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Michigan Statehood Day at the Michigan Historical Museum

Michigan Statehood Day, held at the Michigan Historical Museum on Saturday, January 26th, was a huge success. A record crowd of 361 guests were educated, enthralled and entertained by a myriad of volunteer experts on Michigan history as they toured the museum. They were first greeted by Docent John Anderson, portraying a French Voyageur, they then traveled past the 47th British Regiment of Light Foot, who were enacting the period of time when Michigan was occupied by British soldiers. Visitors heard stories of early Native American life and culture by Karen Schauman-Beltran from the Nokomis Learning Center; they listened to songs of Michigan's Heritage performed by Wanda Degen, and watched quilters from the Capitol City Quilting Guild, who were developing quilts from patterns derived during early settlement days in Michigan.

Friends of Michigan History were ever present with greeters soliciting new members (President Bus Spaniola, Geneva Wiskemann), and Friends' Secretary Keith Harrison who was garbed in Civil War Officers' attire. Paul Tarr, another Friends' member, portrayed the role of Ransom Eli Olds, talking to visitors while standing next to the 1903 Curved Dash Oldsmobile which was on exhibit in the museum.



Paul Tarr, portrayed the role of Ransom Eli Olds



Secretary Keith Harrison who was dressed as period civilian

Genealogy was discussed and library staff explained how folks could research their family history utilizing the outstanding genealogical holdings of the library.

All in all, it was a very successful day with glowing comments from attendees as they appreciated learning of our rich Michigan heritage and traditions, while celebrating Michigan's 171st birthday!



President Bus Spaniola greeting new members

15th Annual Juneteenth Celebration

Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration commemorating the ending of slavery in the United States. Dating back to 1865, it was on June 19th that the union soldiers, led by Major General Gordon Granger, landed at Galveston, Texas with news that the war had ended and that the enslaved were now free. On June 17, 2005, Governor Granholm signed legislation that became Public Act 48, recognizing the third Saturday of each year as Juneteenth National Freedom Day. June 19, 2008, marks the 4th year as a Michigan holiday. The theme for the 2008 Celebration is "Beyond Emancipation-Continuing Toward Empowerment-Moving to the Next Level". The Opening Ceremony will take place on Thursday, June 19th, 2008, from 5:30-7:30 P.M. at the State Capital (East Steps-Entrance). The Juneteenth Celebration continues on Friday, June 20th and Saturday, June 21st at St. Joseph Park in Lansing. For further information, please feel free to contact Marilyn Plummer at (517) 882-9855. Also, please visit the Juneteenth website at www.LansingJuneteenthCelebration.org.

FRIENDS ACTIVITIES
 BY "BUS" SPANIOLA
 PRESIDENT, FRIENDS OF MICHIGAN HISTORY

Among the purposes for which the Friends of Michigan History Inc. was organized is to "receive and administer funds for the betterment of the Michigan Historical Center and other Michigan organizations devoted to the fostering and preservation of Michigan; to promote the educational and interpretive activities of the Historical Center and other Michigan organizations that promote the preservation of Michigan History; and to support the museum, docent, archives and archaeology programs conducted by the Michigan Historical Center." Therefore, I wish to report some of our recent activities in support of the aforementioned goals:

- Allocated \$4,000 for the Historical Center's *A Hunting We Will Go* exhibit.
- \$5,000 is earmarked for the 2009 *Michigan Roadside Attractions* exhibit.
- Contributed \$1,000 in support of the Statehood Day Celebration.
- Sponsored the annual Veterans Day Program at the Historical Center.
- Donated \$5,000 to the Michigan Archives Leavenworth Project through the generosity of our treasurer, Dr. Richard Johnson.
- Contributed up to \$2,000 in support of the Museum's second annual WinterFest.
- Donated \$1,000 to the Michigan State Archives for document conservation.
- Contributed over \$700 for Honoraria in support of Archaeology Day.
- Donated \$450 for 2007 Michigan History Day Awards.
- Allocated \$450 for 2008 Michigan History Day Awards.
- Allocated \$500 in support of the annual Michigan Oral History Association program.
- Contributed \$250 to Historic Fort Wayne Coalition to support restoration activities at the fort.
- Donated \$825 in support of the Jackson Michigan Civil War Reenactment program.

Our Fayette Historic Townsite affiliate is raising money to restore Building #4 to house "archaeology findings related to Native Americans of the Fayette area". The goal is to raise and contribute \$12,000 to complete the project over the next two to three years.

The Friends of Michigan History affiliate at Walker Tavern is working in support of the Hewitt House renovation with \$35,055 needed in addition to \$22,945 in matching funds that have been raised to date.

In view of the State of Michigan's budget constraints, our contributions to museum programs are becoming increasingly important. Your contributions in time and money have helped the Michigan Historical Center continue offering high quality programs.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Welcome to Our Renewing Friends

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News Notes from Friends' Affiliates

2008 Events at Walker Tavern Historic Site

Hours and times of operation: May 24 – August 31, Tuesday – Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free. Closed MIS race weekends: June 14 & 15 and August 16 & 17. Open in early May and September for group tours. Pre-register for group tours by calling 517-467-4401. More information at: www.michigan.gov/walkertavern

Every Sundays through Sept 28 - **Walker Farmers Market** from 10am-2pm. Locally grown produce, locally produced baked goods and crafts. No Farmers Market race weekend June 14 and August 16

Thurs., June 12 - **Euchre Tournament** (1-3:30pm). They say so many euchre games were played in Michigan taverns, it should have been declared the state game. Come play and learn a little history. Pre-register \$5.

Wed., June 18 - **Pioneer Cooking**. Wednesdays at Walker (1-3pm). Interactive museum education program for adult-with-child participants. Try preparing food and cooking like the settlers did. Pre-register \$5.

Sun., June 29 - **Farmers Picnic** – You don't have to be a farmer to join us in celebrating this 100th anniversary of a Farmers Picnic held at Walker Tavern in 1908. Festivities start with the Walker Farmers Market at 10 a.m. and continue until 4 p.m. with a potluck supper, old time games, foot races, vintage base ball and entertainment. Bring a place setting for each family member and a dish to pass. Free.

Sun., June 29 - **Vintage Base Ball Game** – The Wheels of Walker Tavern vs the Swampers of Hartwick Pines (1 p.m.) Free.

Wed., July 9 - **Pioneer Tea**. Wednesdays at Walker (1-3pm). Interactive museum education program for adult-with-child participants. Party like the pioneers. Pre-register \$5.

Thurs., July 10 - **Euchre Tournament** (1-3:30pm). They say so many euchre games were played in Michigan taverns, it should have been declared the state game. Come play and learn a little history. Pre-register \$5.

Sat.-Sun., July 19-20 - **Walk Through Time** – historic interpreters recreate period encampments from 18th, 19th and 20th centuries. Compare and contrast the lifeways of Native Americans, French Voyageurs, the British, and American soldiers during the War of 1812, the Civil War, and WWII. Admission fee.

Wed., July 23 - **On the Sauk Trail**, Wednesdays at Walker (1-3pm). Interactive museum education program for adult-with-child participants. Native American stories, games & crafts. Pre-register \$5.

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News Notes - African-American Parade & Picnic



The African-American Parade & Picnic is sponsored by the Capital City African-American Cultural Association. It begins August 2, 2008, with the Parade at 11:00 a.m. The picnic begins immediately following the parade at Ferris Park in Lansing. For more information, please contact Rev. Michael C. Murphy at (517) 484-2180.

FAYETTE new

Julie Peterson

WALKER TAVERN new

Sylvia Brown
 Julieanna Frost

2008 WALKER EVENTS *continued*

Sat., August 2 - **Walker On Wheels:** Vintage Cars, Trucks & Campers. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. A show of vehicles 50 years old and older and their stories. Participants must register. Admission is free for visitors.

Wed., August 6 - **Pack Your Wagon,** Wednesday at Walker (1-3pm). Interactive museum education program for adult-with-child participants. Pioneer activities and tin-punch craft. Pre-registration \$5.

Thurs., August 14 - **Euchre Tournament** (1-3:30 pm) Pre-registration \$5.

Wed., August 20 - **All About Quilts** Wednesdays at Walker (1-3pm). Interactive museum education program for adult-with-child participants. Pre-registration \$5.

Sat., August 30 - **Frontier Fest:** Early American music, pioneer skills, lost arts. (10am-4pm) Admission fee.

Sun., September 7 - **Vintage Base Ball Game.** Walker Tavern Wheels vs Northville Eclipse (1 pm.) Free.

RENEWING FRIENDS *continued*

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 Mary Jane Wilson
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