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The Historical Society  
of Greater Lansing  
March 2000

**Enjoy A Tour**  
of the  
**OLDSMOBILE  
HERITAGE CENTER**

**414 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing  
(the old Gladstone Building)**

**Time: 7:30pm  
Date: March 15, 2000**

The exhibit that showcases  
the *people*  
who built the Oldsmobiles.

The program scheduled for this date at the Lansing Public Library has been cancelled.



The next monthly *Meet Your City* Program, will be held at the Turner-Dodge House, 7 pm, March 6, 2000, featuring Jerry Lawler. His discussion *Moving the Capitol*, involves the founding of Lansing, how they decided to lay out the city and the power-play that ensued between the land developers. Admission is \$3.50. Following the program, coffee and cookies will be served before Ron Turner leads a tour of the building.

**The Genealogy and History Book Fair.** The HSGL will be represented, and it will be open to the public April 2, 2000 at the Lansing Center, 333 E. Michigan Ave. from 10am to 4:30 pm in Hall B. Admission is \$2.00. Admission to the Mid-Michigan Antiquarian Book Dealers Association book and paper fair is available for an additional fee.

**The Edmonds Collection** is in the process of being scanned and indexed with the project slated to be completed by April 15, 2000. The collection includes some of the oldest photos of early Lansing available. The photos are being scanned into a digital format and transferred to computer CDs. This will reduce the amount of handling the fragile antique photos receive while also making them electronically available to the public.

**Annual Meeting** Members are reminded to keep the night of May 17, 2000 available for the Annual HSGL Dinner. Our host this year will be The Michigan Historical Center at 717 W. Allegan St. The newest exhibit, *Thanks for the Memories*, will be open for the HSGL members, following the election of officers and trustee. Mail-in reservations will be available in the HSGL April newsletter.

**Trustee Position.** A vacant position on the Board of Directors as a Trustee is available for a one- year term. Anyone interested in volunteering, is encouraged to contact Ron Turner at 321-3277. Board meetings are held from 7-9 pm on the third Wednesdays of even -numbered months, except December.

**City Directory Project:** Jim Panetta has informed the HSGL that he is transcribing early city directories, so they can be loaded into an electronic database. He says this information will then be made available to the public via the Internet, hopefully in the near future.

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The Historical Society of Greater Lansing sponsors a variety of programs, projects, and publications of local historic interest:

### Sample Programs and Projects:

- Walking tours of Downtown Lansing, North Lansing, Mount Hope Cemetery . . .
- Speakers on such topics as stained glass in Downtown churches, R.E. and Metta Olds, Pioneer Women, the Women's Hospital Association, Trinity AME Church, the Polish pioneers . . .
- Special events: Lansing History Day . . .
- Pioneer Family History Project

### Publications:

- Note Cards, 1870s Drawings by C.H. Mead
- Mudge's 1878 City Directory
- Historic Architectural Scavenger Hunt
- Brochures on Pioneers
- Significant People Buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery
- Rare Maps
- Lansing Through the Years, photo book

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We welcome donations of local historical materials, which will be made available for viewing and research in the Local History Room at the Lansing Public Library

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### Become a Member for \$15

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For more information, contact the  
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