

MICHIGAN ARCHAEOLOGY DAY 2025 AGENDA

SPECIAL PRESENTATION FORUM AUDITORIUM

Introduction by Wayne Lusardi, State Maritime Archaeologist, Michigan History Center-DNR



1 – 2:30 PM **The Edmund Fitzgerald Investigations** **Ric Mixer, Author, Documentarian and Shipwreck Historian**

The *Fitzgerald* is the Great Lakes largest shipwreck, resting on the bottom of Lake Superior. The entire crew of 29 vanished under towering waves in 1975. Ric Mixer is one of only a few people who have visited the wreck personally, diving 550 feet down in a submersible to explore for nearly two hours. Mixer has since interviewed people who built, sailed and searched for the Fitz. His research has changed how many envisioned the sinking, and has culminated in a book, three PBS documentaries, and a 4-hour podcast. Ric has appeared as an expert on National Geographic, and the Discovery and History Channels.

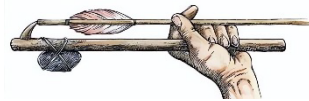
Pick up a free poster, courtesy of your State Historic Preservation Office!

ACTIVITIES 10 AM – 4 PM

Archaic Hunting Skills (Front Lawn)

Dan Goatley, Lansing Community College

Practice hitting a deer target using spears and an atlatl (spear thrower) like those used in Michigan forests thousands of years ago.



Geophysical Survey Tools (Front Lawn)

Duane Quates, NRCS and Monte Lawton, Heartsong Archaeology, LLC

Geophysical instruments will be on display for attendees to learn how archaeologists do non-invasive surveys.

Scavenger Hunt (1st Floor Rotunda)

Heather Lehman, Michigan History Museum

This is the check-in location for scavenger hunt participants. Stop here to pick up your instructions so you can earn a prize while exploring the event.

State-Wide Preservation Plan (1st Floor Rotunda)

Ryan Schumaker, Martha MacFarlane-Faes, Haley Schriber and Kevin Lee, Michigan State Historic Preservation Office

Interactive opportunity to comment on the SHPO State-Wide Preservation Plan. This is YOUR plan, intended to help guide preservation partners statewide over the next eight years.

Archaeological Petting Zoo (1st Floor Rotunda)

Melissa Gutierrez, Christopher Valvano and Duane Quates, NRCS-MI Cultural Resources Team

Touch artifacts and tools of the trade and learn about the cultural resources program of the United States Department of Agriculture- Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Picking up the Pieces: Plate Puzzle for Kids (1st Floor Time Lab)

Bob Chidester, Mannik & Smith Group, Inc.

Make and break your own paper plate to learn how archaeologists mend ceramic vessels in the lab.

Archaeology at Washtenaw Community College (1st Floor Time Lab)

Julia Joblinski, Washtenaw Community College

Play an artifact sorting game.

Ships and Shipwrecks (1st Floor Time Lab)

Charlie Jennett, Michigan History Museum Docents

Learn about ships and shipwrecks of the Great Lakes using interactive models.

Pinch Pot Making (1st Floor Learning Labs)

Sarah Posin, Allison Posin, Mark Hooch and Edyth Hooch, Chronicle Heritage

Make and decorate your very own pottery using centuries-old techniques.



Flintknapping Demonstration (2nd Floor Woodland Gallery)

Presented by Silas Chapman and Basil Chapman, Pathways of the Past

How did people hunt and butcher game before there were guns and steel knives? Watch an expert make stone tools that get the job done.

ARCHAEOLOGY ROADSHOW 10 AM – 4 PM

2ND FLOOR LUMBERING GALLERY

What is it? How old is it? Is it important? Have an artifact that you want to know more about?

Experts in archaeology, geology and paleontology will be on hand to assess your finds and teach you how to report sites. If it can fit in a shoe box, bring it in! This is an opportunity to identify or learn more about an artifact.

To support the preservation of archaeological artifacts and sites, no monetary values will be provided at this event.

Meet the Experts:

Michael J. Hambacher, Archaeological Research and Consulting Services, specializes in the identification of prehistoric stone tools, prehistoric ceramics and historic period artifacts in the Upper Great Lakes region and Midwest.

William A. Lovis, Michigan State University Professor and Curator Emeritus, is an expert on the Midwest and Great Lakes regions of North America and the Late Glacial and Mesolithic periods of northern Europe.

Peter Rose, DNR Office of Minerals Management Geologist, has expertise in Michigan geology and mineral resources as well as in the field of paleontology.

EXHIBITORS 10 AM – 4 PM

1ST FLOOR ROTUNDA

Event Information Station

Twentynine Bells: Remembering the Edmund Fitzgerald *Pick up your free archaeology poster!*

Amy Krull, Kate Frederick, Sarah Surface-Evans, Casey Carter and Liam Evans, Michigan State Historic Preservation Office Archaeology

MHPN: Building a Future Where History Powers Progress

Brenda Rigdon, Michigan Historic Preservation Network

Historical Society of Michigan: Promoting Our State, Our Stories Since 1828

Emily Powell and Claire Herhold, Historical Society of Michigan

Underwater Archaeology: Ships and Planes of the Great Lakes

Wayne Lusardi, Michigan History Center-DNR

Archaeology at the Michigan History Center, Department of Natural Resources

Stacy Tchorzynski, Chris Stephenson, Jeff Chivis, Luke Pickrahn and Wayne Lusardi, MHC-DNR Archaeology Section

Transportation Station: The Role of Archaeology in the Michigan Department of Transportation

Heather Lash, Michigan Department of Transportation, Environmental Services Section

Michigan Activity Pass: Check It Out at Your Public Library!

Michigan Activity Pass/The Library Network



2ND FLOOR MUSEUM GALLERIES

Archaeology vs. Paleontology: What's the Difference?

Cameron Wood, Cranbrook Institute of Science

Warner Pioneer Homestead

Tim Bennett, Kerry Bennett, Anna Bennett and Ginny Bennett, Warner Pioneer Homestead

Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School (MIIBS)

Marcella Hadden, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan

Michigan State University Campus Archaeology Program

Fellows of the Michigan State University Campus Archaeology Program

Collections Connections with the MSU Museum

Samantha Ellens, Michigan State University Museum

Archaeology at Colonial Michilimackinac

Lynn Evans, Mackinac State Historic Parks



2ND FLOOR MUSEUM GALLERIES CONTINUED

Finds from Fort St. Joseph

Erika Hartley, Dante Allen, Jacob Enos, Alex Renfro and Ian Walraven, Fort St. Joseph Archaeological Project

Animal Remains from Fort St. Joseph

Terrance Martin, Curator Emeritus of Anthropology, Illinois State Museum

Chronicle Heritage

Sarah Tanner, Emily Epstein, Ethan Epstein and John Gross, Chronicle Heritage

Oakland University Archaeology Program

Jon W. Carroll, Oakland University

Fort Gratiot, Michigan's Forgotten Post on the Northern Frontier

Rich Stamps, Oakland University and the Port Huron Museum

Conference on Michigan Archaeology

Polly Anna Burnette, Julia Joblinski and Samantha Ellens, Conference on Michigan Archaeology

Michigan Archaeological Society

Dan Wymer and Don Weir, Michigan Archaeological Society

The Enigma of Hacklander Ware

Janet Brashler, Kaitlyn Metcalf and Lynn Chapman, Coffinberry Chapter Michigan Archaeological Society

Bricks4Brains –Innovation Project Sneak Peek (visit them in the Prototype Parlor)

Maia Turek with Bryan, Emerson, Ollan, Arlo, Porter, Ben, Theo, Maia, Jakan, Josh and Fanie, First Lego League - Traverse City Area Public Schools Montessori

GVSU and Growing Partnerships with the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi

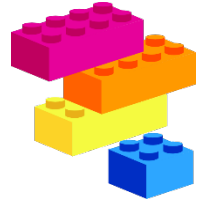
Wesley Jackson and Steven Dorland, Anthropology - Grand Valley State University

UMMAA in Michigan: Research Past & Future

Tiffany Fryer, University of Michigan Museum of Anthropological Archaeology

Let's Get Privy to Boomtown Detroit

Megan McCullen, Andrew Maske, Olivia Evans, Joe Senk, Andrew Lemon and Ava Sandberg, Wayne State University Museum of Anthropology

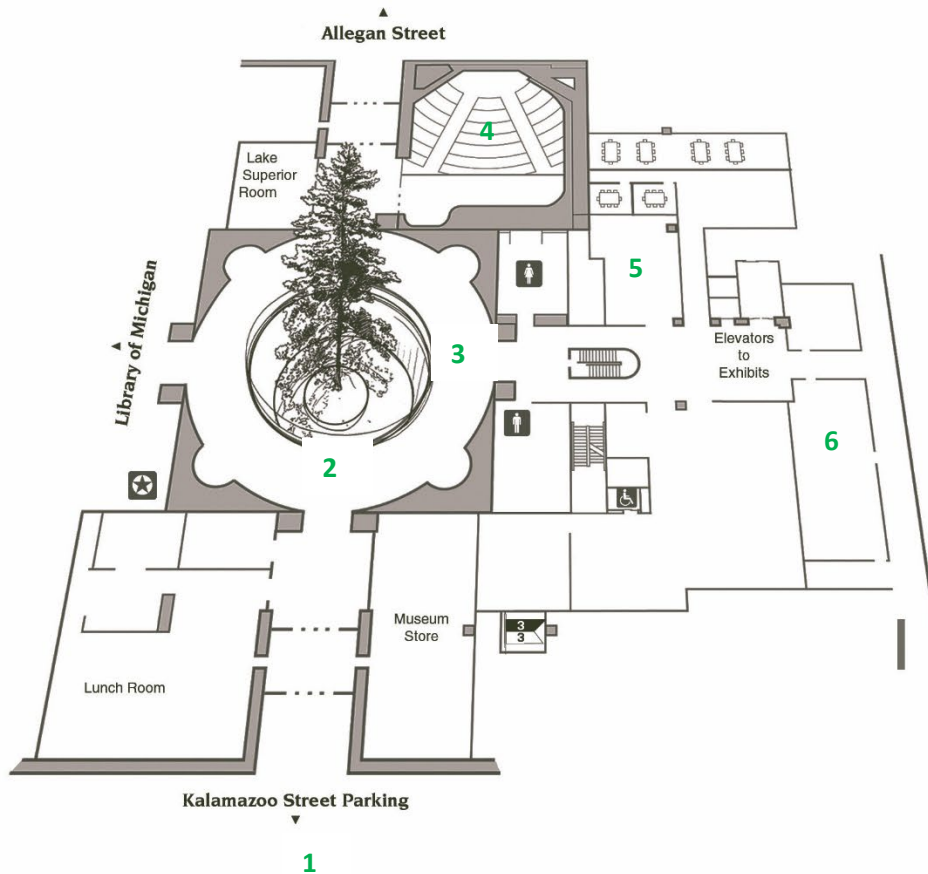


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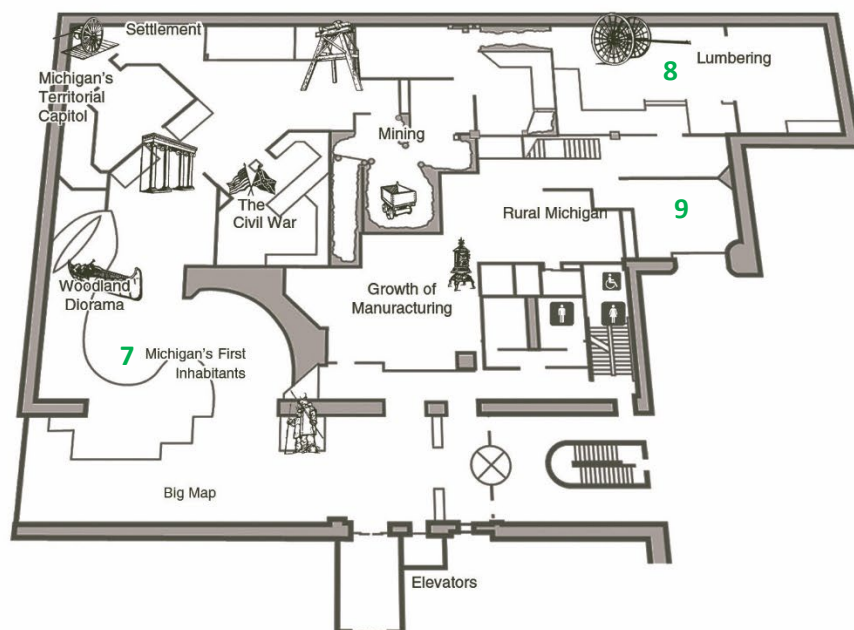
FIRST FLOOR

- 1 Front lawn
- 2 Information Station & Scavenger Hunt
- 3 Rotunda
- 4 Forum Auditorium
- 5 Time Lab
- 6 Learning Labs



SECOND FLOOR

- 7 Woodland Gallery
- 8 Lumbering Gallery
- 9 Prototype Parlor



Men's Restrooms



Women's Restrooms



Elevator Access to Mezzanine Levels



Security Office/
Lost & found