

**Electronic News Update from the
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Dear Colleagues:

First, an apology for sending too much information and too many attachments in the March. MCHE E-Notes. I got carried away with so much info to share that I went up to ten pages and about nine attachment. For April, I promise to edit tighter and not go over seven pages. With so much happening for the Civil War Sesquicentennial <http://seekingmichigan.org/civil-war> and the War of 1812 Bicentennial www.michigan.gov/war1812, please check out their websites for more info.

if you are interested in learning about Detroit history, please join Annette and me on the Sat., April 30th, "Historic Detroit" Tour offered by the Detroit Historical Society. Details at www.detroithistorical.org and click on "Upcoming Event" (upper right corner on Home Pg.), then "Behind the Scenes Tours.

Annette and I just returned from a fascinating lecture by Ron Chernow on his new book, "Washington - A Life". Held Monday evening March 28 at the Gerald Ford Presidential Museum, the program was co-sponsored by the Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies at Grand Valley State University (visit www.allpresidents.org). Our congratulations go to Hauenstein Center Executive Director Gleaves Whitney on another wonderful program. (For info on an upcoming event, see Item 17 below.)

And, for those interested in a once-in-a-lifetime experience, please register now for the Great Lakes War of 1812 Historic Sites Tour, Sat., July 16-Mon., July 25. I promise it will never be duplicated.

For teachers interested in learning about the primary source resources of the Library of Congress, please consider registering for either the Macomb ISD or the Eastern U.P. ISD summer training programs. Details at www.michiganhistoryed.org

My best wishes for a wonderful Spring,
Dr. Jim McConnell, Editor, MCHE E-Notes

Attachments:

1. Great Lakes War of 1812 Historic sites Tour, July 16-25
 2. Macomb ISD Library of Congress Training Application
 3. Eastern Upper Peninsula ISD Library of Congress Training Application
- 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>

1. After Tippecanoe Symposium set for November 8, 2011
 2. TAH RFP is out, applications due April 4
 3. NCHE, National Coalition for History issue TAH funding alert
 4. Macomb ISD and MCHE Offer Library of Congress Summer Training for Teachers
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1. Center for Michigan creates Learning activity for ALL, including You & Your students
 Gov. Snyder has provided all of us with a "teaching moment." What should a state budget provide? How are the funds obtained to pay for the services citizens expect? Please share this Center for Michigan activity with your colleagues, friends, and students. It is a powerful teaching tool to help create good citizens. (You might want to subscribe to the Center's FREE weekly newsletter at <http://www.thecenterformichigan.net/> (The subscription box is at bottom of column on right side of Home Page.)

TRY OUR GAME: YOU BALANCE THE BUDGET Think you can manage Michigan better than the politicians? Well, prove it! Try the Center for Michigan's new budget balancing game. Whether you're a budget-slashing tea partier or a tax-and-spend liberal, the game offers plenty of real world options to balance the public's piggy bank in five minutes or less. When you're done, you can see how your fix compares with others' ideas and share your solution with friends. GIVE IT A TRY! VISIT <http://janus.pscinc.com/budgetsim/Default.aspx>

2. Writers Needed for "This Week in the War of 1812" Articles
 The Michigan War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission is seeking volunteers to draft short 3/4 paragraph articles describing interesting events for each week of the War of 1812, beginning with the Battle of Tippecanoe in Nov. 1811 and concluding the the U.S. flag raising, replacing the British, at Fort Mackinac in July 1815. If interested and wish more info, please email Dr. Jim McConnell, Commission secretary, at jam1776@sbcglobal.net

3. Keep up-to-date on Michigan Civil War Sesquicentennial Plans, Programs
 Be certain to visit and bookmark the Michigan Sesquicentennial Civil War History Partners' website:
<http://www.7thmichigan.us/conference/MiCWSesquiHP.htm>

4. Over 100 Arts & Humanities Touring Grants Awarded to Michigan Communities
 The 2010-2011 Arts and Humanities Touring Program is bringing Michigan communities education, cultural programming and good times from Curtis in the Upper Peninsula to Ida in the southeast. The Arts and Humanities Touring Program is a partnership of the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the Michigan Humanities Council. Each year the program provides schools, libraries and

community organizations funding to bring quality educational and cultural programming to their communities. The program provides up to 40 percent of a performers' fee. For a sample of these programs, visit www.michiganhumanities.org/programs/tourlistings/index.php. The next opportunity to apply for the grants will open up in September 2011 for programs that start in October 2011 and continue through September 2012. In you are interested in applying for a grant for the next funding cycle, visit www.michiganhumanities.org.

5. Detroit Newspapers in Education (DNIE) now on Facebook!

DNIE now has a Facebook page. Please join as a founding friend. The goal is 50 friends to get us off to a good start! You can see student art, updates on contests, and kid-friendly current events, too! Plus, we can start discussions on topics of interest such as the use of technology in the classroom. And please repost for friends who might be interested - especially your fellow Michigan educators! (from Sharon R. Martin, Newspapers in Education Manager, Detroit Media Partnership, 313-223-4460 or smartin@dnp.com NIE website: www.dnie.com)

6. Look: (from the Archives of Michigan

(A) The Real Rosie the Riveter

Meet Geraldine Hoff Doyle, the real-life model for the famed Rosie the Riveter poster! Ms. Doyle didn't know that she was Rosie the Riveter until 1984. For more information, click here:

<http://seekingmichigan.org/look/2011/03/15/geraldine>

(B) Maggie Walz

As "the Jane Addams of Northern Michigan", Maggie Walz helped her fellow Finns assimilate into American society. This week, archivist Mary Zimmeth looks at this remarkable woman. To read her article, click here: <http://seekingmichigan.org/look/2011/03/23/maggie-walz> (from Bob Garrett, Archives of Michigan, : garrettr1@michigan.gov)

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7. Looking for something interesting to get involved in? Join us at the

(A) Preservation Wayne Volunteers Meeting, Saturday, April 2

Registration 9:45am - Program 10am - Q&A and breakouts with tour facilitators follow; Iroquois Avenue Christ Lutheran Church, 2411 Iroquois Street (in Indian Village) Info at www.preservationwayne.org

(B) Russell Industrial Center Spring Open House, April 2 & 3

Explore the Russell Industrial Center, a former auto-body manufacturing plant that has been converted into artists studio space. Over 150+ Detroit artists of international fame call "The Russell" home. During the Open House, these artists will open up their studios to the public, showcasing their work and demonstrating their craft. www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=187399814628704

8. "The Civil War at 150: Echoes from the Blue and Gray"

This 24-page student supplement was created by the NIE Institute to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the start of the Civil War on April 12, 2011. The NIE Institute would like to acknowledge HISTORY and the Civil War Trust for their support and oversight of this project. Download now at

http://www.nieteacher.org/civil_war.pdf

9. Wed., April 6, 7:30 p.m., Fifth Michigan Infantry in the Civil War

Authors, Martin Bertera and Kim Crawford will talk about this remarkable regiment at the center of Civil War history. The real-life adventure emerges from accounts of scores of soldiers who served in the 4th Michigan Infantry, taken from their diaries, letters, and memoirs; the reports of their officers and commanders; the stories by journalists who covered them; and the recollections of the Confederates who fought against them. Presented by the Dearborn Historical Museum at the McFadden-Ross House, 915 Brady

Street Dearborn, Michigan 48124, Donations Accepted. For info, call (513) 565-5000

10. Tickets now available for Detroit Historical Society's April Behind the Scenes Tours

Plan to join DHS at the following guided tours of some of Metro Detroit's most unique locations.

(A) Dime and Ford Buildings on Saturday, April 9 at 10 a.m. – On this tour, Preservation Wayne's Ellen Howell will guide guests through two of architect Daniel Burnham's skyscrapers.

(B) Masonic Temple on Saturday, April 16 at 2 p.m. – Bring your walking shoes! On this tour, guests will explore one of the largest and most complete Masonic buildings in the world. This temple, designed by George D. Mason and Company, has more than 1,030 rooms and 12 million cubic feet of space.

(C) Historic Detroit Motorcoach Tour on Saturday, April 30 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. – Educators Dr. Jim McConnell and Annette McConnell will lead guests on a guided tour throughout Detroit. Guests will walk the grounds where Cadillac founded Detroit, learn more about the Great Fire of 1805, and witness how the Woodward Plan shaped the modern city. The tour includes lunch at Traffic Jam & Snug.

For more info or to reserve your spot for one of these Detroit Historical Society Behind the Scenes tours, visit www.detroithistorical.org or call Rebecca McDonald, (313) 833-1801.

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11. Odds & Ends... from Kathleen Marcaccio at dkosh@msn.com

(A) Art X Detroit *First Time Event*****

Art X Detroit: Kresge Arts Experience is a five-day multidisciplinary celebration that will exclusively present newly commissioned works created by the 2008-2010 Kresge Eminent Artists and Artists Fellows, from April 6-10, 2011. An exciting program of dance and musical performances, literary readings, workshops, panel discussions, public art and special exhibitions, Art X Detroit will be hosted at more than a dozen venues located throughout Midtown Detroit's Cultural Center and is free to the public. Art X Detroit is being supported by the Kresge Foundation.

www.artxdetroit.com

(B) Michigan's 2011 Civil War Sesquicentennial Events Listings

www.7thmichigan.us/conference/2011events.htm

(C) Plymouth Goes to War www.plymouthhistory.org/events/Plymouth-Goes-to-War

"Plymouth Goes to War" will be held April 9 and 10 at Kellogg Park in Plymouth. This site is the location where the 24th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, Company C was formed on August 5, 1862. The 24th Michigan later became part of the famous "Iron Brigade," which served with distinction at the Battle of Gettysburg.

(D) To subscribe to Kathleen's Weekly eCalendar of Detroit History and Cultural Heritage Events, email Kathleen Marcaccio, dkosh@msn.com

12. The Freedom Riders Video Essay Contest: DPTV

DPTV is hosting a video essay contest from now until June 15. The contest is part of their year-long acknowledgment of The Freedom Riders 50th Anniversary.

They will have one winner in each of the following age /grade groups: middle, high, community college and university that will each receive a \$1,000.00 scholarship.

Read the Contest Official Rules at [/www.DPTV.org](http://www.DPTV.org)" Download an Official Entry Form at www.DPTV.org

(From: David Hales <HalesD@resa.net>, Wayne RESA)

13. HSM Announces 2011 History Skills Workshop Series

Educational opportunities for small to medium sized historical organizations and interested history advocates offered by The Historical Society of Michigan (HSM). With the move to our new office in Lansing we now also have on-site space for educational and training events in our new Education Room. These will compliment the ongoing workshops we do around the state and those in conjunction with our conferences. Please join us for one or more of these training opportunities - to obtain skills you can take back and apply in your local museum, historical organization or maintaining your own collections.

Friday May 20 Basic Archival Skills Kristen Lynn Chinery, Walter Reuther Library, Wayne State University
 Friday June 3 Basic Curatorial Skills for Small Museums and Historical Societies Robert Myers, Berrien County Historical Association
 Friday, July 15 Marketing and Branding for Small Historical Organizations Patricia Majher, Michigan History magazine
 Friday, July 29 How to Successfully Publish your History Book Thomas Vranich, Bookability
 Friday, September 30 Historic Books: How to Identify, Mend, Collect and Care for Valuable Volumes Jay Platt, Westside Bookshop
 Friday, September 9 Fading Photos: How to Identify, Scan, Restore & Archive Historic Photographs Robert Meyers, Berrien County Historical Association
 For details on fees, completed program descriptions or to register for a workshop visit <http://www.hsmichigan.org/workshops.php> or call toll-free (800) 692-1828.

14. AMERICAN HERITAGE AND AASLH UNVEIL NATIONAL PORTAL TO HISTORIC COLLECTIONS

On March 16, the American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) announced the debut of an on-line system that allows searches through dozens of historic collections, from small local museums to collections of the Smithsonian, National Parks, and U.S. Navy. A prototype is now available at www.NationalPortal.org.

The new website is being developed by American Heritage Publishing in partnership with AASLH in order to give museums greater visibility and provide a low-cost way to move collection items to the Internet. "AASLH is working with American Heritage Publishing because we share a common vision to increase the accessibility of America's historic collections," Terry Davis, President & CEO of AASLH. "The National Portal is a tremendous milestone in this effort to digitize these collections and make them available online." Every institution in the National Portal has its own personalized main page that allows users to search the individual museum's collection. In addition, a national search page allows searches across multiple collections.

American Heritage Publishing produces American Heritage magazine which was originally founded by AASLH and is touted by many as the oldest and finest magazine of American history. The magazine's 13,000-article archive has been integrated into the site, along with its database of 3,000 historic institutions, many of whom are members of AASLH.

The site will launch later this month at www.AmericanHeritage.com. History organizations are invited to add their collections to the National Portal at a nominal cost. New collections join the National Portal every week.

15. Do you know who Jeffery Amherst was?

Stay tuned for an answer in the May issue of MCH E-Notes. (If you really want to know now, just 'google' him!) What a fascinating historical personality.

16. Sat., April 30, GVSU, Allendale, HSM needs Judges for Michigan History Day

If you are interested in learning more about the popular student-learning program National History Day, please consider volunteering to be a judge at the 2011 Compton at GVSU on Sat., April 30. If interested or you wish additional info, email Education and Awards Coordinator Emily Asbenson, asbenson@hsmichigan.org or call us at (517) 324-1828

17. Thurs.-Fri., April 7-8, H.W. Brands, Eberhard Center GVSU. Grand Rapids

April 7th, 7:00 PM "American Ulysses: The Journey of General Grant,"
 April 8th, 7:30 AM "American Colossus: The Triumph of Capitalism 1865-1900"
 H.W. Brands writes on American history and politics, with books including *Traitor to His Class*, *Andrew Jackson*, *The Age of Gold*, *The First American*, and *TR*. For more info or to RSVP, please visit www.allpresidents.org

18. Take a Virtual Tour of the Capitol with State Senator Glenn Anderson

The State Capitol building in Lansing holds a tremendous amount of history, and I am honored to have the opportunity to work there each week on behalf of the people of the 6th Senate District. With its architecture, ornate décor, and history, touring the Capitol is an interesting and informative experience. While on any given day you will find a large number of visitors, many Michigan residents never have the opportunity to visit the Capitol. With that in mind, I wanted to offer ALL of my constituents the opportunity to take a “virtual” tour of the Capitol with me and Capitol tour guide Matt VanAcker. Please visit <http://www.senate.mi.gov/anderson/media.php> and click on the videos in the “Online Videos” section and take a walk through the State Capitol with me. (from State Senator Glenn Anderson,)

19. Bicentennial of the War of 1812 Great Lakes Historic Sites Tour offers Great Learning Experience, July 16-25, Now accepting Reservations

A ten-day journey around the Great Lakes will visit key War of 1812 historic sites including the River Raisin Battlefield National Park, Fort Meigs, Fort Stephenson, the Perry Memorial on Put-in-Bay, the Niagara replica in Erie, PA, Brock Monument, the Battle of Lundy’s Lane, Fort Erie, the Battle of Stoney Creek, historic Fort York, the Georgian Bay site of the Nancy, Fort St. Joseph and Fort Mackinac. The price of \$1,812 includes lodging, most meals, admissions and much more. For detailed brochure, please email Dr. Jim McConnell at jam1776@sbcglobal.net or visit www.michigan.gov/war1812

20. Judges sought for Ford Freedom Award Essay Contest entries

Preliminary judging by a team of teachers and law students will take place on Saturday, April 9 at the *Detroit News* offices. If you are (or have been) an elementary or middle school teacher who is interested in being a judge, please call Sharon Martin at 313-223-4460 or email smartin@dnp.com. All judges will receive a \$100 gift card, lunch and an invitation for you and a guest to attend the Ford Freedom Award black-tie gala at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History on May 17. Please note that judges are prohibited from judging any entries from their school.

21. Selected Info from History News Network (www.hnn.us)

HNN is a 501(c)(3) non-profit. We feature articles by historians of all political views. TO SUBSCRIBE TO THE HTML EDITION OF THIS NEWSLETTER GO HERE: <http://hnn.us/articles/20883.html>*

Women's History Month <http://hnn.us/articles/86351.html>

Run Down by Traffic in Both Directions: Is it Possible to Have a Rational Discussion of State U.S. History Standards? SHELDON AND JEREMY STERN www.hnn.us/articles/136874.html

Pat Nixon: Caught Between the Housewives and the Feminists MARY C. BRENNAN www.hnn.us/articles/137010.html

Channelling George Washington: Roosevelt v. Roosevelt THOMAS FLEMING www.hnn.us/articles/137018.html

Why is King John always the villain in movies? Because he really was awful, say historians <http://hnn.us/roundup/14.html#137150>

Lincoln and Colonization: Navigating the Evidence PHILLIP W. MAGNESS AND SEBASTIAN N. PAGE www.hnn.us/articles/137542.html

Lincoln Catches up with the War STEVEN BERNSTEIN www.hnn.us/articles/137614.html

Be sure to follow developments in History Education in Michigan on MCHÉ's website: <http://www.michiganhistoryed.org>!