



## Making Macomb: A Journey Through 200 Years February 28 - May 5, 2018

As we celebrate the bicentennial of Macomb—Michigan's third county—we will look back on major accomplishments, significant milestones, key people, and interesting facts that have made Macomb County what it is today.

**Exhibit Hours: Wednesday, 10am-8pm and Thursday–Saturday, 10am-4pm**

### PRESENTATIONS

#### Macomb's Transition to a Charter Government

**Wednesday, February 28 • 1pm**

After 193 years of functioning as a general law county, Macomb transitioned to a charter form of government. A panel of those who were involved will discuss some of the reasons for the change and progress over the first seven years.

#### Macomb County, Swing County—The Reality and The Myth

**Saturday, March 3 • 1pm**

When John F. Kennedy was elected President in 1960, Macomb was the most reliably Democratic suburban county in the nation. But 20 years later, it became nationally famous as the home of the “Reagan Democrats,” and began voting Republican. Macomb also gave Donald Trump a margin of victory four times his statewide total in 2016. And yet, the same voters gave Barack Obama a landslide in 2008. Jack Lessenberry helps us understand the secret to understanding politics in Macomb County.

#### History of Huron Clinton Metroparks

**Wednesday, March 7 • 1pm**

Gary Hopp of the Huron Clinton Metroparks will present an overview of the past, present and future of the Metroparks with an emphasis on the parks located in Macomb County.

#### Diversity and Inclusion in Macomb County

**Thursday, March 8 • 1pm**

Pam Lavers and Rhonda Powell from the Macomb County Executive's Office discuss the rich ethnic diversity in our county and efforts to encourage inclusiveness.

MMII Registration: 62301

#### History of the Anton Art Center

**Thursday, March 15 • 11am**

Anton Art Center Executive Director Phil Gilchrist will discuss the origin of this building as a Carnegie Library, the formation of the Mount Clemens Art Center and key points in its organizational history.

#### Civil War History in Macomb County Cemeteries

**Friday, March 16 • 11am**

Macomb County has a long history of military service and sacrifice. Learn about local heroes from historians and authors Bob and Cherie Allen. Their presentation will include an overview of the identification and research involved in the recording of Civil War soldiers buried in cemeteries in Macomb County.

#### Detroit Tank Arsenal

**Saturday, March 17 • 1pm**

Detroit Arsenal of Democracy Museum Director John Lind will discuss the concept of the Tank Arsenal in Warren, its building and production, the needs of the military and TACOM today. MMII Registration: 62302

#### Journey to Paradise (Michigan!) On the Erie Canal

**Wednesday, March 21 • 11am & 1pm**

Join Erie Canal Boat Captain Bill Thomas (Michael Deren as The Past in Person) as he takes you on a fun-filled historical, musical, educational, and audience-involving journey from Albany, New York to the Michigan wilderness in 1840 via the Erie Canal. Board the boat in Albany and travel to Michigan to start a new life! Travel on the canal which led to success, prosperity and Michigan statehood.

#### Haunted Macomb County

**Saturday, April 7 • 1pm**

Author and paranormal investigator Kathleen Tedsen tells us what qualifies as a haunting, shows us equipment used during an investigation, and shares stories of her own experiences in paranormal investigations in Utica, Memphis, Romeo, Shelby/Macomb Township and others. The presentation will conclude with the story of an unsettling case at an upscale Macomb County residence!

#### Away from Ireland

**Wednesday, April 11 • 11am & 1pm**

Emmy recipient Kitty Donohoe will explore the Irish diaspora experience of leaving Ireland and relocating to Michigan. Kitty draws from her Irish heritage as well as her American and Canadian roots to tell the stories of immigrants through a presentation of songs and storytelling.

MMII Registration: 11am—62303 & 1pm—62335

#### Meet General Alexander Macomb

**Thursday, April 12 • 11am & 1pm**

Were it not for Gen. Alexander Macomb, it is likely that the American experiment would have failed before it ever got started. Macomb's troops held off the British advance during the War of 1812, and helped him gain a reputation that eventually led to him becoming the commanding general of the U. S. Army. Learn about our county's namesake through this presentation by historian and writer Dan Heaton.

#### The Tucker Story

**Friday, April 13 • 11am**

Born a slave in Macomb County, Elizabeth Dennison Forth was owned by the Tucker family. After an unsuccessful legal battle to win her freedom, she escaped to Canada. Hear the story of the Tuckers from Kim Parr, director of the Macomb County Historical Society and Crocker House Museum. MMII Registration: 62304

#### Bath City USA

**Friday, April 13 • 1pm**

Macomb County Historical Society and Crocker House Museum Director Kim Parr discusses this golden age of mineral baths in Mount Clemens and how the healing waters brought celebrities and the infirm to the city, building a once-thriving industry.

#### Indian History of Southeastern Michigan

**Wednesday, April 18 • 11am**

From the Paleo Indian era to the coming of the Anishinaabe, filmmakers Al and Dave Eicher of Program Source International discuss Native American history in southeastern Michigan including burial mounds, petroglyphs and their visits to Indian village and mission sites. MMII Registration: 62334

## History of the Detroit United Railway in Macomb County

Thursday, April 19 • 11am

Take a nostalgic look back at the history of the Detroit United Railway interurban system that once crossed Macomb County. Learn about its development, construction and operation starting in the 1890s to its demise in the early 1930s. Historian Ken Schramm will discuss the railway that ran from Detroit to Port Huron and the impact it had on the region.

## How Talent and Innovation are Shaping Macomb County

Friday, April 20 • 1pm

Assistant County Executive for Macomb County John Paul (JP) Rea will discuss how 200 years of innovation have positioned Macomb County to be an economic force.

## Selfridge ANG History



Saturday, April 21 • 1pm

From World War I flying machines to today's battle-tested 21<sup>st</sup> century aircraft, Selfridge Air National Guard Base has been home to America's military heroes for more than 100 years. Selfridge veteran Dan Heaton offers some of the more interesting accounts of that history, touching upon the Tuskegee Airmen, the events of September 11, 2001, and a secret departure of dozens of Selfridge pilots on the eve of World War II. **MMII Registration: 62305**

## Songs, Stories and Dances of the Voyageurs



Wednesday, April 25 • 11am & 1pm

Told with voice, Native American hand talking, and French voyageur music, Genot Picor and Veronica Cieri will lead the audience in an interactive story and dance exploring French voyageur culture in Michigan and Macomb County, and how Lake St. Clair got its name.

**MMII Registration: 11am—62306 & 1pm—62307**

## Settling a Howling Wilderness: Macomb's Pioneer Experience

Thursday, April 26 • 11am & 1pm

According to one early Michigan settler, "the chief business of the pioneer was to live." The men, women and children who came to Macomb County in the 1820s and 1830s met the many challenges of conquering the wilderness with an indomitable spirit and unyielding determination. MSU History Professor Roger Rosentreter will give us a glimpse into the lives of early settlers.

## Macomb Living History Review

Saturday, April 28 • 1pm

Macomb's early history comes to life through re-enactors who portray people from our county's past. See Alexander Macomb, Christian and Elizabeth Clemens and others who will tell their stories about Macomb County's past.

## Lost Villages of Macomb County

Thursday, May 3 • 11am

Ghost towns are not just out west. They are right here in Macomb County, too! What may now seem like just an intersection may have once been a thriving town. Learn more about these villages and their history with local historian Debbie Remer.

## TRAVELING EXHIBIT



## What We Carried: Fragments and Memories from Iraq and Syria

One of the largest recent groups of new residents to Macomb County come from the Middle East. Since 2003, more than four million Iraqis have left their homes and relocated in hopes of creating a better future for themselves and their families in a setting free of war and uncertainty. Approximately 140,000 of these refugees have immigrated to the United States.

To document their life-changing journey and shed light on the trial and tribulations refugees experience in their search for stability, renowned freelance photographer and author Jim Lommasson has created a project documenting what it means to leave everything behind. The carried object and the intense personal stories behind them combine to illustrate the common threads that bind all of humanity. **MMII Registration: 62308**

*All of the pieces in this exhibition will be presented in both English and Arabic.*

## Additional Information

The Lorenzo Cultural Center welcomes field trips and group tours, and provides complimentary resources for teachers. The center is accessible to persons with disabilities. Call 586.226.4759 to plan your visit.

Speakers and programs are subject to change. Events are free and held in the Lorenzo Cultural Center unless otherwise noted. Event descriptions as well as information about advance registration, group tours, directions and parking are available at [www.LorenzoCulturalCenter.com](http://www.LorenzoCulturalCenter.com) or by calling 586.445.7348.



**Macomb Multicultural International Initiatives (MMII)** events are intended to increase knowledge, sensitivity and skills in cross-cultural interactions. Events count toward the cultural competency certificate, a nonacademic certificate awarded by Macomb Community College and MMII. For more information visit [www.macomb.edu/mmii](http://www.macomb.edu/mmii).



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## HOW TO REGISTER

All presentations are free unless otherwise marked and typically last one hour. **Preregistration is requested.** Guests can preregister in any of these ways:

1. By phone—586.445.7348
2. Register Online—[LorenzoCulturalCenter.com](http://LorenzoCulturalCenter.com)
  - ⇒ Complete the registration form
  - ⇒ Save completed form to your desktop
  - ⇒ Email the form to [CulturalCenter@macomb.edu](mailto:CulturalCenter@macomb.edu)
3. By filling out a registration sheet when you visit the Lorenzo Cultural Center.

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