

## ACEH MEETING

# Program looks at stories, stereotypes

Staff report

Two exhibits at the Holland Museum will be the starting point for discussion at the Alliance for Cultural and Ethnic Harmony meeting at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11. The topic will be “Stories and Stereotypes at the Museum.” The museum is at 31 W. Ninth St. Everyone is welcome.

Presented by the Museum Youth Advisory Council, “Documented: The Stories of Latin@s in Holland/Las Historias de Latin@s en Holland” examines the large migrant Hispanic community and its impact on Holland throughout history.

The second exhibit, from the Appel Collection at Michigan State University, is “Immigration & Caricature: Ethnic Images.” It

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explores how immigrant and ethnic stereotypes played a role in forming American values and attitudes about the multi-cultural development of the United States, using a collection of 70 images from popular graphics from the Civil War to World War I — a period of massive, largely European, immigration to this country.

Connie Locker, education and community outreach director of the museum, will lead a tour of the two exhibits; a questions and comments period will follow.

“I am positive people who attend will have a lot to talk about after viewing these compelling exhibits,” said ACEH president John Yelding said. “There will opportunities to offer immediate feedback on the images and to directly participate in growing the Latino/Latina exhibit.”

The Alliance was founded in Holland in 1999 to work for justice, equal opportunity, appreciation for diversity and cross-cultural understanding. For more information, visit [harmonyalliance.org](http://harmonyalliance.org) or call (616) 396-2201.