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Detroit Historical Museum
5401 Woodward Ave.
Detroit, MI 48202
(313) 833-1805

Hours:

Wed. - Fri. · 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.
 Sat. · 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 Sun. · Noon - 5 p.m.

Dossin Great Lakes
Museum
100 Strand Dr., Belle Isle
Detroit, MI 48207
(313) 833-5538

Hours:

Sat. · 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
 Sun. · 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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Half-Off Admission

Spend Spring Break with us! Visit the Detroit Historical Museum between **Monday, April 18 - Saturday, April 23** and enjoy **50% OFF** regular museum admission. The museum will be open each day from **9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.** **The museum will be closed Sunday, April 24.**

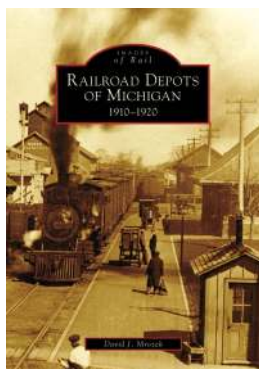
Don't miss the chance to enter our Spring Break Raffle during your visit. A different prize will be featured each day.

FREE Admission

Admission to the Detroit Historical Museum will be **FREE** on **Sunday, April 17** courtesy of MASCO Corporation Foundation. Docent-led tours of our famous *Streets of Old Detroit* will be available from Noon - 3 p.m.

Local History Book Sale

If you're a history buff, be sure to visit our Museum Stores this April. All Arcadia Publishing and Wayne State University Press titles will be an additional 10% OFF.



No time to visit the museum? Shop online!

[CLICK HERE](#) to start shopping!

EVENTS

Dossin Maritime Symposium

Saturday, April 16 • 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Dossin Great Lakes Museum

Join us for an exciting day of educational presentations from maritime historians and shipwreck researchers. Keynote speaker Frederick Stonehouse is the author of more than 30 books on maritime history. His book "Wreck Ashore: The U.S. Life-Saving Service on the Great Lakes" won a national publishing award and is the predominant work on the subject.

You'll explore the remains of the *Philadelphia* with Tony Gramer and crew. Gramer, president of the Silent World Information Masters, Inc (SWIM), has been diving since 1977 and is a certified PADI Divemaster.

Through film and interviews, Ric Mixer will show you how the *Edmund Fitzgerald* was built. Mixer has appeared on PBS more than 30 times and has been featured on shipwreck shows for the History and Discovery Channels.



Lunch is included and will be served during the keynote presentation.

\$10 - Society and Dossin Maritime Group members

\$20 - Guests

[CLICK HERE](#) to purchase tickets or call (313) 833-1801. Registrations must be received by Friday, April 8.

29th Annual Detroit Historical Society Guild Flea Market

Saturday-Sunday, April 9 & 10 • 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Historic Fort Wayne (6325 W. Jefferson at the foot of Livernois)

Browse collectibles, contemporary treasures, and a variety of arts and crafts at this annual flea market. Tours of Historic Fort Wayne will be offered each day and will include the Star Fort, the Commanding Officer's House, the Spanish-American War Guard House, and the National Museum of the Tuskegee Airmen. Refreshments will be available for purchase.

Parking - \$5 • Tours - \$3

Vendor tables: 1 table - \$30 • 3 tables - \$75

Proceeds from the flea market and tours will benefit the work of the Detroit Historical Society Guild.

For more information or to purchase a table call Mozella at (313) 384-8438 or Natalie at (586) 771-1353.

Dossin Regatta

Sunday, April 10 • Noon

Dossin Great Lakes Museum

During this year's competition, St. John's Jesuit from Toledo will face off against St. Ursula (also from Toledo). Races begin at 12:15 p.m. Guests may view the races from DeRoy Hall. The awards ceremony is scheduled for 1:30 p.m.

Indoor rowing demonstrations will be offered inside the Museum from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

FREE admission!

Dossin Gala

Saturday, April 15 • 6 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Dossin Great Lakes Museum

See the Dossin Great Lakes Museum transformed into a Riverboat gambler's paradise complete with Blackjack, Roulette and Hold'em Poker. The evening will feature great food, exciting entertainment and lots of fun!

Proceeds will benefit the Dossin Great Lakes Museum.

Sponsors:

Great Lakes History Sponsors: Sidonie Dossin Brown; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Buhl; Mr. and Mrs. William A. Chope in memory of James L. Schueler, Jr.; the Detroit International Bridge Company; and Bobbi and Stephen Polk. **Collections Preservation Sponsor:** Victoria and Robert Liggett. **Maritime Tours Sponsors:** Doug and Diane Dossin; Jim and Ann Nicholson; and the Michigan Marine Terminal. **Model Ships Sponsors:** Richard and Elaine Dossin; Mr. and Mrs. John Gray Cameron, Jr. in memory of James L. Schueler, Jr.; Nancy and Sean Cotton; Deloitte; Marianne Endicott; and Mr. John Solecki.

\$200 - "High Roller" tickets

\$150 - "Shark" tickets

\$100 - "Snapper" tickets

[CLICK HERE](#) to purchase tickets or call (313) 833-1980.

PROGRAMS

Film Series

Detroit Remember When: The Jewish Community

Saturday-Sunday, April 9 & 10 • 1 p.m.

Detroit Historical Museum

This film, from Detroit Public Television, Sue Marx and Allyson Rockwell, documents the history of Jewish life in Detroit. Follow the history of Detroit's Jewish community from the 1700s and the arrival of the first Jewish fur trader to the importance of Jewish leadership in the political, civil rights, arts, cultural and educational life of the region today.

Free with regular museum admission!

This film is available to purchase online.

[CLICK HERE](#) to purchase your copy today!

Scholar Series featuring Michael Hodges

Wednesday, April 13 • 6 p.m.

Detroit Historical Museum

This lecture and slideshow will show guests alternate ways to interpret Detroit, the city's architectural gems, and the abandonment that characterizes so much of the city's landscape. Hodges will discuss the city's art deco skyscrapers - the Guardian, Buhl and Penobscot buildings - as well as the argument for learning to see the beauty in even the most depressed areas.

FREE - Society members

\$10 - Guests

[CLICK HERE](#) to purchase tickets or call (313) 833-1801.

TOURS

Behind the Scenes Tours sponsored by DTE Energy

Masonic Temple

Saturday, April 16 • 2 p.m.

Visit one of the most unique Masonic buildings in the nation. The first mortar was spread with the same trowel George Washington used in the cornerstone laying of the National Capitol. The temple has 12 million cubic feet of space and is one of the largest and most complete buildings of its kind in the world.

\$20 - Society members

\$30 - Guests

[CLICK HERE](#) to purchase tickets or call (313) 833-1801.

Historic Detroit Motorcoach Tour

Saturday, April 30 • 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Dr. Jim McConnell and Annette McConnell will lead guests on a guided tour that will include downtown Detroit. Guests can walk the grounds where Cadillac founded the city, learn more about the Great Fire of 1805, and see how the Woodward Plan shaped Detroit.

Other tour highlights include key locations from the early days of Ford Motor Company, the New Center area, Historic Corktown, Midtown and the Cultural Center.

\$60 - Society members**\$70 - Guests**

[CLICK HERE](#) to purchase tickets or call (313) 833-1801.

Registration includes charter bus transportation, lunch, all admissions and full tour narration.

NEW EXHIBITS

Detroit Historical Museum

Detroit Economic Club: 75 Years of Remarkable Speakers and Compelling Conversations
Opens April 16 in the Community Gallery

The Detroit Economic Club, once known as the Economic Club of Detroit, was established in 1934 during the Great Depression by Allen Crowe. Crowe, a determined and forward-thinking business leader known for his devotion to the community, wanted the organization to be larger, permanent and more effective. He brought together 47 of Detroit's business and industrial leaders for regular forum meetings, and the Detroit Economic Club was born.

The organization has seen many "firsts" while hosting prominent CEOs, thinkers and government officials including Catherine Curtis, the first female speaker; Martha Griffiths, the first female member and the first female board member; and Lester Blackwell Granger, the first African American speaker. Today, the organization has 3,000 members and more than 100 sponsors.

This exhibit will feature photographs and artifacts as well as audio and video of the speakers they have hosted and their speeches. Visitors will see the original bell used to bring the meetings to order, ledgers from the days of Allen Crowe, the roster of the original members and much more.

Dossin Great Lakes Museum

Bells and Whistles, Flags and Flashes: Lost Languages of the Lakes

Over the centuries, sailors used various tools and codes to communicate, including flags, flares, bells, whistles, drums and speaking trumpets. The creation of electronic communication brought telegraphy, lights, radios and cell phones. However, all these special "languages" were encoded to allow these various tools to be employed and understood by other ships and shore-based observers. Guests will enjoy learning about communication on the Great Lakes through an interactive display of ship horns, whistles and other unique devices.

To Scale: Great Lakes Model Ship Builders

Explore the art of model shipbuilding in a highly interactive way, learn about the history of model-making in the region and hear stories about specific vessels themselves. Model-making tools will be showcased, and a model builder will be on site as well during select museum hours.

This exhibit is sponsored by **Art Works**, the **Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs** and the **National Endowment for the Arts**.

Other featured exhibits:

Detroit Historical Museum

[Fabulous 5: Detroit's Award Winners](#)
[Michigan Sports Hall of Fame](#)
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