

“The Historic Sites and Districts of East and West Dearborn” led by Kirt Gross, Chief Curator, Dearborn Historical Museum will include an overview of the community’s history and preservation efforts by touring significant sites in both ends of the city. This tour will take place on Thursday, May 8 from 10:15 – 11:45 a.m. The cost is \$15.

“Houses of Worship: The Conservation of Sacred Places” led by Kirt Gross, Chief Curator, Dearborn Historical Museum and chaired by Nancy Finegood, Executive Director, MHPN, will include a tour of several of Dearborn’s culturally and architecturally significant religious sanctuaries on Thursday, May 8 from 2:00 – 4:15 p.m. The program will continue at the Dearborn Inn until 5:00 p.m. where you can learn more about the MHPN’s partnership with Partners for Sacred Places and their New Dollars/New Partners program for the conservation of Michigan’s sacred places. The cost of this tour/program is \$20. Featured speakers are A. Robert Jaeger, Executive Director, Partners for Sacred Places and Motoko F. Huthwaite, Ph.D., Fort Street Presbyterian Church, Detroit.

“Ripples Along the Rouge: A Study of Connectivity” led by Nancy Darga, MotorCities National Heritage Area, and Beth Stewart, Executive Director, Phoenix Mill Women’s History Project, will explore the rich history of the Rouge River Corridor and Henry Ford’s “village industries” such as the Nankin Mills historic site. Learn about revitalization and clean-up efforts underway to restore this historic tourism trail. The cost of this tour is \$20 and will take place on Friday, May 9 from 8:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m., sponsored by The Mannik & Smith Group, Inc.

Several specially priced, concurrent Saturday programs will be offered on May 10. These will be held from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon with light breakfast from 8:00 – 8:45 a.m. The cost is \$15.

“Simple Solutions for Your Old House Questions” sponsored by DTE Energy will address how to preserve your home in a sustainable way. DTE’s online tool “MyEnergy Analyzer” will be introduced and demonstrated. Preservation professionals will also discuss the topics of windows, insulation, siding, and roofs.

“20th Anniversary Program for the Michigan Alliance for the Conservation of Cultural Heritage” will present a two-part program. “How to Preserve and Protect your Paper-based Collections” will help you learn about paper conservation. Ronna Rivers-Featherstone of Rivers Paper Conservation & Preservation Services, Carol Fink, Rare Book Librarian, Library of Michigan, and Eric Alstrom, Collections Conservator, Michigan State University Libraries, will speak about how to properly care for your papers and books. Following this presentation, a workshop on “Emergency Preparedness Planning” will be led by Barbara Heler, Chief Conservator, Detroit Institute of Arts and Josephine Shea, Curator, Edsel & Eleanor Ford House.

“MotorCities Summit” sponsored by MotorCities National Heritage Area, Inc. will discuss current and future initiatives and how you can get involved. MotorCities is dedicated to preserving, interpreting, and promoting the automotive heritage of the State of Michigan.

“Providing Local Protection for your Irreplaceable Historic Properties” sponsored by the Michigan Historic Preservation Network will discuss the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation and how to apply them, presented by Kelly Larson, Main Street Architect, Michigan’s Department of History, Arts & Libraries. The group will then split into two sessions. Attendees can choose to attend either an “Overview of Michigan’s Local Historic Districts Act” presented by Amy Arnold, preservation planner, Michigan State Historic Preservation Office; or “The Role of the Historic District Commission” presented by Kristine Kidorf, Kidorf Preservation Consulting.