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Dear Friend of Michigan Preservation:

The Michigan Historic Preservation Network (MHPN) invites you to contribute an item to our silent and live auctions at our 28th Annual Fall Benefit. MHPN is *the* membership organization in Michigan dedicated to recognizing and preserving the state's architectural and cultural heritage. Your item, when auctioned, provides financial support for our efforts.

The MHPN will hold this year's Benefit at the historic Durant-Dort Factory One in downtown Flint from 6-9:45 PM on Friday, October 7. The birthplace of General Motors in 1908, Factory One is where innovative visionaries William "Billy" Durant and J. Dallas Dort revolutionized their carriage company to put the world on wheels and the City of Flint on the map. GM's renovation of Factory One from 2013-2016 brings this story full circle. Before the Benefit, guests may tour the nearby Durant-Dort Carriage Company Office, a National Historic Landmark.

We welcome unique donations. Popular items include entertainment packages, historic tours, overnight stays at historic hotels and B&B's, books and works of art, and gift certificates of all types. The best items are often those that are hard to come by. As an auction item donor, you will receive recognition on the item's bid sheet, in the evening's program, and in the MHPN's annual report. Your donation may be tax deductible because the MHPN is a 501(c)3 organization.

I have enclosed a donation form for your convenience. The deadline for receipt of donated items is Friday, September 30, 2022. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me.

Many thanks for helping us!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bethany Berdes".

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