Come to experience this one-day jam-packed history skills workshop boot camp. You can follow one track all the way through or mix and match to fit your needs.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRACK**
Learn skills to bring your historical house or building back to life!

**REENACTORS AND LIVING HISTORY TRACK**
It doesn't matter who you portray—these sessions cover ALL eras!

**HISTORY SKILLS IN-REACH TRACK**
Learn new skills to improve and expand your museum or organization!

**HISTORY SKILLS OUT-REACH TRACK**
Learn additional skills to engage members, visitors, and volunteers!

For full details and registration, visit hsmichigan.org or call (800) 692-1828
As a “weekend warrior” restoring your old house or building, you may feel as though you’re fighting the battle all by yourself. Allies are there to help, among them the Michigan Historic Preservation Network. Come to this session to learn about the assistance available to help you bring your old building back to life.

There it is—a donor’s cardboard box full of objects, letters, photographs, and dust. How do you sort everything, assign the correct numbers, and enter the proper information into the computer or the catalog card? This session decodes the jargon and shows you how to catalog your collections the right way.

When researching a historical period or character, understanding the past is more than arguing about the number of buttons on an eighteenth-century waistcoat. In this session, you’ll learn about techniques for researching a bygone era—including its political, economic, social, cultural, and technological history—and the people who lived at that time.

Every history organization asks the same question: How do we make ourselves more “kid-friendly”? This workshop will cover the many ways in which the staff members of museums and historical societies can tailor their exhibits and programs to involve children, including through Michigan History Day® (National History Day in Michigan).
Every building has a history, and your house has a great story to tell. In this workshop, you’ll learn how to uncover house and building histories: who built them and when, their architectural styles, and the stories of the families who called them home. After that, you’ll learn what to do with that information.

Correctly identifying old photographs in your collections can help you determine when they were taken and how to give them the best care. Our presenter will walk you through the photographic process as you learn to identify photographs, find out how they were made, and discover history’s unique visual record.

Reenactors take enormous pains to “get it right” with their clothing, but that can mean spending hundreds—or thousands—of dollars on one’s wardrobe. Silk, wool, and linen are necessary but expensive fabrics. Children’s clothing and commercial patterns can be baffling and frustrating. Here are ways to develop that period-correct wardrobe on a budget.

Nowadays, you need to be a Jack-(or Jill)-of-all-trades to communicate with visitors, members, and the general public. It can be daunting, especially if you haven’t had much practice working in that area. This “crash course” will offer some tips and suggestions so your messages can get seen and be heard.
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2018
LUNCHEON KEYNOTE — 12 - 1:30 PM

JOIN US FOR A GOOD MEAL AND A GREAT TALK

MYTHBUSTERS:
HISTORY LIES THAT WON’T DIE

SPEAKER: BOB MYERS,
HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF MICHIGAN

We all know the history myths that won’t die, from the house built in 1920 that was a stop on the Underground Railroad to the simple adage, “people were a lot shorter then.” Here, you’ll learn the truth behind the mythology and how to do the research that separates fact from fiction.

Network with new friends, enjoy a refreshing lunch, and listen to our luncheon keynote!

TRUE? OR FALSE?

It cost a stack of beaver pelts the length of a musket to buy a firearm...

Old houses don’t have closets because there was a closet tax...

Did a spark from the Chicago fire burn down Holland, Michigan?

Six-panel doors symbolized the Cross and the Bible...

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Their creators meant for them to stand as eternal markers to commemorate people and events, but time and the environment erode gravestones and monuments. In this session, you’ll learn how to identify and evaluate the damage to these sentries of the past and how to restore and preserve them for the future.

Your clothing and equipment are spot-on, your campsite is picture-perfect, and you even have the right hairstyle—but when you talk to the public, you’re pure twenty-first-century. Acting and reenacting go hand in glove. In this session a trained actor/director will help you develop a convincing portrayal to bring your historic persona to life.

We’ve all seen those green signs that denote a historically significant building on the list of Michigan State Historic Sites—but how did they get there? What was the research and nomination process? Learn about the ins and outs of getting a building on the elite registers of both state and national historic places.

Conducting oral interviews is an important step in preparing a larger historical project. This workshop will cover the process of identifying interviewees, developing questionnaires, and conducting interviews. Attendees will also learn the importance of organizing and maintaining oral histories so that they can be accessed by researchers in the future.
Many decisions go into painting your house: What colors are appropriate? How do you determine the original color? Should you choose latex or oil-based paint? How do you prepare the surface? Our painting experts walk you through the process, from paint research to preparation to the finish coat.

Historical reenactors try to depict all sides of history but sometimes run afoul of twenty-first-century sensibilities. The public may take umbrage at Confederate soldiers fighting for slavery or German soldiers supporting the Kaiser. This session addresses the understanding and misunderstanding of uncomfortable portrayals of the past and ways to cope with negative reactions.

Still have a few questions that haven’t been answered? Join our Michigan History Alliance™ open forum to participate in a discussion with fellow historians and historical organizations. Address recent successes and issues; ask questions about research, collections, and membership; and learn more about how HSM can help your organization grow!

Know a story that needs to be shared? This session will offer an overview of how you or your organization can get a history book or magazine article published. You are the experts in your own local history—including its people, cultures, and heritages—and that history deserves to be shared.
Conference Registration
History Skills Boot Camp • November 3, 2018
Registration Deadline: October 29, 2018
Fill out one form for each attendee or register online at hsmichigan.org.
Please make additional copies of this form as needed.

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History Skills Boot Camp Registration
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NON-MEMBER REGISTRATION*

History Skills Boot Camp Registration
☐ Historical Society of Michigan Non-Member $139 $_________
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*Non-Member Registration includes a one-year HSM Individual Level 1 membership.

Visit hsmichigan.org to register online. It’s fast, easy, and secure!
OR
Register by phone by calling toll-free: (800) 692-1828
OR
Fill out this form, then fax to: (517) 324-4370
OR
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Please Note: Registration ends on October 29, 2018. After October 29, 2018, registrations will be available only at the door and luncheon tickets will not be available. No refunds will be given after October 29, 2018.
Save the Date

Saturday, November 3, 2018

Michigan History Alliance™
History Skills Boot Camp™

Join us for our new one-day jam-packed history skills “Boot Camp”!

Attend a full day of workshops to hone your skills in the areas of living history, historic preservation, managing a site, and more!

The Historical Society of Michigan’s Michigan History Alliance™ History Skills Boot Camp™ will take place on Saturday, November 3, 2018, at Lansing Community College—West Campus.

Circle the date on your calendar! See inside for a full list of sessions and registration information! Visit hsmichigan.org or call (800) 692-1828 for details.

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