

Alexander Macomb Historical Award
Organization



Year Award Given: 2014

Awarded to: Michigan Transit Museum / Mount Clemens Depot Museum – Mount Clemens, Macomb, MI

Nominated by: Macomb County Historical Commissioners

Nominated by: Kim Parr

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In 1973, the Michigan Transit Museum was established as an educational institution dedicated to preserving the legacy and history of railways, streetcars and electric interurbans in

southeastern Michigan. The non-profit group operates the Mount Clemens Depot Museum, located in what is now a Mount Clemens, Michigan historic district.

The depot, Italianate in design, first opened for business on November 21, 1859 as part of the Chicago, Detroit and Canada Grand Trunk Junction railway and served the community for 122 years. In 1980, the City of Mount Clemens acquired the property. Since then, the Michigan Transit Museum has spent many years lovingly caring for the depot. Through grants, community support and many dedicated volunteer hours, the depot has been restored to stateliness. A passionate group of train enthusiasts regularly man the depot offering tours, research in their extensive archive and occasional train rides.

In 1973, the depot was honored by being listed on the State of Michigan Register of Historic Places and in 1981 on the United States National Register of Historic Places.

It is with pleasure that the Michigan Transit Museum / Mount Clemens Depot Museum be awarded the 2014 Alexander Macomb Historical Award for an organization for its efforts to preserve the railway history in Michigan, specifically in Macomb County.

Information Resources: Michigan Transit Museum, Gary Michaels, John Jamison, III