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Summer Speaker Series

This summer, the Clarke will welcome three speakers to talk about a wide range of intriguing topics.

Tonight, **Tuesday, June 3**, Michigan Notable Book Award-winning author Michael Schumacher will join us to speak about his book *November's Fury: the Deadly Great Lakes Hurricane of 1913*. The ultimate story of man versus nature, *November's Fury* recounts the dramatic events that unfolded over four days in 1913, when a freshwater hurricane of epic proportions developed into a storm that was one of the deadliest in Great Lakes maritime history. Michael Schumacher brings this violent storm to terrifying life.

In July, we will welcome well-known local historian Jack Westbrook to explore Mt. Pleasant’s first oil boom (**July 8**). We will also welcome Dr. Robert Knapp in July to speak about his new book, which tells the story of Isaiah Lebove, Jack Livingston, and a cast including gangsters and oil barons, set in the days of Michigan’s oil boom (**July 22**).

All events begin at 7:00 pm in the Park Library Auditorium with receptions following in the Clarke.

Molson Art on Loan to the Mackinac Arts Council

A portion of the Frances and Mary Lois Molson Collection is currently on loan to the Mackinac Arts Council.

The exhibit will be on display at the Mission Point Resort on Mackinac Island and will feature original artwork used as illustrations in numerous children’s books. These items will be displayed during the month of June. A reception will be held for the Clarke on Saturday, June 28 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

New Acquisitions:

The Clarke has recently acquired some great new items, including two new lithographic prints to add to our collection of over 70 eighteenth-century Native American portraits. Our new lithographs include "Meta Koosega: A Chippewa Warrior" and "O-Hya-Wa-Mince-Kee: A Chippewa Chief." You can see digital copies of all of the prints held by the Clarke on our website.

Clarke Summer Hours

Just a reminder, now that classes are finished at Central Michigan University, the Clarke will no longer be open on Saturdays. We will still be open Monday to Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. You can visit us in person, call the reference desk at 989-774-3864, or send an e-mail to clarke@cmich.edu.

Recent News Posted on the Clarke Blog

The blog has been updated again with some great new posts! Our most recent entry is on *National Bike Month* and what the Clarke has to offer for all of your interests in cycling. Marian Matyn also had some fun going through some CMU’s RHA Scrapbooks that were recently donated to the Clarke. Bryan Whitlegde wrote about *Gentle Friday* just before school was out, and during commencement we wrote about the evolution of the Central Commencement Programs, dating from 1893 to present day. Make sure to stop by the *News & Notes* blog to see what’s going on inside the Clarke!