




## Fred Hart Williams Genealogical Society

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### Membership Dues Reminder

 If you have not paid dues for the current program year 2008 – 2009, you are in arrears. Dues are payable each year in September. Check Page 9 for your membership status and send check if your name is not listed.

### Membership Attendance

	Members	Guests	Total
Sept 6	52	55	107
Oct 4	39	14	53
Nov 1	33	10	43

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### JANUARY – JUNE 2009 MEETING SCHEDULE

10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. Detroit Public Library, Main Branch  
Meetings will be held in the Old Fine Arts Room, Third Floor,  
unless otherwise noted

#### Saturday, January 3 - 2009

10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M., Old Fine Arts Room, DPL

*Part 1: Beginning Genealogy Information and Resources*

Presenter: Peggy Sawyer Williams, Immediate Past President, FHWGS

*Part 2: State Club Updates and Breakout Sessions*

#### Saturday, February 7 - 2009

10:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M., Old Fine Arts Room, DPL

**Annual African American History Month Celebration**

2009 Margaret McCall Thomas Ward History Maker: Norman McRae, Ph.D.

Educator, Historian, Author & FHWGS Charter Member

FHWGS unveils a new biography, written by genealogist and Society member Joann Marie Davis, honoring Dr. McRae's infinite accomplishments and dedication to preserving African American History.

#### Saturday, March 7 - 2009

10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M., Old Fine Arts Room, DPL

*Helping Hands & Hearts: The Story of the Underground Railroad in Farmington, Michigan*

Presenter: Rochelle Danquah, historian and FHWGS Board Member, will discuss the history of Farmington's founders and their contributions to the Underground Railroad movement in Southeastern Michigan.

#### Saturday, April 18 - 2009

1:30 P.M. (Following 12:00 P.M. Luncheon)

*51<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference on Local History, Michigan in Perspective*

McGregor Memorial Conference Center, Wayne State University

Topic: *Swimming Upstream: Detroit's African American Physicians*

Presenter: Roberta Hughes Wright, Ph.D., Attorney-at-law, Ret.

#### Saturday, May 2 - 2009

10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M., Old Fine Arts Room, DPL **Annual Meeting & Elections**

Topic: *One Family's Story*

Presenter: Anthony Crutchfield, FHWGS Board Member, shares his family history and research in an engaging power point presentation.

#### Saturday, June 6 - 2009

**Day Trip, (Details TBA)**

*Annual Field Trip: Cass County Historical Sites Tour*

In collaboration with Lansing Area African American Genealogical Society

All Meetings are free and open to the public.  
Free parking on Saturday in the library's Putnam Street parking lot