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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I am pleased to get this issue out as 2010 draws to a close and we have hope that 2011 will begin with Spartan, Wolverine, and Lion victories. The new year offers many amazing opportunities for new experiences and learning. I hope you will be able to take advantage of at least a few of the items in this issue of E-Notes.

The July 16-25 Great Lakes War of 1812 Historic Sites Tour is certainly something i have never done before, but hope you can join Annette and me in a journey of experiencing key battlefields, forts and other historic sties of the War of 1812. Attached is a flyer providing complete details. For a great 1812 experience, be certain to be in Monroe on Sat., Jan. 22nd. (Details below and at www.riverraisinbattlefield.org)

For other great experiences, check out the NEH and Gilder-Lehrman summer Institutes and consider nominating a colleague for the Gilder-Lehrman and MCHE Annette & Jim McConnell History Educator Awards.

May 2011 be both professionally and personally rewarding,

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.

Check out the recent postings at www.michiganhistoryed.org

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

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

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1. Gilder Lehrman Award Nomination Deadline is Feb. 1st

In cooperation with the Michigan Council for History Education (MCHE), the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History and Preserve America announce the annual Preserve America History Teacher of the Year Award, which honors outstanding teachers of American history across the country. NOTE; the 2011 nominee must be a full-time ELEMENTARY school teacher who teaches American history. Any questions about eligibility or procedures should be sent to state award coordinator: Gordon Andrews, andrewgo@gvsu.edu For detailed instructions on submitting the nomination, visit www.michiganhistoryed.org and click on "Awards" on the top bar.

2. MCHE, Mich. Historical Commission, Edward Surovell Realtors sponsor Civil War Sesquicentennial Essay Contest

Working with Edward surovell Realtors and the Michigan Historical Commission, MCHE is pleased to announce a Civil War Essay Contest open to 3rd-12th graders. The contest focuses on the role of any Michigan community in the Civil War. More info and a pdf entry form can be found under the Workshops and Special Events link at www.michiganhistoryed.org.

3. Contact Info available on 2010 MCHE Conference Exhibitors

MCHE would like to thank the businesses and non-profit organizations that contributed to the success of the 2010 conference. For your convenience, our website, www.michiganhistoryed.org, now contains a list of contact info on the exhibitors. If you would like to contact any of the exhibitors, please click "Conferences" for a pdf with full contact information.

4. MCHE works with Michigan War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission to offer July 16-25 Great Lakes War of 1812 Historic Sites Tour

For ten days in July, experience the Great Lakes War of 1812 Historic Sites Motorcoach Tour, sponsored by the Michigan Commission on the Commemoration of the Bicentennial of the War of 1812 and the Michigan Council for History Education, a K- University teacher organization. From July 16 to July 25, 2011, registered participants will visit strategic War of 1812 historic sites in states and provinces around the Great Lakes, hearing historic commentary throughout the tour by War of 1812 Commissioner Dr. Jim McConnell. "This tour provides a great opportunity to visit many fascinating and important Great Lakes historic sites related to the War of 1812," said Phil Porter, commission chairman and director of Mackinac State Historic Parks. Registration is now open. The price, which includes lodging, most meals, and admission to more than thirty historic sites, is \$1,812. For a detailed tour brochure or more information, email McConnell at jam1776@sbcglobal.net or visit www.michigan.gov/war1812.

5. Jackie Robinson Art, Essay and Poetry contest presented by the Detroit Tigers

Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier in his April 15, 1947 debut with the Brooklyn Dodgers, marking a milestone in baseball history. As a way of keeping the memory of Jackie Robinson alive, the Detroit Tigers invite middle and high school students from the metro Detroit region to enter the 2011 Jackie Robinson Art, Essay and Poetry contest by submitting an original essay, poem, or work of art in honor of Robinson. Contest Deadlines Entries (with entry form) to Tigers by Friday, March 4, 2011 by 5 PM For contest guidelines and an entry form, visit <http://nieonline.com/detroit/2010jackierobinsonpromo.cfm>

6. Sat., Jan. 22nd, Celebrate Michigan Statehood Day, Lansing

The Michigan Historical Museum's Statehood Day celebration gathers together crafters, costumed interpreters and musicians for the enjoyment of the entire family. The first 100 visitors enjoy a piece of birthday cake. The event is free of charge. For more info, visit www.michigan.gov/museum

7. Sat., Jan. 22, War of 1812 Battle of River Raisin Reenactment, Monroe

10 a.m.-noon River Raisin National Battlefield Park, Monroe

The annual commemoration of the historic Battle of the River Raisin will take place on the 198th anniversary of the actual date of the battle. In the afternoon, Dr. Larry Nelson will discuss the War of 1812 at the Monroe County Historical Museum. These activities are free and open to the public. The evening features a Dancing through Time competition of period dances at the Monroe County Community College. Tickets must be purchased in advance. For more info, visit www.riverraisinbattlefield.org.

8. *With Liberty and Justice for All* Symposium Mon., Jan. 17, "Courthouse Stories: The Everyday Life of Freedom"

Every year, the Henry Ford honors the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. by hosting a major symposium inspired by his human rights work. Please join us this year as Professor Martha S. Jones reveals fascinating insights from her current research on the history of the nineteenth century transition from slavery to freedom. All activities are free of charge with advanced registration. Visit www.thehenryford.org/events/symposium.aspx# for more information and to register for this FREE symposium

9. Professional Development Learning Spas for Educators

January 22, February 12, March 12, March 26 and April 30, May 14, 2011

(9am-5:30pm) Learn, share, co-design and get energized and rejuvenated to teach!

•Transportation in America Jan. 22, •American Democracy & Civil Rights Feb. 12, •Science & Technology March 12, •American Innovation March 26, •Family & Community Life April 30, •America's Industrial Revolution May 14, CEUs offered through Wayne RESA (Fee \$10)/pending approval. Fee: \$80 per person per session (includes materials, coffee, lunch and admission to the thematic site.) Teachers who attend all spas will receive a content training endorsement certificate from The Henry Ford. Contact 313-982-6001 or visit www.thehenryford.org/events/learningSpas.aspx for more info and to register.

10. NEH Landmarks of American History Workshop: America's Industrial Revolution at The Henry Ford, July 17-22 & August 7-12, Dearborn

Join teachers from all over the country to experience 150 years of technology evolution in a week, using the historic sites and staff expertise of The Henry Ford, a six-time recipient of NEH grants funding this program. Visit www.thehenryford.org/neh/ for more info & application guidelines. (from Dorothy Ebersole, Curator of Education, The Henry Ford)

11. Look!: The "Seeking Michigan" Archives website

(A) Civil War Scavenger Hunt: The Michigan Historical Center now offers a Civil War scavenger hunt! While visiting the Center, you can play the game on a cell phone. To learn more, click here:

<http://seekingmichigan.org/look/2010/11/30/scavenger>

(B) "A Civilian at Heart" Today (Dec. 7) marks the 69th anniversary of the Pearl Harbor attack. To mark the occasion, archivist Mary Zimmeth examines some letters from World War II. Also: Take a look at the U.S.S. Prairie State, a ship that – according to some – looks like a floating barn! Visit

http://seekingmichigan.org/look/2010/12/07/robert_craig (from Bob Garrett, Archives of Michigan, DNR, garrettr1@michigan.gov)

12. Detroit Historical Society E-News You Can Use

(A) The Detroit Historical Society Welcomes Our New Director of Education

The Detroit Historical Society has hired **Tobi Voigt** for the position of **Director of Education**. She is responsible for developing programs, tours, and materials for school-age audiences, and contributing to gallery programs for walk-in visitors at both the Detroit Historical Museum and Dossin Great Lakes Museum.

(B) Historic Mackinac on Tour is coming to the Detroit Historical Museum!

This popular, award winning program will be visiting the Detroit Historical Museum **March 7-11, 2011**. This is a chance for your students to experience history first-hand! Historic Mackinac on Tour is a hands-on program that brings the history of the island to life with interactive demonstrations of colonial life. Activities include: bartering for trade goods with furs; carrying a fur bale through portage; starting a fire with flint and steel; dressing in historic clothing; and the music and dance of historic Mackinac. Historic Mackinac on Tour performances are available for \$350 and are approximately 90 minutes long. Financial assistance may be available to qualifying schools; please contact us at 313.833.1733. There are a limited number of Historic Mackinac on Tour performances available; call us at 313.833.1733 to schedule your field trip today!

(C) Join the Detroit Historical Society Teacher Advisory Board

Do you love Detroit and Great Lakes history? Do you have ideas that can help the Detroit Historical Society better meet your instructional needs? If yes, then please consider joining our new **Teacher Advisory Board!** The Detroit Historical Society is looking for enthusiastic teachers to help us create new school programs and classroom curriculum materials. Time commitment is minimal; the Advisory Board meets twice a year at the Detroit Historical Museum to review and shape new educational initiatives. If you are interested and would like more info, please contact Tobi Voigt, Director of Education, at **313.833.0481** or tobiv@detroithistorical.org

(D) SPECIAL DISCOUNTS on Historical Perspectives and Maritime History Tours The Detroit Historical Society is offering a **20% discount** on our **Historical Perspectives Tour** at the Detroit Historical Museum and our **Maritime History Tour** at the Dossin Great Lakes Museum. This special price of **\$4 per person** is available when you call **313.833.1733** to schedule your tour before **February 28, 2011**. Call us at **313.833.1733** to schedule your tour today!

13. 2011 Gilder Lehrman Summer Seminars

K-12 history teachers are invited to apply to the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History for its 2011 Summer Seminars series. These one-week seminars give educators the opportunity to deepen their knowledge of topics in American history: thirty-nine seminars available addressing broad array of topics. For more info and to apply online, visit [/www.gilderlehrman.org](http://www.gilderlehrman.org). **Application deadline is Feb. 1, 2011**

14. NEH Summer 2011 Workshops

The National Endowment for the Humanities offers, as part of its *We the People* program, "Landmarks of American History and Culture Workshops" for School Teachers. These NEH Workshops provide the

opportunity for K-12 educators to engage in intensive study and discussion of important topics in American history and culture. For complete info, visit www.neh.gov **Application deadline: March 1, 2011**

15. 2011 MWSA Conference, Sat., March 26, Eberhard Center, GVSU, Grand Rapids

The Michigan Women's Studies Association, Grand Valley State University Women and Gender Studies Program and Women's Center co-sponsor 2011 Conference: "Leading the Way: Feminism, Education, and Social Change" Keynote Speaker: Professor Susan Douglas, Chair, University of Michigan Department of Communication, & author of *Enlightened Sexism: The Seductive Message That Feminism's Work is Done*. Sessions presented on many topics on women's and/or gender issues and debates from all fields and disciplines. More info, including program details and registration materials, available at www.gvsu.edu/wgs. (from Sandy Soifer, Executive Director, Michigan Women's Historical Center & Hall of Fame, ssoifer@michiganwomen.org or visit www.michiganwomenshalloffame.org)

16. Masco Corporation Foundation presents "Find Your Place in History" at the Detroit Historical Museum

On the third Sunday of every month through August 2011, admission will be FREE. In addition, there will be docent-led tours of the Streets of Old Detroit from Noon-3pm each day. The Detroit Historical Society has announced its 2011 Winter Behind the Scenes Tours and other programs. The tours often sell out quickly so be sure to take a look at the quarter's offerings and make your reservations soon.

http://detroithistorical.org/main/upcoming/behind_scenes.aspx

17. NCHE Annual Conference: The Causes and Consequences of Civil Wars

Each spring, the National Council for History Education holds a national conference. NCHE chooses a conference site which parallels the anniversary of a significant event in American and World history. The national conference is a place where everyone who loves to teach and learn history can come together and share. NCHE encourages conference proposals that illustrate collaboration and history education.

On March 31-April 2, The NCHE Annual Conference will present "The Causes and Consequences of Civil Wars" in Charleston, SC . The example of Sumter raises all kinds of other questions about how and why civil wars begin and end. Enriching field trip experiences enhance the sessions, with tours scheduled for Thursday, March 30th. A program highlight is a Friday evening visit to Fort Sumter. For more info and registration details, visit www.nche.net

18. Nov. 5, 11th Michigan Railroad History Conference, Kalamazoo--Call for Papers

The 11th Michigan Railroad History Conference is scheduled for November 5th, 2011, at Western Michigan University. If interested in speaking, please contact Mark X. Worrall, Chairperson, at markworrall@hotmail.com for more details. Please pass or post this announcement to inform others interested in presenting at the conference.

(from Gregory J. Degowski, Registrar and Past Chairperson, gjdegowski@yahoo.com)

19. Issue 26, December 2010: New Interpretations of the Civil War

The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History is pleased to present the latest issue of *History Now*, a quarterly online journal for history teachers and students, available at www.gilderlehrman.org/historynow. In this final issue of 2010, *History Now* offers readers a selection of the latest interpretations of the Civil War era by four leading historians. These essays remind us that this critical moment in the history of our nation deserves reexamination.

20. National Federation Honors Jan Fedewa, Retiring Director of Michigan Humanities Council

The National Federation of State Humanities Councils passed a resolution honoring retiring Michigan Humanities Council Executive Director Janice Fedewa at its annual conference Nov. 5-6 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Fedewa is retiring Jan. 31, 2011, after serving 13 years with the Michigan Humanities Council, eight as the Council's executive director. The resolution cited Fedewa's strong oversight of the Council's fiscal operations and then went on to praise Fedewa's leadership in bringing the humanities to Michigan. The resolution stated, "She has been the driving force in establishing new initiatives and programs that equitably serve the ethnically, racially and geographically diverse citizenry of Michigan;"

21. Opportunities for Teachers (from U.M. E-Newsletter)

We're pleased to share with you various events and resources that are helpful for educators You can contact us with any questions or comments: ii.outreach@umich.edu.

International Institute Sponsored Programs

Mochitsuki: A Japanese New Year Celebration *Sponsored by the Center for Japanese Studies East Hall, S. University & Church St., Ann Arbor Saturday, January 8, 2011, 2 PM* Join the Center for Japanese Studies and the Japanese community in celebrating the Japanese New Year! Experience rice-pounding, traditional arts and music, and sample a variety of foods. www.ii.umich.edu/cjs/

Save the Date! A Day of East Asian Culture *International Institute (SSWB), Rm. 1636 University of Michigan, Ann Arbor Saturday, February 12, 2011* This year's theme is devoted to long life, happiness, and prosperity through lectures, performance, and museum-related activities. Contact Carol Stepanchuk for more information.

U-M Open Educational Resources Resources for teaching and professional development available for download in a variety of disciplines. www.open.umich.edu/education

22. News from the History News Network (www.hnn.us)

*Christopher Colombowicz: America's discoverer Polish not Portuguese, claim historians

<http://hnn.us/roundup/14.html#134051>

*Library of Congress Posts 700 Civil War Photos to Flickr <http://hnn.us/roundup/41.html#134353>

*Pearl Harbor survivors ponder organization's end <http://hnn.us/roundup/41.html#13434>

* Paul Gottfried: Was George Washington a Christian? <http://hnn.us/roundup/entries/134414.html>

*Mona Lisa painting 'contains hidden code' <http://hnn.us/roundup/41.html#134559>

*Still Fighting the Civil War in South Carolina ETHAN J. KYTLE AND BLAIN ROBERTS

<http://www.hnn.us/articles/134651.html>

Review of Stacy Schiff's Cleopatra: A Life JIM CULLEN

<http://hnn.us/roundup/entries/133222.html>

*Of Course the Civil War Was About Slavery, Say Civil War Historians

<http://hnn.us/roundup/14.html#134784>

*New Mexico governor weighs pardon for Billy the Kid <http://hnn.us/roundup/41.html#134753>

*Times Q&A: El Paso historian: Billy the Kid undeserving of a pardon

<http://hnn.us/roundup/14.html#134783>

*Bruce Catton papers now indexed online at the University of Wyoming

<http://hnn.us/roundup/14.html#134758>

23. Eisenhower Academy, July 10-15, 2011

The 14th annual Eisenhower Academy, a summer institute for teachers, will be held at Gettysburg College and Eisenhower National Historic Site in Gettysburg, PA. Sponsored by the National Park Service, Gettysburg College, and Mount St. Mary's University, the Academy presents an in-depth perspective of Dwight D. Eisenhower as president and world leader, and introduces effective strategies for teaching the Cold War era in the classroom. Total cost, including field trips, special evening events, banquets, lodging and lunches is \$695 for single occupancy. Cost for day students is \$475. Professional education credits and graduate

credits are available. For more info contact Eisenhower Academy, 1195 Baltimore Pike, Suite 100, Gettysburg, PA 17325; 717-338-9114 Ext. 10 (phone); mailto:john_joyce@nps.gov(e-mail); or www.nps.gov/eise (web).

24. NEH Landmarks of American History and Culture: Workshops for Teachers “The Hudson River in the Nineteenth Century and the Modernization of America.”, Ramapo College of New Jersey, Mahwah, NJ: July 17–22 or July 24–29, 2011.

The Hudson River is an American landmark of great historical, cultural, and artistic significance, and has aptly been called “America’s River.” Our workshop will focus on the Hudson in the nineteenth century, when the river was simultaneously a commercial thoroughfare, a tourist destination and the scene of dramatic technological, industrial, and environmental changes, all the while celebrated for its iconic natural beauty. Applications must be postmarked by March 1, 2011. For Info: <http://nehudson.ramapo.edu> Or contact Stephen Rice or Meredith Davis, nehudson@ramapo.edu

25. Notable January Birthdays

An amazing list is available at <http://www.famousbirthdays.com/jan.html>

Betsy Ross (January 1, 1752)

Paul revere (January 1, 1735)

Kate Middleton (January 9, 1982)

Alexander Hamilton (January 11, 1755)

Martin Luther King, Jr., (January 15, 1929; Observed on 3rd Mon.-Jan. 17, 2011)

Isaac Newton (January 4,1643)

Benjamin Franklin (January 17, 1706)

Edgar Allan Poe (January 19, 1809)

Ernie Harwell (January 25, 1918)

Franklin Deleno roosevelt (January 30, 1872)

Zane Grey (January 31, 1872)

26. Report from Michigan Council for Civic Education

A. Project Citizen Workshops, January 22, Muskegon Area ISD (Genesee TBD) In *Project Citizen*, students work cooperatively to identify a public policy problem in their school or community. The workshops will emphasize program basics adaptable to a variety of settings, grade-levels, disciplines, and technologies. Registration is handled through the ISDs.

B. Looking for Leaders The Michigan Center for Civic Education has several openings for Congressional District Coordinators for its Project Citizen and We the People Programs. Coordinators facilitate the distribution of free materials in their congressional district, promote participation in program activities, plan and conduct program events, and communicate with members of Congress and staff.

C. High School Mock Trial Tournament Registration is underway for the 2010-11 tournament. Teams of 6-10 high school students compete in two regional events in March (Grand Rapids and Pontiac). This year’s case is a civil trial involving cyberstalking. Register by contacting the Center, mcce@oakland.k12.mi.us

D. We the People: the Citizen and the Constitution This program offers teachers free sets of classroom materials at elementary, middle and high school levels, along with free professional development.

E. Civitas: International Civic Education Exchange The Michigan Center for Civic Education is partnered with NGOs in the Czech Republic, Slovakia and the Dominican Republic. Opportunities for involvement: On-Line Project Citizen-partners classes in international sites with Michigan Project Citizen classes. Classes meet via Skype a minimum of five times with a culminating event via video conference.

Other: The Center serves as the Michigan coordinator for many other national civic education programs such as i-civics. Contact the Center for more info on ALL of the above items, mcce@oakland.k12.mi.us
