

Macomb County Hosts Michigan Historical Society State History Conference



The Macomb County Historical Commission was proud to host the 133rd Annual Meeting and State History Conference of the Michigan Historical Society September 28-30, 2007 at various Macomb County locations.

This was the first time that the State History Conference was held in Macomb County! Events were held in the Macomb Culture Center, the new wing of the Macomb Intermediate Schools building (on Garfield, by Macomb Community College), the Hyatt Place in Utica, and the GM Heritage Center in Sterling Heights. Attendees also had their choice of a boat ride around the Mt. Clemens area, a walking tour of Mt. Clemens, and a tour of the Selfridge Museum.

The conference was well attended. Macomb County Historical Commission chairperson Suzanne Pixley co-presented a talk on "Dealing with Difficult History." Vice-chairperson Don Green gave a talk on the Clinton and Kalamazoo Canal, and with Cindy Donahue, presented "The Bath City Spa Industry" about the Mt. Clemens mineral baths (with Ray Glime as moderator). Both of Don's talks have supporting DVDs available.



Jessica Walker, Cindy Donahue, and Camille Silda helped keep things running smoothly.



(Upper right and left) The Macomb Cultural Center has a War of 1812 display sponsored by the Macomb County Bar Association.

(Right) Suzanne Pixley, Karl Mark Pall, & Ray Glime of the Historical Commission.





List of the awards won at the State History Conference:

Lifetime Achievement Award: Larry Massie of Allegan.

Publications; Books; University and Commercial Press: Mark Hoffman for his book *My Brave Mechanics: The First Michigan Engineers and Their Civil War*, published by Wayne State University Press. Jeff Alexander for his book, *The Muske-*

gon: The Majesty and Tragedy of Michigan's Rarest River.

Publications: Books: Private Printing: John C. Mitchell and the Leelanau County Historical Society for the book *Wood Boats of Leelanau: A Photographic Journal*; Roundtable of Royal Oak Historical Organizations for the book *Royal Oak Images: Yesterday's Charm, Today's Treasures*; **Publications:**

Books: Children & Youth: Leigh Arrathoon for her book *Ken Murphy's Summer of the Bear*.

Local Historical Societies/Museums: Presque Isle County Historical Museum.

Communications: Newsletters and Websites: Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum for its newsletter *the Shipwreck Journal*. Diana Barrett for her website work on behalf of the Grand Rapids Historical Commission.

Media: Macomb Cultural Center for its video, *A Legacy of Service and Courage: The World War II Generation*.

Special Programs: Macomb Community College for its Special Program: *A Legacy of Service and Courage: The World War II Generation*.

Educational Programs: Western Michigan University and the Fort St. Joseph Museum for their work with the Fort St. Joseph archaeological program.

Institutions: Michigan Historic Preservation Network.

Restoration/Preservation: Minervini Group for its work on The Village at Grand Traverse Commons, formerly the Traverse City State Hospital.

Distinguished Volunteer Service: Valerie Van Heest for her work with Michigan Shipwreck Research Associates and the Southwest Michigan Underwater Preserve.

For more information on the State History Awards, the annual State History Conference, or the Historical Society of Michigan please go to <http://www.hsmichigan.org>.



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Cindy Donahue, Ray Glime, and Don Green give their presentation, Mt. Clemens, the Spa Bath City, at the State History Conference, September 30, 2007.