

Network News

Michigan Historic Preservation Network

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IT IS OURS!

After months of working through the details, the Michigan Historic Preservation Network (MHPN) is proud to announce that we are now the proud owners of a brand new historic building! If you've been following our blogs this summer or have "liked" us on Facebook, you would have seen photos of the Thelma Joyce Osteen Comfort Station. This wonderful building was constructed by the City of Lansing in 1915 when it was known as the North Side Rest Room (read more about it at <http://mhpn.wordpress.com/2011/06/27/old-newspapers-reveal-more-of-the-comfort-station-history/>). Although it was called a Rest Room, it really provided a place for travelers on the adjacent interurban line to get out of the weather while waiting for their train to arrive.



Years later, the upper floor of the tiny building was utilized as a meeting space for community groups. Before the City of Lansing offered the building for purchase in 2010 it sat vacant for a number of years. Late in 2010, the MHPN proposal was determined to be the best proposal. Since then, MHPN staff, board members, and volunteers have spent many hours getting everything ready to accept the property and close the deal. Rehabilitation plans were developed and issues such as hazardous materials and handicapped access were addressed—the same issues many owners of older buildings successfully address. The difference for MHPN is that, after 31 years of working to bring historic preservation to the forefront in communities across Michigan, we

now have an opportunity to also lead by example. What a proud moment it was when the message went out to MHPN board and committee members on Friday, November 11th, that the deal was closed, the paperwork signed, and the building was ours!

Watch for more news about the Thelma Joyce Osteen Comfort Station in the coming months as we begin the real work. MHPN anticipates the hazardous materials abatement will take place this winter and rehabilitation efforts will begin in mid-summer 2012. The building will serve as a hands-on workshop site for MHPN programming in the coming months! Watch for our first major capital campaign in the new year—to help defray the major expense of rehabilitating our own new offices. When it is complete, MHPN will move our headquarters to the second floor of the building and use the first floor for rental space. We are looking forward to a lot more firsts with this move—and invite our membership to be by our side every step of the way!

Introducing the NTHP's New "Preservation 10X" Plan

Over the years, the Michigan Historic Preservation Network (MHPN) has established a strong relationship with the National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP). It was through the NTHP that MHPN was able to hire our first professional executive director. It was also working with the NTHP that MHPN was able to bring on both of our field representatives. NTHP was the organization that facilitated the development of the Michigan Preservation Fund—a granting program that focuses specifically on projects in our state. Most recently, a partnership with the NTHP resulted in hiring a preservation specialist to work with the rightsizing efforts of Saginaw and Lansing.

All these good efforts grew from being one of the first statewide historic preservation programs in the country to take advantage of the NTHP's Statewide Partners' program. We have had access to excellent advice and developed a close relationship with the leadership and staff of the NTHP.

In the fall of 2011, NTHP's new president, Stephanie Meeks, announced the Trust is embarking on a new course called

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Preservation 10X. Although the plan is not fully developed, the leadership of MHPN felt it was important to share with our membership the information provided while we were in Buffalo for the Trust's Annual Meeting. The NTHP has established the Preservation 10X strategy to address three issues that are impacting their ability to function. These issues include fragmented programs, financial challenges, and a shrinking base of supporters.

Programs

Preservation 10X seeks to streamline the existing programs, with a focus on direct action with partners and a portfolio of National Treasures (this term was the initial name given to the program, but with concern about the limits of this name, the NTHP is seeking advice on a new name for this aspect of their efforts). Information provided by the NTHP notes that "using a combination of research and action, our applied scholarship will have direct effect on National Treasures. We will also share broadly what we learn with the preservation community."

Finances

A comprehensive 5-year financial plan will address the growing budgetary deficit experienced by the NTHP. Studies carried out by the NTHP reveal that if nothing is done, by 2015 there will be a \$9 million budget shortfall. That shortfall grows to \$30 million when "deferred investment" obligations (such as historic site expenses and technology systems) are taken into consideration. The Preservation 10X program also calls for a \$200 million fundraising campaign with the funds dedicated to operations and capital investments in IT and historic sites.

Growing the NTHP membership/supporters base

Research undertaken by the NTHP reveals that there are approximately 15 million "local preservationists" in America. Local preservationists are defined as people who are engaged in a number of preservation activities, but are not involved with the NTHP or many of their partners (such as the MHPN). A four prong approach has been developed by the NTHP to address this disconnect in support. Information from the NTHP indicates that this approach will be to:

- Reposition the Trust brand and messaging to better resonate with this broader audience.
- Research interest areas of local preservationists in preparation for marketing program development.
- Develop and launch a series of marketing programs designed to reach local preservationists and give them a reason and method to engage with the Trust.
- Shift marketing resources within the Trust to support outreach to this broader audience.

As the NTHP continues to define and refine the Preservation 10X strategy, we at MHPN will continue to be watchful, provide feedback to the NTHP, and work to keep our membership aware of the changes—all to monitor the possible impact on us as a statewide partner.

Reshaping the National Trust: An Advisor's View



by Michigan NTHP Advisor, Pamela Hall O'Connor

I learned during my years as an MHPN Board member that I'm not afraid of change, and could help facilitate it when a need and direction became clear. Likewise, I believe we all understood there would be change at the National Trust when President Stephanie Meeks was hired. In the past year, she has skillfully managed an assessment of what and where change is required.

So when I arrived in Buffalo for the NTHP Conference Advisors' meetings, I expected to hear about new directions and priorities.

Why change now? Early in her tenure, Meeks spent months visiting NTHP offices and meeting with Partners, doing interviews and investigating operations. What she learned was: 1) the NTHP was trying to do too many things; 2) major fiscal improvements were needed; and, 3) membership was shrinking.

BIG change is coming, though the means to achieve it is not yet complete. As always, "the devil's in the details." The Trust understands that more work is needed to complete and implement the transition. As Meeks acknowledged in her opening remarks: "We don't know yet exactly how it will look when we're done—but we have a goal."

From its organizational assessment, the NTHP determined it will pursue four general paths: 1) Identify and protect America's most important and threatened places; 2) Advocate for laws, regulations and funding to support preservation; 3) Support preservation leaders, and, 4) Reach out to a broad base of supporters. The following themes will act as filters to help the NTHP prioritize its efforts down the paths listed above: Sustainable Communities, Diversity and Place, Public Lands and Tomorrow's Historic Sites.

In their meetings, Advisors had many opportunities to ask questions and express opinions about the reorganization. It already is clear to me that our work there was fruitful. We hope the Trust continues to listen as it moves forward in refining the way it will do its work for, and with, us all.

This is your year-end gift appeal from the MHPN. In this unrelenting economic downturn, we expand our message...

Two Things to Add to Your Holiday List...

I bet you've begun your holiday list. In the hustle of the season, it's hard to track the novel demands on your time. Unlike remembering the recycling every Monday, you toy with failure if you don't jot down that the punch bowl needs to come up from the basement and the drive belt on your snow blower needs replacing. And then, of course, there's the complexity of buying presents. Why not consider putting the following two things on your list to simplify your holidays and make you happier and more relaxed!

Ingredient for Holiday Happiness #1: Shop Downtown

The MHPN is a strong proponent of the idea that at holiday time, no one should shop at malls. They foster sprawl and sap the life out of our traditional downtown commercial areas. In spite of the economic downturn, the National Retail Federation reports that holiday shopping will average \$704.18 per adult. Even if only 1% of Michigan's 9,883,640 residents spend their \$704.18 in traditional downtown areas, that infuses over \$70 million into the economies of our most fragile retail environments.

I know the advertisements are beckoning you into your local mall, as they did when I still lived in the Lansing area. When my mall puffed itself up into a "towne centre" in its promotions, I braced myself for an assault on my aesthetic sensibilities. Sure, the frosty globes on its fake historic lighting standards did make the falling snow sparkle softly, and strolling groups of holiday singers did lift the spirits. The mall, however—with shops arranged along a street grid and provided with individual storefronts—was marketed as providing me with a "real hometown holiday experience." Yah. Right.

No, I'll head back to Downtown Lansing and Old Town Lansing for the ease of spending my allotted \$704.18 in just two locations. I'll buy my cards, small gifts, and stocking stuffers from one-of-a-kind specialty stores. Spirits and lottery tickets are easy to find along with hand-rolled cigars. My favorite double-dipped chocolate-covered nuts come from The Peanut Shoppe (oh, man, the best). The Pewabic tiles and Frostic stationary I like are at The Michigan Store, and I'll pick up Poinsettia plants from The Lansing City Market. My lightening-speed efficiency will free up time for other fun things, and the local merchants will benefit. You can do this too.

Ingredient for Holiday Happiness #2: Give to the MHPN

After you jingle your cash downtown, make a holiday gift to the Michigan Historic Preservation Network! You've heard from the MHPN all year. We provided training that allowed you to care for your irreplaceable cultural resources with wisdom. We congregated your voice with others for more effective communications with our elected officials. Our Field Representatives helped your Historic District Commission protect the places that matter to you. We assured that preservation was part of the planning process rather than an afterthought. And much more.

If you have been well-served by the MHPN this past year, write a check in an amount that makes you want to throw confetti into the air! While you're at it, give memberships to family and friends. Use the form below, or go to www.mhpn.org.

Have a joy-filled holiday season, simple and meaningful. And we'll see you in the New Year as we work together to protect the cultural gems of Michigan!

Janet Kreger, MHPN President

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and return
the attached
membership
form today.*

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- _____ \$40 Basic Membership
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- _____ \$100 Patron (includes \$60 gift)
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MHPN Field Representatives Cover the State

By Field Representatives Ellen Thackery and Nan Taylor

The Michigan Historic Preservation Network (MHPN) shares two field representatives with the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Our Southeast Michigan Field Rep, Ellen Thackery, covers 11 counties in the southeast portion of the state, while Nan Taylor, the Greater Michigan Field Rep, works with the remaining 72 counties of Michigan.

The field representatives are the “boots on the ground” for MHPN, helping to educate and advocate for Michigan’s historic places. We assist property owners (commercial and residential), municipalities, nonprofits, sacred places, and community groups preserve the places that matter to them. We love our jobs and working with all types of preservation projects all over the state. Here’s a brief summary of some of our work this past year...

Preservation Presentations and Workshops

We’ve conducted 41 total presentations and workshops to public groups on a variety of topics including historic preservation basics, economic incentives, historic districts and heritage tourism, and facilitated nine historic district commissioner training workshops.

Strategy/Planning Sessions

Government groups: We’ve assisted numerous local governments discover how historic preservation can play a more integral role in their community planning. This included strategic meetings with over 37 community governments on the establishment of National Register historic districts, local historic districts, creation of a heritage tourism program, and assistance with preservation incentives and grant opportunities.

Nonprofit groups: We’ve helped many nonprofit groups who own/manage historic buildings to establish a master rehab plan, apply for planning grants, and find expert technical assistance. This included working with local theater groups, historical societies, museums, sacred places, lighthouse groups, and other preservation groups.

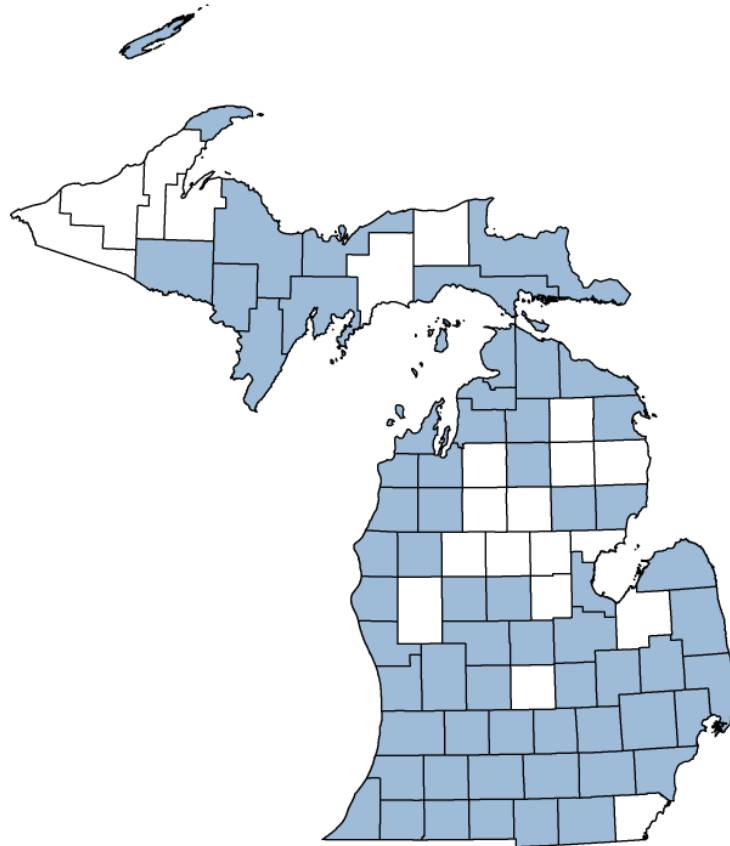
Advocacy Efforts

We give people the information and resources they need to be effective local advocates. When we provide reactive assistance, it may include meeting with decision-makers, testifying at public hearings and municipal meetings, and writing letters to local leaders, decision-makers and news media. A few communities in which we’ve been involved in ongoing advocacy work include Mackinac Island, Belding, Saugatuck, and Chelsea.

Connecting People with Resources

We help facilitate local preservation projects by supplying property owners and groups with qualified experts and resources. These include online websites and publications, MHPN’s HRC Directory, other experienced nonprofits, individuals, or municipalities who have dealt with similar projects/issues, and specialty statewide groups such as Michigan Barn Preservation Network, One Room School House Association, and others.

If you are interested in having an MHPN Field Representative work with your community, please contact us:



Counties in which MHPN Field Representatives conducted outreach activities from June 2010 to August 2011 (highlighted in blue).



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MHPN Partnerships Lead to Exciting New Opportunities

By Nancy Finegood, MHPN Executive Director

Michigan Historic Preservation Network (MHPN), with support from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA), the Michigan State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), the Americana Foundation and the National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP), has been engaged in a number of critical projects related to education and assessment of historic preservation activities throughout Michigan.

MHPN continues several of its ongoing education and outreach programs:

- **Randolph Vocational School Preservation Trades Program**

Students at the Randolph Vocational School in Detroit will learn specific preservation construction trades techniques that can be used to repair older and historic housing stock. These skills will readily prepare the students to continue their progression towards a career in the preservation trades. Training will be provided at Detroit's historic Fort Wayne and in Detroit high school classrooms.

- **Historic District Commissioner Training**

Using the existing, well developed MHPN training materials, historic district commissioner training will take place in ten additional communities throughout the state emphasizing historic preservation methods, standards and legal requirements that are to be complied with by all commissioners within local historic districts.

- **Wood Window Restoration Workshop**

This program will seek to expand the skills of workers with at least some existing knowledge rather than introduce individuals with no previous trade experience. Under the guidance of trained preservation craftspeople, trainees will work with traditional building materials, receiving official certification once the program requirements had been met. A complementary component to this program is educating participants on ways in which material reuse and other energy efficiency practices can be incorporated into building preservation. MHPN will conduct one 2-week intensive wood window restoration training program in Muskegon, similar to previous MHPN workshops.

- **MHPN/NTHP Preservation Specialist in Saginaw and Lansing**

This project is the continuation of a program previously funded by the NTHP through a grant from the Americana Foundation. The purpose is to deploy a preservation specialist in communities dealing with the right-sizing

issue facing many former Michigan industrial cities. The purpose of the deployment is to increase awareness of existing historic resources in the city's neighborhoods and to bring historic preservation to a higher level of importance in the overall planning process. Brenna Moloney represents both the Michigan Historic Preservation Network and the National Trust for Historic Preservation in her outreach efforts in Saginaw and Lansing.

New initiatives that MHPN has undertaken are:

- **Lead Paint**

MHPN will assemble an information manual to advise and assist owners of historic buildings on issues related to lead-based paint. The target audience of this manual will be homeowners and owners/tenants of small commercial buildings.

- **Tier 2 Historic District Commissioner Training Program**

The MHPN will perform extensive research, interviews and investigation on the more complex and advanced issues facing historic district commissioners. A tier 2 training program will be developed including instructional materials/manuals. The tier 2 trainings will be conducted and tested in two communities. The purpose is to guide the commissioners and homeowners in historic districts through technical issues and challenges.

- **Regional Preservation Training Workshops (Upper Peninsula and SE Michigan)**

This project includes the development of updated and relevant materials related to the historic preservation of historic homes and smaller "main street" type commercial buildings. Two regional trainings will be conducted in Ypsilanti (scheduled for December 2-3) and Marquette (in April 2012) to train individuals on maintaining Michigan's older building stock. The target audience is historic homeowners, building managers, and construction professionals.

- **Development of a Community Preservation Assessment Tool**

Using one community as a model this project will develop a process for evaluating the current level of incorporation of preservation in its planning and recommendations to further preservation efforts.



Model Change-Over Takes Shape!

Although the 2011 conference dust had barely settled, the Michigan Historic Preservation Network (MHPN) Conference Committee has been hard at work on the next conference. The 2012 conference moves to Flint, where we will present “Model Change-Over: A New Era for Historic Preservation in Michigan.” The conference is scheduled from May 10-12, and will be headquartered in the heart of the city at the historic Masonic Temple, with plenty of opportunity to explore our host community. Of course, there will be plenty to do for the entire family—so you can “Make it a Flint Weekend”!

Model Change-Over features three tracks of educational sessions plus a tour track that include a total of 22 different sessions, plus the keynote address.

Thursday sessions include topics such as “What Are You Getting Into? How to Assess Whether This is the Right Building for You”; “Misconceptions About Lead-Based Paint Can Produce Bad Rehabilitation Decisions”; and “Embattled Landscapes: The Terminology Wars between the National Park Service and the Secretary of the Interior”. Additionally, there will be sessions offered on the services of MHPN and one entitled “Finding the Right in Right-sizing: Two Michigan Case Studies.” “Myth Busting” has experts providing suggestions on how to knowledgeably counter misconceptions about historic preservation. There is also

a session on the current State Historic Preservation Office’s Michigan Modern project. Thursday tours include “Sacred Spaces, Special Places: An Afternoon Walking Tour of the Churches and Stained Glass Windows of Downtown Flint” and “Bricks, Bridges and Buildings: A Twilight Walking Tour of Downtown Flint.”

On Friday, the tour “Mid-Century Modern in Flint: A Walking and Bus Tour of Key Sites in the City” builds on the Michigan Modern theme that was introduced on Thursday with a look at some of the many modern buildings constructed in Flint, largely as a result of the automotive industry bringing modern styling, sleek lines, and innovative materials to architecture. A limited group of attendees will be provided an opportunity to learn about cultural landscapes using the Mott family estate, Applewood, as a classroom. Another limited participation offering “The Stockton House at Spring Grove: A Story of Multiple Model Change-Overs in Flint” provides an in-seat session and tour of the Stockton House, the 1872 Italianate style house that currently houses the Flint History Museum, a neighborhood center, and office space.



MHPN’s Annual Statewide Conference will be held in Flint, May 10-12, 2012 (photo courtesy of Ron Campbell, AIA).

Friday’s education sessions include “Incentives for Successful Preservation Projects,” an advanced two-part workshop; “Saving Cities One District at a Time,” which is a look at Mid-Town Detroit and the City of Ypsilanti; “A Tale of Two Houses” that looks at preservation efforts for buildings in Troy and Bloomfield Hills; “Beyond the Pavement: The Michigan Department of Transportation and Historic Preservation,” featuring a case study from Houghton; “With a Little Help from my Friends: The Benefits of Working Together and Thinking Creatively about Preservation” that focuses on Oakland County planning efforts; “Opportunities and Obstacles under the Local Historic District Act: Electrolux Home Products, Inc., v. the City of Belding, et al, a Case study”; and “Lens on the City,” that showcases a program of the same name that provides a multi-generational adventure into preservation, historic preservation, photography, and better communication between the generations.

Friday also includes the keynote presentation by Terry Schwarz. Ms. Schwarz, the director of Kent State University’s Cleveland Urban Design Collaborative (CUDC), looks at the role of historic preservation in the shrinking city in her presentation “Historic Preservation and Urban Regeneration.”

Saturday, the programming offers two opportunities. First, an all-new Historic District Commission Training is offered for the first time at the MHPN conference. In this session current HDC members are provided an opportunity to delve into the complicated, real-life issues that they face every day. Issues such as substitute materials, violations, how to deal with owners who can’t afford to maintain their property and much, much more are discussed. If you want to learn more about the automotive industry in Flint, then you won’t want to miss the “Wheels of Time” tour. Both bicycle or on-foot options are available for this fascinating tour, which includes stops in Carriage Town, the Site of the Flint Sit-down Strike, Kettering University, and the Flint Cultural Center including the Whaley House.

As you can see, there is certainly something for everyone. Sessions look at issues from house museums to addressing preservation issues that are the focus of our work today. Additional sessions explore Flint’s churches and their stained glass works of art to the iconic locations in the City of Flint. So, mark your calendar, and watch your mail for the brochure or postcard, coming this February! Also find information, updated regularly, on our website at www.mhpn.org.

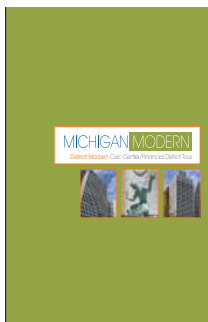
News from our Friends at SHPO

Michigan Modern Update

Work continues on the State Historic Preservation Office's (SHPO) Michigan ModernSM project. The SHPO worked with Pace and Partners, media advisors to the Michigan State Housing Development Authority, and developed a logo and a design for a new Michigan ModernSM website, which will go on line in 2012. Among the first products to bear the new design are five tours developed through the Certified Local Government Grant (CLG) program. The City of Detroit developed walking tours for the Civic Center/Financial District and Wayne State University, a Detroit Modern driving tour, and a Lafayette/Elmwood Park biking tour. Washtenaw County developed a walking tour highlighting sixteen of the many Modern houses in the Ann Arbor Hills neighborhood. The brochures were designed by MSHDA art director Amanda Tuckey.

Consultants Eric Hill and Rob Yallop of Lord, Aeck and Sargent are completing their inventory of the "First 100" exceptional Modern buildings and will submit their report, along with oral histories of four Modern architects, by the end of the year. They have partnered with Theo Prudon, associate professor at the Columbia School of Architecture, to write a context for Modernism. Information from these materials will be made available on the website beginning in 2012. Lord, Aeck and Sargent will also prepare National Register nominations for 10 Modern architects' homes or offices.

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Detroit Modern

Demonstration Project Underway

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and the Detroit Land Bank (DLB) are partnering to promote historic preservation and energy efficiency in historic houses in the City of Detroit with a Sustainable Rehabilitation Demonstration Program. The intention is to address the growing demand to rehabilitate houses located in historic districts with energy-efficient, sustainable measures by managing multiple demonstration projects. Integrating energy efficiency with historic preservation has been a primary focus of the SHPO since the passing of the Stimulus Bill in 2009. The SHPO-DLB partnership developed due to the high volume of historic rehabilitations planned through the Neighborhood Stabilization Program.



16949 Chandler in Detroit, the site of the SHPO and DLB energy efficiency demonstration project (image courtesy of SHPO).

The first demonstration project is located in the East English Village Historic District. SHPO energy specialists Daniel Schneider, Mollie Olynk, and Jessica Williams will establish baseline testing and collect energy performance data from blower door tests, preliminary inspections, and utility bill analyses. The project will include both before and after photo documentation, energy use analysis and conclusions for informational and promotional purposes. Energy-efficiency improvements resulting from historically sensitive treatments that meet the Secretary of the Interior Standards for Rehabilitation and the Illustrated Guidelines on Sustainability for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings will be documented. These improvements may include appropriate insulation and venting techniques and the rehabilitation of character-defining features such as original windows and doors. Outline specifications, treatments, and schedules will be produced based on the performance measurements taken from each demonstration project and will be available in various formats for public use.

2012 Awards Nominations Sought

It is that time of year again. Do you know of an outstanding preservation project? Is there an activist or community organization that has gone above and beyond to preserve their community's sense of place? Has your local government stepped up to the plate to save a historic resource? Then nominate them for a 2012 MHPN Preservation Award! For more information and to download the awards application, go to <http://www.mhpn.org/mhpnawards.html>.

The deadline is February 22, 2012, so don't delay!

Right: MHPN Director Nancy Finegood presents the 2011 Leadership Award to Dave Blaszkiewicz of Detroit, at the Fall Fundraiser in Detroit (image courtesy of Amanda Davis).



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Michigan Historic Preservation Network 2012 Preservation Awards

The Michigan Historic Preservation Network is now accepting nominations for the 2012 Preservation Awards. The Awards Program will be held during the MHPN Annual Michigan Preservation Conference in Flint, May 11, 2012.

Submission deadline: 5 PM, **Wednesday, February 22, 2012.**

You are invited to submit nominations for awards in the following categories:

- Building Award** Awarded to an outstanding building preservation project completed within the past three years. The project may be restoration or rehabilitation, must include exterior rehabilitation work and may also involve interior work.
- Tax Credit Project Award** Awarded to an outstanding building preservation project completed within the past three years that included qualified use of federal and/or state tax credit programs. The project may be restoration or rehabilitation, must include exterior rehabilitation work and may also involve interior work.
- Cultural Landscape Award** Awarded to an outstanding cultural landscape preservation project completed in the last three years. Cultural landscapes can include a wide range of places ranging from gardens, parks, heritage areas or corridors, scenic byways and thousand-acre rural landscapes, to quaint homesteads and front yards. The nominated project should be a restoration of an existing historic landscape or the preservation of a landscape of historical or cultural significance.
- Preservation Gem Award** Awarded to an outstanding preservation project completed within the last three years that includes restoration or rehabilitation of an element of a building, or of a structure or an object: for example, a front porch, major window rehabilitation, single interior room, commercial facade, theater marquee or similar building element, or of a structure or object, or other project that does not include a complete building or landscape rehabilitation.
- Citizen Award** Reserved for an outstanding individual who, through personal effort and/or involvement in historic preservation projects, has made a significant contribution to the preservation of Michigan's heritage.
- Community Award** Awarded to a community; i.e. neighborhood association, business preservation group, historical society, etc., that has engaged in a comprehensive plan for historic preservation related projects.
- Government/
Institutional Award** Awarded to agencies, cities and/or institutions who by their actions have accomplished significant positive changes in the historic preservation climate and activity in the State of Michigan.

JUDGING CRITERIA

These awards are evaluated by the Awards Committee, made up of members of the current Michigan Historic Preservation Network Board and emeriti members, which will review the nominations for the degree to which the building, citizen, community, tax credit, cultural landscape, or government/institution has:

- 1) adhered to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties, where applicable (the Standards are available at <http://www.nps.gov/hps/tps/standguide/>); and
- 2) made a positive impact on historic preservation in their/its community or the State as a whole; and
- 3) affected other communities, projects or individuals; and
- 4) been deemed a success locally and/or statewide.

The jury will evaluate each nomination on its individual merit. In the case of rehabilitation of existing structures, awards will be given for **outstanding** examples in which the integrity of the historic structures is retained or restored and in which alterations or additions are appropriate and the historic context is respected. The jury reserves the right to make multiple awards, or no award, in each category, and to nominate projects it deems worthy of awards.



Michigan Historic Preservation Network 2012 Preservation Awards

NOMINATION PROCEDURES

Required Documentation for all Submissions:

- All award submissions **must be in digital format**, submitted on a CD/DVD or flash drive. The nomination must include:
 1. The name of the person or organization ("entity") being nominated.
 2. The name of the project or achievement for which the entity is being nominated (e.g. "The Restoration of the Borden Creamery Building" or "Her Preservation Activism in Ann Arbor, Michigan.") The name should be no more than 10-12 words in length.
 3. The name of the community or communities in which the project or achievement took place.
 4. Contact information (address, phone, email) for the person or entity being nominated. For an organization, this should include the name of an official contact person who will be notified in the event the project/organization is selected for an award.
 5. The person or organization submitting the nomination.
 6. Contact information (address, phone, email) for the above. A submission by an organization should include the name of an official contact person.
 7. The award category in which the entity is being nominated. Building and Tax Credit Award nominations must indicate if the project was residential or non-residential (commercial, institutional, etc).
 8. Names, addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses of two reference contacts who may be called for additional information.
 9. Supporting information as detailed below.
- Supporting information must include:
 1. A minimum 500 word narrative describing the project or achievement for which the person or organization is being nominated, in Word or PDF format. See specific category requirements below.
 2. A minimum of 6-10 good quality (300 dpi) photographs in TIFF or JPEG format. See specific category requirements below.
 3. No more than ten support letters and/or other documents (newspaper articles, brochures, etc).

- Specific Category Requirements:

Building, Tax Credit, Cultural Landscape, or Preservation Gem Award: The narrative should include the building or landscape size, age, style and history of use, the building/landscape owner and tenants, the work done, financing, local or state assistance received, and any other special design considerations. Include firm name, contact person, and address for major design professionals who participated in the project, including architect, landscape architect, specialty consultants, general manager or contractor, specialty contractors, or any others who should be recognized. Photographs **must** show both before and after conditions; historic images are strongly encouraged.

Citizen Award: The narrative should note organizations of which the nominee is a member, tenure or leadership positions held, and a list of accomplishments in historic preservation that were directly attributable to the nominee. Supporting documentation such as media articles or support letters are very helpful in this category. Photographs should include a closeup (head and shoulders) shot of the nominee and other relevant images related to the person's achievements.

Community Award: The narrative should include the goals of the community or association, etc. and how these goals were accomplished. Supporting documentation may include listings of public hearings or other informational meetings held, lists of publications distributed with copies attached, and before and after photographs of community rehabilitation projects, as applicable.

Government/Institution Award: The narrative should include detailed documentation showing the government or institution's accomplishments and/or involvement in historic preservation-related activities, including photographs of relevant projects.



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Do not send paper copies of submission materials. Please submit a separate nomination and supporting documentation for each nomination on a CD or flash drive. Multiple nominations may be submitted in separate folders on a single CD or flash drive as space allows.

If you are unsure of what category your nomination might fall under, or if you have any other questions regarding the nomination procedure, please contact the Awards committee chair, Ruth Mills, at 810-335-1609 or ruthmills@gmail.com.

Supporting materials/media are not returnable. Submission of photographs and all other material authorizes the Michigan Historic Preservation Network to use them for judging and award presentation, and to publish such material in the course of its activities.

Mailing and Delivery

All nominations should be mailed/delivered to:

Michigan Historic Preservation Network, 107 E. Grand River Ave., Lansing, MI 48906-4348

Deadline

Nominations are due by 5 PM, **Wednesday, February 22, 2012.**

Incomplete or late nominations will not be considered. Nominations may be resubmitted in the following year.