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26 Schools Awarded Picturing America in Michigan Grants

More than \$10,000 awarded to organizations to participate in Picturing America in Michigan programs

(LANSING)-----The Michigan Humanities Council announces up to \$500 is available to Michigan K-12 schools and libraries involved in the *Picturing America* program to help pay program and travel costs to one of 12 partnership museums during the 2008-9 school year. The grants are available **ONLY** to Michigan's nearly 1,000 schools participating in *Picturing America*, a National Endowment for the Humanities initiative that helps students gain a deeper understanding of America history through the study and understanding of its art.

Students gain firsthand experience with American art through museum visits and in-class programs from the state's leading art museums. Programs are customized to the *Picturing America* curriculum. To date, 26 schools will receive grants for programming this school year (see list below) and 1,702 students will participate in the programs. Funding **remains available** for additional *Picturing America* schools to participate. Applications guidelines are available by contacting the Council and online at www.michiganhumanities.org.

"The early success of *Picturing America in Michigan* demonstrates the value that K-12 schools place on the arts and humanities to help us gain a deeper understanding of America," stated Janice Fedewa, executive director of the Michigan Humanities Council. "The Michigan Humanities Council is pleased to provide opportunities for schools to travel to and become involved in quality cultural programming."

The twelve museum partners for *Picturing America in Michigan* are:

- Cranbrook Art Museum, Bloomfield Hills
- Dennon Museum Center, Traverse City
- Detroit Institute of Arts
- DeVos Art Museum, Northern Michigan University, Marquette
- Ella Sharp Museum of Art and History, Jackson
- Flint Institute of Arts
- Kalamazoo Institute of Art
- Kresge Art Museum, Michigan State University, East Lansing
- Muskegon Museum of Art
- Saginaw Art Museum
- University of Michigan Museum of Art, Ann Arbor
- Urban Institute of Contemporary Art, Grand Rapids

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A recent field trip funded by the Council was from 65 students at O.W. Holmes Elementary School in Detroit to the Cranbrook Art Museum on November 12, 2008, to see the exhibit, *Glimpses of Detroit's Past*. "The students were amazed by the photography and the artwork," said Connie Atkisson, science educator at Holmes Elementary. "The field trip was preceded by a presentation from the museum to our school about this exhibit on Detroit and about the methods used by the artists. The students learned about the history of Detroit and the science used to create the artwork. This grant made this opportunity possible."

Title	Museum	Program Date	Students	Grades	Organization/School	Org City
Extraordinary Design for Ordinary Things	Cranbrook Art Museum	November 7, 2008	80	7-8	Oak Valley Middle School	Commerce Twp.
Picturing Health: Norman Rockwell and the Art of Illustration	Kalamazoo Institute of Arts	November 11, 2008	80	8	F.C. Reed Middle School	Bridgman
Glimpses of Detroit's Past	Cranbrook Art Museum	November 12, 2008	65	3-5	O.W. Holmes Elementary School	Detroit
Up Show	Urban Institute of Contemporary Arts	November 12, 2008	28	10-12	Orchard View High School	Muskegon
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Representin' the Tribe	DeVos Art Museum	November 21, 2008	78	6-12	Nah Tah Wahsh PSA	Hannahville
The American Experience	Kresge Art Museum	December 10, 2008	35	10-12	Ewart High School	Ewart
Contemporary Art Quilts of the 12 Voice Exhibition	Dennos Museum Center	December 12, 2008	50	9-12	Onaway High School	Onaway
Ritual, Symbol, Metaphor: Pacific Northwest Coast Indians	DeVos Art Museum	December 17, 2008	45	9-12	Calumet High School	Calumet
Representin' the Tribe	DeVos Art Museum	January 8, 2009	60	9-12	Ontonagon Area High School	Ontonagon
Adventures in Wildlife Art	Ella Sharp Museum of History & Art	January 10, 2009	50	K-6	Bedford Branch Library	Temperance
The American Experience in the Classroom	Kresge Art Museum	January 20, 2009	28	9-12	Ovid-Elsie High School	Elsie
Buzz Spector: Paper Work(s)	Urban Institute of Contemporary Arts	January 26, 2009	82	K-8	St. Patrick School	Ada
American Tour	Detroit Institute of Arts	February 6, 2009	102	7-8	Ann Arbor Open School	Ann Arbor
Glimpses of Detroit's Past	Cranbrook Art Museum	February 11, 2009	77	4	Holly Elementary School	Holly
Adventures in Wildlife Art	Ella Sharp Museum of History & Art	February 19, 2009	25	4-7	Caroline Kennedy Library	Dearborn Heights
KIA Permanent Collection	Kalamazoo Institute of Arts	March 13, 2009	60	5	Central Elementary School	White Pigeon
American Tour	Detroit Institute of Arts	March 19, 2009	83	6	Avondale Meadows Upper Elementary School	Rochester Hills
Extraordinary Design for Ordinary Things	Cranbrook Art Museum	March 19, 2009	50	3-5	Bloomfield Township Public Library	Bloomfield Hills
American Tour	Detroit Institute of Arts	April 29, 2009	77	5	Lottie Schmidt Elementary School	New Baltimore
19th Century American Landscape	University of Michigan Museum of Art	May 5, 2009	48	9-12	John F. Kennedy High School	Taylor
American Tour	Detroit Institute of Arts	May 20, 2009	89	5	Meadowbrook Elementary School	Walled Lake
Georgia O'Keefe and Her Times	Kalamazoo Institute of Arts	May 21, 2009	30	8	Sturgis Middle School	Sturgis
Landscapes	Muskegon Museum of Art	February 17-20, 2009	170	5	Helen R. Ealy Elementary School	Whitehall
American Tour	Detroit Institute of Arts	March 19-28, 2009	30	10-12	Saugatuck High School	Saugatuck
Picturing Health: Norman Rockwell and the Art of Illustration	Kalamazoo Institute of Arts	November 18, 2008 & December 10, 2008	130	1-2	Angling Road Elementary School	Portage

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