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#### RECORD NUMBERS EXPECTED TO ATTEND UPCOMING HISTORY CONFERENCE

Sterling Heights, MI—With expanded content filling two full days, a reception at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House, an unprecedented historical fashion show and reception, and approximately 50 exhibitor tables, the **Michigan in Perspective: The Local History Conference** is already shaping up to be a record-breaking event. Now in its 57th year, the Michigan in Perspective conference, **hosted by the Historical Society of Michigan**, will take place at the **Best Western Sterling Inn Banquet & Conference Center in Sterling Heights on March 13 and 14, 2015**. 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.

This year's **keynote topics range from Belle Isle and the DIA to a look at the 13th Amendment 150 years later and how the automobile has influenced fashion**. Participants have the opportunity to choose from **25 breakout sessions** that address local and statewide history, **explore the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House** during the Friday evening reception, and visit with history-related exhibitors. **[The full lineup can be found on the conference's brochure.](#)**

Also available at the conference is the **Loosening the Laces historical fashion show and reception**. From the French voyageurs and colonials to the Civil War, Victorian and Edwardian Ages to the decades of the 20th century, Michigan's history will **unfold with nearly 50 reenactors wearing the fashions of the eras**. After the fashion show, attendees will have the chance to meet and mingle with the reenactors at a reception to learn more about the fashions, eras, and groups represented.

Michigan in Perspective: The Local History Conference is held annually in the Wayne/Oakland/Macomb tri-county area. **This year's major sponsors are Meijer, the Detroit Historical Society, and the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House**, along with the Bentley Historical Library, Burton Historical Collection, Detroit Public Library, Michigan State University Press, University of Michigan Press, Walter P. Reuther Library and Wayne State University Press.

**[More information on the conference can be found on the Historical Society of](#)**

**Michigan's website: [www.hsmichigan.org](http://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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