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From the Executive Director...

Dear Members and Friends,

The 27th Annual Hall of Fame Awards Dinner and Induction Ceremony was a remarkable evening as we inducted 10 incredible women and honored 2 deserving gentlemen with the Philip A. Hart Award. We are grateful for the generous support of our sponsors, contributors, attendees, and program advertisers. We appreciate every contribution—especially during these challenging economic times. I would like to personally thank our co-chairs, Shirley Zeller and Cindy Hughey, our assistant director Emily Fijol, our office manager Emily Crampton, and all of the volunteers who added to the quality of this outstanding evening.

Now, we begin the nomination process for 2011, along with many other aggressive initiatives for the coming year. I hope that each of you will take a more active role this year...as Hall of Fame nominators and judges, as volunteers, members, supporters, and visitors. Did you know that we increased our attendance by 97% this year?

The challenges that face us everyday are formidable! But with your support we will continue to move forward, work to fulfill our mission and goals, and experience new growth and success. Would you like to host an event in your community? Would like to a speaker for your next meeting? Would like you like to contribute to a special project to modernize and update this museum? And, we will need your help for our 1st Annual Golf Outing! There are so many ways to contribute to the Michigan Women's Historical Center and Hall of Fame—I know we can find the perfect fit for you! Please contact me at ssoifer@michiganwomen.org to get involved.

Thanks for all of your support! I hope that everyone has a joyful holiday season and a very happy new year!

Sandy Soifer

Executive Director, Michigan Women's Historical Center & Hall of Fame

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Now Through Jan 30: "Celebrating Women!" by Ann Arbor Women Artists

Now Through Feb 12, 2012: "Petticoat Patriots: How Michigan Women Won the Vote," history exhibit

Dec 15: Deadline for proposals for the 2011 MWSA Conference, "Leading the Way: Feminism, Education and Social Change"
Visit: www.gvsu.edu/wgs for details.

Feb 6, 2-4 pm: Art exhibit opening reception for "The World Through The Lens of Merze Tate"

Mar 10, 5-8 pm: Women's History Month Reception at the Center

HOLIDAY HOURS

The Museum will be closed for the following holiday weekends: **Dec 24-27, Dec 31- Jan 2,**

From the President...



Dear Members and Friends:

I am proud to report that this year's the Hall of Fame Awards Dinner was a huge success. We had a dining room full of people, a program full of exciting honorees, and a gala event to remember! Thank you to all who sponsored the Hall of Fame Dinner, to all who attended, and to the staff and volunteers who made it happen. We could not do it without all those components.

As you may have noted in your last newsletter, we have done some work on enhancing our mission and goals for the Michigan Women's Studies Association, the Michigan Women's Historical Center, and the Hall of Fame. The new mission is "to inspire and engage adults and children by celebrating Michigan women's history, promoting educational opportunities, and honoring the accomplishments of Michigan women."

There are lots of new plans for the coming year that you'll be hearing about, including a women studies conference and a summer golf outing.

Currently, visitors to the Center will enjoy our newest history exhibit celebrating the 90th anniversary of the women's suffrage movement— open through February 2012. If you haven't had a chance to see it, put it on your "to do" list. Visitors will also enjoy the exhibit in the Belen Gallery, called "Celebrating Women!"—an art exhibit created by Ann Arbor Women Artists and juried by our Assistant Director, Emily Fijol. Congratulations to all on an excellent exhibit!

If you have access to Internet, be sure to check out the website at www.michiganwomenshalloffame.org. There's lots of good information there. And remember, nominations for the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame are due March 21 for our 2011 class of inductees. Nomination forms are available on the website, at the Center, or by mail. There are many Michigan women who need to be recognized and only you can help make that happen.

Have a wonderful holiday season!

Shirley Zeller

President, Michigan Women's Studies Association

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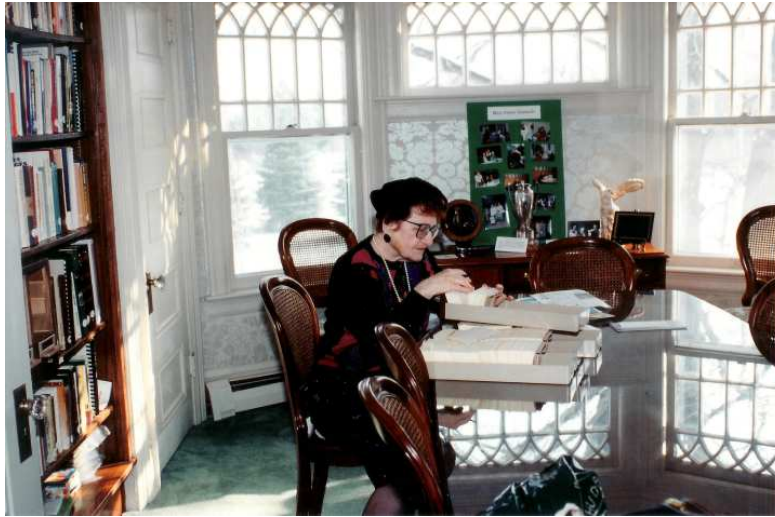
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ELIZABETH LINDSEY LIBRARY FUND

In October of this year, the Michigan Women's Historical Center and Hall of Fame lost a dedicated 20-year volunteer and librarian, Elizabeth Lindsey.

Gladys Beckwith and Louise Sause, two of Elizabeth's closest friends, hosted a luncheon at the Center for those who knew Elizabeth personally and professionally to reminisce. Elizabeth was a highly skilled professional and traveled the world as a library consultant. She had her own sense of style, dressing in colorful outfits with coordinating accessories and her hair was always perfectly styled. She was an early riser, noted Sause, who received a call from her everyday, at 7:30 am for the past 20 years and by that hour Elizabeth had already read the *New York Times*! Elizabeth was an insightful, intelligent woman who cared passionately about issues that were important to her. She had her own direct style, always delivered as promised and got the job done!



Elizabeth working on the card catalogue at the Center.

Marcia Van Ness, MWSA Board Member, entitles her favorite memory as the enduring and unalterable "Elizabeth says". When Marcia was a docent at the Center in the early '90s, she quickly learned who ran the library. "Some of us thought we had an idea for some type of change in handling the book collection and suggested it to Center administrators at the time. The answer came back quickly and to the point: 'Elizabeth says that's not going to happen'...and believe me, it didn't."

Elizabeth Lindsey dedicated more than 20 years to the library at the Michigan Women's Historical Center and Hall of Fame. In honor of her extraordinary service, we are creating the **Elizabeth Lindsey Library Fund**. This fund will help us perpetuate her love of books and women's history, and support our mission. All contribu-

tions will be applied to update and improve our library. Gifts of \$100 or more will be acknowledged on a plaque permanently displayed in the library and all other gifts will be recognized by book plates.

Our library project needs your support to acquire the following items:

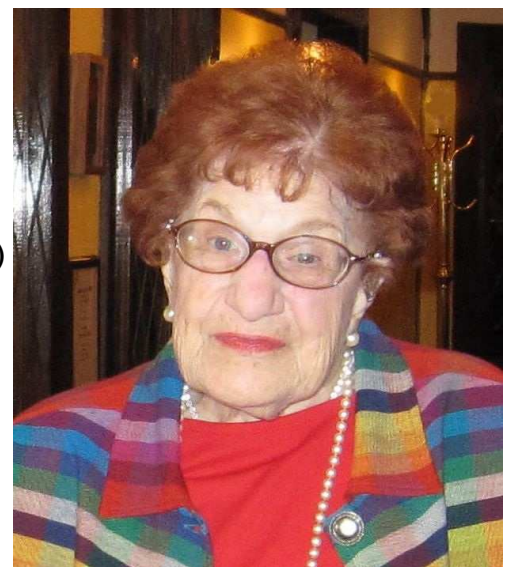
- \$500 Software to convert to an electronic library catalogue
- \$750 Additional books to enhance our body of materials
- \$1,000 Laptop for library data, collections, and new acquisitions
- \$2,000 Furniture (book shelves, tables, chairs, computer work station)

Please make your donation today for the
Elizabeth Lindsey Library Fund:

Go to michiganwomenshalloffame.org and click on Support/Donate

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Call Emily Crampton, our Office Manager, at (517) 484-1880 Ext. 203



Elizabeth Lindsey, 1921-2010.

Thank you, in advance, for your investment in this important project!

*Congratulations to all of the 2010
Michigan Women's Hall of Fame
Inductees and Award Recipients!*

Contemporary Inductees: Mary Aikey, Laura Carter Callow, Sandra Laser Draggoo, Sherrill Freeborough, Dorean Marguerite Hurley Koenig, Terry McMillan, and Cynthia J. Pasky
Historical Inductees: Augusta Jane Chapin, Annie Etheridge, and Edith Munger
Philip A. Hart Award Recipients: Thomas J. Bissonnette and Daniel Granholm Mulhern



Above: Sheri Jones, news anchor for WLNS-TV6 and the moderator for the event.



Left (Top L to R): Marcia Jefferson (accepting for Terry McMillan), Rev. Kathryn Bert (accepting for historical nominee Augusta Jane Chapin), Thomas J. Bissonnette, Daniel Granholm Mulhern, Sherrill Freeborough, and Alice Hoffman (accepting for historical nominee Annie Etheridge).

(Bottom L to R): Mary Aikey, Laura Carter Callow, Dorean Marguerite Hurley Koenig, and Sandra Laser Draggoo.

2011 HALL OF FAME NOMINATION DEADLINE

March is Women's History Month and the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame (HOF) seeks nominations for the 2011 class of inductees. The HOF recognizes the accomplishments and contributions Michigan women have made to improve their communities, the state, the nation, and global society.

Any individual or group can submit a nomination form. The nominee may be living or deceased. However, all candidates for admission to the HOF must have been born in Michigan OR achieved prominence within the state OR

been a resident of the state for an extended period after achieving prominence elsewhere. Women's organizations may also be nominated to the HOF.

Nomination forms are available:

- Online: www.michiganwomenshalloffame.org
- In person at the Historical Center
- By phone: 517-484-1880 x203
- By email: info@michiganwomen.org

Nominations are due March 21, 2011.

EXHIBITS AT THE HISTORICAL CENTER

Ann Arbor Women Artist Exhibit



1st prize winner, "American Woman" by Sharyn Intihar Schlarman.

The art exhibit by Ann Arbor Women Artists opened to wide acclaim on November 7. The exhibit, *Celebrating Women*, is a juried exhibit featuring 55 works by various artists and focuses on women's roles, relationships and importance as leaders.

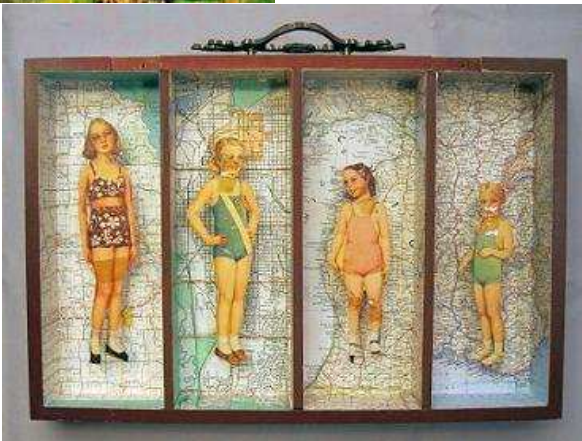
Three prize winners and four honorable mentions were selected for the exhibit. First prize went to artists Sharyn Intihar Schlarman for *American Woman*, second prize to Sophie Grillet for *Women Hold Up Half the Sky*, and third



Above: 2nd prize winner, "Women Hold Up Half the Sky" by Sophie Grillet.

prize to Paula Doe for *Sisters*. Honorable mentions went to Barbara Carson for *Cafeteria Mom*, Paula Doe for *Party Dress*, Eathel Mendenhall for *Generation Gap*, and Francie Wesorick for *Grandma, Age 90*.

The exhibit continues through Sunday, January 30, 2011. Don't miss your chance to view this breathtaking and inspiring exhibit.



Right: 3rd prize winner, "Sisters" by Paula Doe.

"The World Through The Lens of Merze Tate"

A new photography exhibit will be on display in the Belen Gallery in honor of Black History Month in February and Women's History Month in March—*The World Through the Lens of Merze Tate*. The exhibit features the photography of the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame honoree and represents her lifetime of global travel. The exhibit will be on display Saturday, February 5, 2011 through Sunday, April Wednesday, April 27, 2011.



Merze Tate (1905-1996), Hall of Fame inductee

Tate was the first African American to graduate from Oxford University, an author, a professor, and a U.S. State Department representative, and many other "firsts."

The opening reception will be on Sunday, February 6, 2011 from 2 to 4 p.m.—which also happens to be Merze Tate's 106th birthday! Tate passed away in 1996.

HISTORY EXHIBIT ON DISPLAY Petticoat Patriots: How Michigan Women Won the Vote

Discover key events in the women's suffrage movement in Michigan and meet over 20 female patriots that demanded "Votes for Women."



Hall of Fame Women Are in the News

• **Jean Ledwig King** was awarded “Woman of the Year” by Michigan Women in the Law and sponsored by Michigan Lawyers Weekly.

• **Terry McMillan**, a Port Huron native now living in New York, was on *The Oprah Winfrey Show* in September to promote her new book, *Getting to Happy*.

• **Jessica Rickert** discussed Native American health issues at Northern Michigan University as part of Native American Heritage month in November.

• **Marlo Thomas** was on NPR promoting her new book, *Growing Up Laughing: My Story and the Story of Funny*, featuring memoirs of her life with father Danny Thomas and surrounded by comedy giants.

• **Charleszetta “Mother” Waddles, Fannie Richards, Cora Brown, and Erma Henderson** were featured in a Michigan History magazine article on Elmwood Cemetery and its role in African-American history.

• Michigan Women’s Hall of Fame inductees **Hortense Canady** died on October 23 and **The Honorable Hilda Gage** died on September 13. We send our condolences to their families.



1989 HOF inductee, Jean King.

2011 Michigan Women’s Studies Conference in Grand Rapids

Plans for the 2011 Michigan Women’s Studies Conference are well underway. The conference—Leading the Way: Feminism, Education, and Social Change—will be held on Saturday, March 26, 2011 at the Eberhard Center at Grand Valley State University (GVSU) in Grand Rapids. The conference is co-sponsored by GVSU’s Women and Gender Studies Program and Women’s Center and will feature presentations and poster board sessions on a variety of gender and women’s issues from all disciplines.



Susan Douglas

Susan Douglas, professor and chair of the Communication’s Studies program at Michigan University, will be the conference keynote speaker. Douglas has authored many books on women in the media, the most recent being *Enlightened Sexism: The Seductive Message That Feminism’s Work Is Done* in 2010. Douglas has written for many popular publications and

has appeared on *The Today Show*, *The CBS Early Show*, and *The Oprah Winfrey Show*.

Proposals are welcome on any topic on women’s and/or gender issues and debates from all fields and disciplines, including the humanities, social sciences, sciences, education, arts, design, business, and sports. Submissions are invited for papers, panels, workshops, and undergraduate posters. Proposals will be accepted through December 15, 2010. For more information regarding proposal submissions and registration, visit www.gvsu.edu/wgs.



Save the Date!

1st Annual Golf Outing
Monday, June 27, 2011
Lansing Country Club

Contact us today to serve on the committee.

UPCOMING EVENTS

2nd Annual MWHOF Raffle

You can win fabulous prizes!

Grand Prize: One of these **AMAZING TRIPS** or **\$2,000 Cash** (If fewer than 300 tickets are sold, Grand prize will revert to \$1,000 cash prize)

- **America's Cup Stars & Stripes Sailing Experience in San Diego;** 4 Nights at Hyatt Regency Mission Bay Resort and Round-Trip Airfare (2) on American Airlines
- **Three Nights at Venetian or Palazzo Resort in Las Vegas;** Luxury Suite for two, Canyon Ranch Spa Daily Passes, and VIP seats for a Cirque du Soleil Show
- **Hyatt Regency in beautiful Scottsdale, Arizona;** 3 Nights at the 5-Star Resort and Spa at Gainey Ranch and Round-Trip Airfare (2) American Airlines

SECOND PRIZE: Two tickets for a matinee performance of the musical *Jersey Boys*, October 1, 2011, Wharton Center for the Performing Arts, East Lansing

THIRD PRIZE: Two tickets MSU vs. Minnesota football game, November 5, 2011, Spartan Stadium, East Lansing

The Raffle Drawing will take place at a reception on Thursday, March 10, 5-8 pm. Please join us to celebrate Women's History Month, although raffle participants need not to be present to win. Watch for our mailing in January or you can purchase tickets online at www.michiganwomenshalloffame.org beginning in January. We are counting on your support!

If you would like to be a raffle sponsor (cost \$300) and have your name and logo on 18,000 tickets and 6,000 fliers, please contact Sandy Soifer at ssoifer@michiganwomen.org or (517) 484-1880 ext. 200.

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Save the Date!

Thursday, March 10, 2011, 5-8 p.m.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH RECEPTION
At the Michigan Women's Historical
Center & Hall of Fame

Join us as we celebrate the beginning of Women's History Month by unveiling the new panels for the 2010 inductees of the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame, announce new initiatives, and hold the 2nd Annual MWHOF Raffle drawing. We will also be accepting 2011 Hall of Fame nominations.

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