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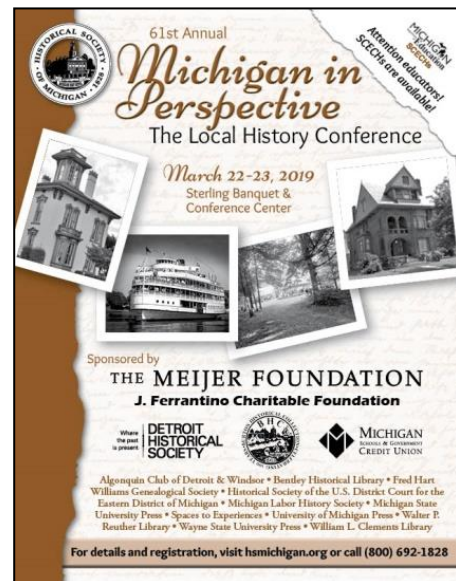
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RECORD NUMBERS EXPECTED TO ATTEND 61ST ANNUAL MICHIGAN IN PERSPECTIVE: THE LOCAL HISTORY CONFERENCE MARCH 22-23

Sterling Heights, Mich.—With unprecedented preregistration numbers, compelling keynotes, the addition of five workshops to the lineup, approximately 50 exhibitor tables, and people excited about breakout session topics—the **Michigan in Perspective: The Local History Conference** is already shaping up to be a record-breaking event. Now in its **61st year**, the Michigan in Perspective conference, **operated by the Historical Society of Michigan**, will take place at the **Sterling Banquet and Conference Center in Sterling Heights, Michigan, on March 22 and 23, 2019**. The largest of the Society’s three conferences, the Michigan in Perspective: The Local History Conference offers a diverse view of Michigan’s past and is open to anyone interested in state or regional history.

The upcoming conference offers **keynote sessions from former Detroit Piston and former Mayor of Detroit Dave Bing** sharing about his life as a basketball player, businessman and public servant; **author Susan Whitall, Earline Franklin and Cristal Franklin** talking about legendary vocalist Aretha Franklin’s ties to Michigan; **businessman William F. Pickard** speaking on African-American entrepreneurs in Detroit; and **retired U.S. District Court Chief Judge Gerald E. Rosen** sharing the story of Detroit’s bankruptcy and remarkable resurgence.

Attendees also have the opportunity to choose from **30 breakout sessions that address local and statewide history**, including “A Bump in the Light: Michigan’s Haunted Lighthouses”; “The Poisoned City: The Flint Water Crisis”; “Same Time, Same Channel: Detroit’s Classic Kids Shows”; “Felony Females: The Most Notorious Women in Michigan History”; “The Milliken Years: Civility, Cooperation, and Progress”; “Casting Lines: Fishing, Politics, and the Odawa”; and “The Bob-Lo Boats:



Sailing to Adventure.” In addition, participants can attend the **Friday Reception** featuring a hammered dulcimer played by Rochelle Bannon and the **Saturday Gala** that will offer demonstrations of dances from different eras. **The full lineup can be found in the conference’s brochure.**

Michigan in Perspective: The Local History Conference is held annually in the Wayne/Oakland/Macomb tri-county area. **This year’s lead sponsors are The Meijer Foundation, the J. Ferrantino Charitable Foundation, the Burton Historical Collection, the Detroit Historical Society and Michigan Schools & Government Credit Union.** Other sponsors are the Algonquin Club of Detroit & Windsor, the Bentley Historical Library, the Fred Hart Williams Genealogical Society, the Historical Society of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, the Michigan Labor History Society, Michigan State University Press, Spaces to Experiences, University of Michigan Press, the Walter P. Reuther Library, Wayne State University Press and the William L. Clements Library.

More information on the conference can be found on the Historical Society of Michigan’s website: www.hsmichigan.org.

The Historical Society of Michigan is the state’s oldest cultural organization, founded in 1828 by territorial governor Lewis Cass and explorer Henry Schoolcraft. A nongovernmental nonprofit, the Society focuses on publications, conferences, education, awards and recognition programming, and support for local history organizations to preserve and promote Michigan’s rich history.

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