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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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NEWS

FREE Admission

"Find Your Place in History!" continues this February! Admission to the Detroit Historical Museum will be FREE on Sunday, February 20 courtesy of MASCO Corporation Foundation. Docent-led tours of our famous *Streets of Old Detroit* will be available from Noon - 3 p.m.

EVENTS

African American History Day

Saturday, February 5
Detroit Historical Museum
11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The first 50 guests receive a FREE hot dog!



Celebrate Black history! Shop for unique items in the Artists Market that will be located in the *Streets of Old Detroit*, learn from many of the historical organizations in the area, enjoy a caricature artist, hear a story by renowned storyteller Ivory D. Williams, see African drum and dance demonstrations by Mubarak Hakim, and hear a presentation led by Michigan Sports Hall of Fame member Ray Scott on playing sports in the 1950s and 1960s. Refreshments will be available for purchase.

Sponsor: **Alpha Kappa Alpha Educational Advancement Foundation, Inc.** Additional sponsors include: **Louisa St. Clair Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution**, the **Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs** and the **National Endowment for the Arts**. Media sponsors: **Michigan Chronicle** and **WADL Detroit**.

PROGRAMS

Film Series

Ralph Bunche: The Man Behind the Myth

Saturday-Sunday, February 12 & 13

Detroit Historical Museum · 1 p.m.

FREE with regular admission to the Museum!



Learn more about the life of Dr. Ralph Johnson Bunche, the only African American to be awarded the Nobel Prize for Peace in 1950 - the first person of color to be so honored.

Scholar Series featuring Carol E. Mull

Wednesday, February 16

Detroit Historical Museum · 6 p.m.

FREE - members · \$10 - Guests

Join Carol E. Mull as she discusses "The Underground Railroad in Michigan." Before the Civil War, Michigan was home to a complex network of operators who assisted escaped slaves on their journey to freedom. First-person accounts as well as the research and analysis of archival records, census data, and newspapers offer a fresh examination of abolitionism in Michigan and the state's critical role in the Underground Railroad.

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

**Our Underground Railroad Story:
The Descendants Speak of the River
Saturday, February 26 · 1 - 4 p.m.**

Detroit Historical Museum **\$10 Society/Black Historic Sites members · \$15 - Guests**

Our special panel will share family stories of those who escaped to freedom during this program presented by the Detroit Historical Society's Black Historic Sites Committee. Dr. Roy Finkenbine, Interim Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Education at the University of Detroit Mercy, will be the moderator.

The program will include a joint presentation by the Fred Hart Williams Genealogical Society, led by **Leslie Williams** and the **Essex County Black Historical Research Society**.

Featured panelists include: **Betty DeRamus** - author of "Forbidden Fruit" and "Freedom by Any Means," member of Michigan Freedom Trail Commission and former Detroit News columnist; **Irene Moore Davis** - Executive Director of the Essex County Black Historic Research Society; **Kim Davis** - Adrian; Historian **DeWitt Dykes** of Oakland University; **Shannon Prince** - Curator Buxton Historic Site; and **Kimberly Simmons** - President Detroit River Project.

[CLICK HERE](#) to register or call (313) 833-1262.

TOURS

Fisher Building **February 19 · 2 p.m.** **\$20 - Society members · \$30 - Guests**

Due to popular demand, we've added a second tour! When the seven Fisher Brothers of Fisher Body fame hired architect Albert Kahn in 1927 to design a building that would bear their name, they gave him a blank check and the instructions to build "the most beautiful building in the world." Come explore this Detroit landmark with celebrated Preservation Wayne guide Ellen Howell.

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

NEW EXHIBITS

Detroit Historical Museum

Michigan Vietnam Veteran Traveling Memorial Wall
On display through Sunday, February 13 in Round Hall



Veterans, active duty service members and their families may visit the wall for FREE during its stay at the museum. You must show military ID or proof of service.

This wall was created in 2005 by SSgt Kurt Damrow and John Swanson in memory of Damrow's cousin, Navy GMG3 Oliver Damrow of Kinde, Michigan, who was killed in Vietnam shortly after beginning his second tour of duty.

The memorial wall features the names of Michigan's 2,654 casualties. The display will also feature books with biographies on each of Michigan's casualties as well as photos of more than 1,400 of them.

Other featured exhibits:

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