

# Student participation at record levels!

## Invest in the future of Michigan history!



Michigan History Day national finalists with NHD Executive Director Cathy Gorn (left) and HSM staff Mary Ottoson (right).

**Michigan History Day** (National History Day in Michigan), is one of many educational programs at the Historical Society of Michigan. This year we had a record number of students participating—over 5,000 statewide—and over 500 people at the State Finals!

Work begins in the fall as students start their research and develop their entries. Following in-school competitions, regional contests are held in February and March culminating in the state finals in April. Students then advance to National History Day in June. An estimated 10,000 students, teachers, siblings and parents are impacted by the value of history through this program.

Your support will be an investment in the future of our children, allowing us

to reach more students statewide with the Michigan History Day program.

**Mulling Over Michigan** is an annual teacher training conference that focuses on Michigan studies. Aimed at promoting Michigan's history in the classroom, a wide variety of sessions include museum resources, storytellers, new curriculum, teaching standards and more. We help teachers reach and educate students about Michigan's story.

**History Workshops & Training** are an important educational and outreach activity. In 2006 we have scheduled a variety of workshops. Topics include basic

curatorial skills for small museums, disaster planning, exhibit skills for historical societies and teaching Michigan history. Response to these key sessions has been outstanding and demonstrates the need for these unique training opportunities.

The **Michigan Teacher** is produced three times a year. Aimed at elementary and secondary school teachers eager to teach Michigan's story, the publication shares useful information on resources, curriculum, conferences, and news. We now include it within the *Chronicle* so even more can benefit!

These are just a few of our programs. HSM's educational activities are made possible through your generosity. Please partner with us in advancing Michigan's story. Your investment will generate wonderful returns!



History Day students develop research, critical thinking, presentation and other skills exploring the past.



HSM education programs also provide training, workshops and other opportunities to local

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## The Historical Society of Michigan

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