit-Windsor Railroad Tunnel entitled "A Tunnel Turns 100." Michigan History should be available in most libraries and at larger newsstands. Subscriptions are available for \$19.95 annually (6 issues). Call 800-366-3703 or check their website at www.michiganhistorymagazine.org to order.

In the July-August issue of Preservation, photographer Eric Smith has a five page photo spread of fantastic interior shots of Detroit 's Michigan Central Depot in an article entitled " Detroit 's Haunting Depot".

Preservation should be available in most libraries. It is the membership publication of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Call 800-315-6847 or visit preservationnation.org/magazine for information. (Info from Hugh Gurney)

19. 1812 Events at the Troy Museum

The Troy Museum and Historic Village at 60 W. Wattles Rd (17 Mile Rd) in Troy: is hosting two War of 1812 events in November. Museum phone is 248-524-3570,

(A) Wed. Nov. 10, 10am to 3pm, MEET THE US MARINES OF 1812

Celebrate the 235th birthday of our country's oldest military unit with members of the Brooks' Detachment, US Living History Marine Corps of 1812. Learn about the Marine history 1805-1815, and the Battle of Lake Erie. Visit a period

encampment. A celebration cake will be ceremoniously cut with a sword and served at 1pm. Event is part of the \$3.00 admission fee.

(B) Wed. Nov. 17, (time not known, please call), MARINES IN THE GREAT LAKES

Troy resident Don Burzynski, upcoming author " The Leathernecks: From the Shores of Tripoli to the Halls of Montezuma 1805-1847", will present a slide show about how the US Marines stopped the British from claiming the Michigan territory. Fee: \$5.00 at the door; Refreshments provided.

(Info from Michael W. R. Davis, Algonquin Club)

20. Michigan History - underwater and on land

This via the Museum of Underwater Archeology website, fyi -

<http://anthroview.blogspot.com/2010/08/archeology-on-land-and-water.html>

(A fascinating article sent to me by Guven Witteveen, The University of Michigan)

21. geography & history: Earth from above

These 2 dozen photos are real attention getters or warm-ups for kids, Earth from Above

<http://justpaste.it/3ky> (Sent to me by Guven Witteveen, The University of Michigan)

22. Photo Contest for HS kids to compete for Japan travel. fyi:

We are pleased to announce that applications to the "Photo and Essay Division" of the 32nd "Yomiuri Photo Grand Prix" organized by the Yomiuri Shimbun is now open to high school students from overseas. This competition has its beginnings in the "Lives of Japanese High School Students: Photo and Message Contest," which was held under the auspices of the Japan Forum (TJF) from 1997 to 2006. [Who is eligible?] Persons who are senior high school students as of November 2010 or those of equivalent status, and persons interested in Japan. Grand Prix: Award to 1 person of airfare for travel to Narita of up to 300,000 yen for the prize-winner and for one parent or guardian (Costs exceeding 300,000 yen to be borne by the travelers)

[Guidelines and application form h www.tjf.or.jp/thewayweare2/en/index.html

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(More info sent to me by Guven Witteveen, The University of Michigan)

23. Article on the Civil War Sesquicentennial

By Allen Guelzo and worth reading: at

http://www.gettysburgtimes.com/opinion/staff_columns/article_5570d016-8152-5961-9c8b-fe5bed4a2a5e.html (from Jack Dempsey, Chair, Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee)

24. Stabler receives Fulbright Award

Scott Stabler, assistant professor of history at Grand Valley State University, has been selected to receive a

Fulbright award to Ghana. As part of the award, Stabler will strive to increase mutual understanding between the people of the U.S. and Ghana. Stabler will use the grant to study and teach at the University of Cape Coast in Ghana during the winter semester, 2011. "I will be teaching in both the College of Education and for the Department of History," said Stabler. "My research will focus on how schools in Ghana teach the history of the African slave trade to the Americas." Stabler has taught at Grand Valley since 2004, following positions at Arizona State University, University of Houston and elsewhere. Among his previous awards, in 2007, Stabler was honored as Grand Valley's Inspirational Historian of the Year, and named Mel Miller Mentor of the Year by the Michigan Council for Social Studies.

25. History Detectives on PBS, Monday, 9/6, 9-10 p.m. ET

A family clock that may have been used to keep time for the entire Midwest during the 19th century; a document that may be linked to a religion founded by an American-born woman. Also: what went wrong with a WWII dog-training program on Cat Island.

26. Michigan Archaeology Day, Sat., Oct. 2, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Michigan Historical Museum, Lansing

Each year, the Michigan Historical Museum and the Office of the State Archaeologist team up to present one of the state's most anticipated archaeology events for the general public—Michigan Archaeology Day at the Michigan Historical Museum. Details at http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,1607,7-153-54463_54464_18628-84871--,00.html

27. The Jingle Ball, Sat., Nov., 20, 7 to 11 p.m. Michigan Historical Museum, Lansing

The Michigan History Foundation invites you to the 2010 Jingle Ball, a premier holiday event held the night after Silver Bells in the City kicks off the holiday season in mid Michigan. The Jingle Ball raises funds that every year help 80,000 children discover Michigan history. Details at

http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,1607,7-153-54463_54464_18628-122777--,00.html

28. Summer 2010 Teaching with Primary Sources Quarterly Now Available

The Summer 2010 issue of *Teaching with Primary Sources (TPS) Quarterly* is now available at <http://www.loc.gov/teachers/tps/quarterly/>. This issue focuses on the theme of supporting English language learners with primary sources. Previous issues on themes including supporting inquiry learning, promoting critical thinking, and teaching historical thinking using primary sources are also available in both html and pdf versions through the *TPS Quarterly* archive.
