MHPN welcomed summer in Detroit with vibrant youth programming, volunteer opportunities, tours, and community engagement around the importance of place. From May 31 to June 3, MHPN partnered with the Detroit Historical Society and MotorCities National Heritage Area to organize a “Mystery Objects from Detroit’s History” activity as part of the National Park Service’s “Every Kid in a Park” event at Historic Fort Wayne. Over 2,000 Detroit Public Schools 4th graders participated in the program, learning how to identify artifacts such as building cornices, spear points, candle molds, and a WWII military truck headlamp.

On June 11, MHPN partnered with Brick + Beam Detroit to lead a tour of the historic Jefferson Chalmers neighborhood as part of the Congress for New Urbanism (CNU) conference. Almost 25 participants including Lynn Richards, President & CEO of CNU, brainstormed ways that building reuse could build civic and financial equity in neighborhoods. They were especially interested in MHPN’s Preservation Demonstration Project as a model for other communities!

MHPN then hosted our first ever Block Build on June 25. This one-day community revitalization event in Jefferson Chalmers paired neighbors and volunteers with skilled tradespeople to learn specific home repair skills while improving five historic homes on a single block. Topics included stucco repair, repointing, landscaping, exterior paint and prep, and window restoration.

Finally, MHPN broke ground on our Lakewood House renovation project in mid-July. As a community partner with the Detroit Land Bank Authority, our goal is to demonstrate the impact of preservation on a tipping point neighborhood and catalyze future investment. We are pleased to be working with Hire It Done and Building Hugger to complete the project. Stay tuned for more updates as the project continues.

For more information about upcoming events and volunteer opportunities in Detroit, please contact Jennifer Reinhardt at reinhardt@mhpn.org. ✉️

Watch our new Block Build video!

Want to see more about our Block Build project? Check out the new video!

See it on Youtube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tTRnCzEm9yg
or on Vimeo: https://vimeo.com/180929584.

And if you missed it before, you can still watch our “Vacant Not Blighted” video, featured at the 2014 National Trust for Historic Preservation Conference. See it on Youtube at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vtGIR6NgS8A ✉️
The Annual Conference Heads Up North in 2017

We don’t think it’s going to take much coaxing to get you Up North for the MHPN’s 37th Annual Statewide Preservation Conference next May!

The Michigan Historic Preservation Network—in collaboration with the Emmet County Historical Commission and Essence of Emmet—is holding its annual gathering in Emmet County Wednesday-Saturday, May 17-20, 2017. Titled “Imagine the Power of Partnerships,” the conference is headquartered in Petoskey on the campus of North Central Michigan College. Conference programming takes attendees around Emmet County as well as into several communities in neighboring Charlevoix and Cheboygan Counties.

We always bring you great sessions and workshops, tours, and events that illustrate what partnerships can do, but never have we made these partnerships the very focus of the conference. Placing collaborative efforts at the forefront in 2017, our presenters plan to provide attendees with the skills needed to work in all kinds of partnerships to maintain their traditional downtowns and neighborhoods, safeguard architectural treasures of the recent past, understand and protect their pre-historic and historic archaeological resources, counter development pressures on shoreline and agricultural communities, revitalize their Legacy Cities, and more.

Planning is well under way. In addition to two-and-a-half days of in-seat programming—with session abstracts being competitively chosen in just a few weeks—there are eight tours. Wednesday includes two all-day Great Michigan Road Trips, one touring Emmet County on the way to-and-from Fort Michilimackinac; and the other hosted by our partner, the Michigan Barn Preservation Network, that heads to noteworthy barns and farmsteads of the region. Thursday includes a City of Petoskey + Bay Harbor Tour in the morning, the annual Church Tour in the afternoon, and the Twilight Tour around the Gaslight District of Petoskey. On Friday, the bus heads to Harbor Springs in the morning and Bay View in the afternoon. Saturday includes a morning tour to Charlevoix.

On the roster of events there are Thursday’s Town and Gown Lunch, at which our scholarship recipients are introduced, and the Opening Reception and Vendors’ Showcase in the evening.

Friday includes the Annual Networking lunch followed by Phil Porter, Director of the Mackinac Island State Park Commission since 2003, as our 2017 Keynote Speaker; Friday evening presents the MHPN’s 26th Annual Awards Evening at Petoskey’s stunning Crooked Tree Arts Center. The Perry Hotel is our historic conference hotel in Petoskey. Our annual promotion to “Make it an Emmet County Weekend” will soon be in full swing.

With the splendor of Northern Michigan as our backdrop, partnerships from around the state are going to be showcased. Put the dates on your calendar now. Registration opens in February! 🌟
22nd Annual Fall Benefit at Hamtramck’s Bank Suey

This year’s 22nd Annual Fall Benefit takes the MHPN to one of Michigan’s most diverse urban areas with 22,000 residents speaking 27 languages—Hamtramck! The MHPN joins the Shelton Family to cordially invite you to the city’s unique downtown gathering and event space, “Bank Suey,” on Saturday evening, October 1.

You’ll learn a lot if you join us! First, this is an evening celebrating a year of significant anniversaries. In addition to this being the 35th Anniversary Year of our own MHPN, we’ll be recognizing the 100th Anniversary of the National Park Service and the 50th Anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act. On hand will be a representative of the Governor’s Office presenting a Proclamation in tribute to the National Historic Preservation Act, a recognition being repeated around the country.

Second, you’ll learn more about Hamtramck. Working-class Poles gravitated to Hamtramck’s auto factories in the early 20th century. The Merchants & Mechanics Bank was established in 1918 to serve them with its Classically-inspired building—our venue for this evening—built soon after. The city’s decline, which began with the Great Depression, seemed complete with the out-migration of Poles in the 1980s and 1990s. But resurgence began with waves of immigrants from Bosnia, the Ukraine, Yemen, Bangladesh, and Pakistan, along with a migration of American artists. Wishing to be part of this, the Shelton Family purchased the bank in 2014, rechristened it Bank Suey, and began its rehabilitation (www.banksuey.com).

Our evening includes strolling dinner fare and desserts from local Polish, Middle Eastern, and Indian restaurants, a hosted bar for wine and beer, live and silent auctions, marketplace, and more. Those registering may add a complimentary walking tour of Hamtramck before the event. Registration ranges from $75-$100 per person. RSVP by Friday, September 23.

Click here for Eventbrite registration now or here for more details.

Safeguarding Your Preservation Legacy…

You already know the meaning of legacy because you’re passionate about preserving the irreplaceable cultural resources of Michigan.

By including the MHPN in your Will or Trust, you assure the continued growth of an organization that can help safeguard the future of all that you’ve worked for.

If you’ve already included the MHPN in your estate plans, please let us know. If you’re thinking of doing so, we would be pleased to send you “Making a Charitable Bequest to the MHPN” to share with your advisor. Contact Janet Kreger, MHPN Fund Development Committee, at 734-222-9310 or kregerj1981@att.net.

Your information is treated with confidentiality.
Brick+Beam Detroit Announces New Website

The Brick + Beam Detroit team is excited to announce that our new website has launched! You can access it here: brickandbeamdetroit.com.

From the DIY resource library to Q&A forum to “Brag your Rehab” map, there are so many ways to use brickandbeamdetroit.com! We hope it will be a useful forum to support current and prospective property owners and tradespeople around building rehabilitation as well as a platform for engaging with fellow rehabbers and Detroiters.

Here are some ways you and your members can use the site:

• Ask a question in the Q&A forum! Stuck on a challenge? Need a contractor recommendation? You’ll be alerted when someone answers your question!

• Lend your expertise and first-hand experience by helping others with their questions! Know anything about basement masonry repair? Have a referral for roof repairs? Fellow B+B’ers could use your help! Check back regularly to see what's new on the Q&A board and add your input.

• Check out upcoming Brick + Beam events, as well as rehab-related partner events! Are you holding or know of an event that the Brick + Beam community should know about? Tell us about it!

• Add your building to the "Brag your Rehab" map and join the Brick + Beam community as we share where vital reinvestments are taking place across the city! Sharing your building's projects will help fellow rehabbers see comparable price ranges, learn from your experience, and meet neighbors.

• Explore & Expand Brick + Beam's DIY resource library! We're gathering videos, articles, how-tos, and infographics from Detroit and around the country that can help get projects done. Let us know if you have a resource to add!

Please share this resource with your community networks!

And we love feedback! Let us know what you think: Send us an email at brickandbeamdetroit@gmail.com or fill out this quick Google form to tell us about classes or events you'd like to see.

Also, we are always looking for spaces to hold our events! If you know of a cool rehab project underway, or have a community space open to events, let us know!

Thanks!

Amy, Emilie, and Victoria

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Update on HB 5232 and SB 720

Michigan’s historic places drive economic development, attract businesses, draw tourists and new residents, create a sense of place, and enhance our quality of life. Keeping these historic places is so important that historic preservation has been upheld as a public purpose under the U. S. Constitution—preserving historic resources is a valid governmental goal and local historic district ordinances have been upheld as an appropriate means to secure that goal. Local historic districts are the only way for communities to manage and protect historic assets, and Michigan enables local historic districts through Public Act 169 of 1970. 78 communities to date have chosen to enact ordinances to protect their historic assets at the local level, under current state law. House Bill 5232 seeks to change Public Act 169, making it exponentially more difficult for a community to navigate the local historic district process by introducing multiple procedures for local legislative bodies and community members to follow depending on what they wish to accomplish.

The Michigan legislature had been on an in-district work period since June 8th but returned to session on September 7th. Both the House and Senate have a limited session schedule until following the November election. Upon their return, the legislature will enter what is commonly known as the “lame duck” session. This is a very intense time period in which many bills pass through the process at a very quick pace.

House Bill 5232 and Senate Bill 720, the legislation which amends the local historic district act, can be voted on until session has ended for the year. This means that we, as supporters of local historic districts, must remain vigilant by contacting your legislators indicating your continued opposition for the legislation. Please contact your legislators both in the House and Senate via email, phone or written note. You can find your legislators contact information by visiting http://house.michigan.gov/mhrpublic/ and http://www.senate.michigan.gov/fysbyaddress.html.

Please share this with your members, friends and colleagues! Have questions? Contact the Michigan Historic Preservation Network at finegood@mhpnetwork.org.

Save The Date for Advocacy Day 2017!

Ready to do more to advocate for Michigan’s Historic Places? Then Save the Date for the Michigan Historic Preservation Network’s Annual Advocacy Day. This will be held Tuesday, February 21, 2017, in Lansing. Learn how to more effectively work with your state legislators to represent historic preservation in the state, including the potential to meet with your legislators and/or their staff. More information will be coming soon!
Recent Michigan National Register Listings

MHPN congratulates the following properties for recently being listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

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Detroit’s Jefferson-Chalmers District Named Michigan’s First National Treasure

On September 7, the National Trust for Historic Preservation named the Jefferson-Chalmers District, on Detroit’s Lower Eastside, as Michigan’s first National Treasure. The National Trust’s National Treasures program is a multi-year campaign to work with government officials, residents, and other stakeholders to revitalize significant and potentially endangered historic resources. The selection of Jefferson-Chalmers also represents one of the Trust’s initial focus communities for its ReUrbanism program to promote healthy and vibrant adaptive use as a strategy for urban neighborhood revitalization.

Jefferson-Chalmers has one of the few surviving early twentieth-century commercial districts in Detroit, surrounded by a concentration of remarkable 1920s-era homes. The Michigan Historic Preservation Network has been working with residents and business owners in Jefferson-Chalmers for several years to assist its revitalization efforts. Most recently, MHPN held a Block Build event (see page 1) and has also purchased and will rehabilitate a historic home on Lakewood.

As part of the National Treasures program, the National Trust will work with local partners to develop effective tools and policies to assist in the neighborhood’s redevelopment. Partners will include the City of Detroit, the MHPN, Preservation Detroit, Jefferson East, Inc., and the residents and businesses in Jefferson-Chalmers. Two Trust programs, Preservation Green Lab’s Partnership for Building Reuse and the National Main Street Center’s Main Street Refresh pilot program, will work with the community as well.

“It is an honor to see years of advocacy coming together in this great moment of naming the Jefferson-Chalmers District a National Treasure,” said Nancy Finegood, Executive Director for Michigan Historic Preservation Network. “Our focus is to grow the capacity and number of single-family homes we can restore each year, but equally important is the number of local residents who benefit from the work—including those we will be able to train in restoration skills as we move forward.”

A press event to announce the designation was held at the Vanity Ballroom in the district on September 7. To learn more about the Jefferson-Chalmers District National Treasure, the ReUrbanism focus and ongoing efforts by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and local partners to implement community-based revitalization policies for the neighborhood, please visit: www.savingplaces.org/places/jefferson-chalmers-district.

Detroit’s Jefferson-Chalmers District Named Michigan’s First National Treasure

Volunteers help clean up in the Jefferson-Chalmers district during MHPN’s recent Block Build event (courtesy of Amanda D. Davis).
Homeowners and Small Commercial Property Owners Invited to Workshop in Escanaba!

Michigan Historic Preservation Network, in partnership with the City of Escanaba and with support from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority and the State Historic Preservation Office, will facilitate a day-long Historic Preservation Regional Workshop for homeowners and small commercial property owners on Saturday, September 17th, 2016.

What does it take to maintain an older building and showcase its historic character? Participants will learn the basics of preservation for older homes and small commercial properties, how to work safely with lead-based paint, and a framework to begin masonry and wood window repair projects will be demonstrated.

“We find that people love their older buildings and houses, and they want to take good care of them, but they often need a little help in knowing how. These workshops can provide that assistance,” explains Nancy Finegood, Executive Director of the Michigan Historic Preservation Network. “When you repair what you have, you’re saving your property’s original materials and historic character.”

The workshop will be held at the Delta County Historical Society at 16 Water Plant Road in Escanaba from 8:45 am until 4:00 pm. The registration fee is $10 and advance registration is required. Morning coffee and lunch will be provided. For more information and to register, visit https://escanabapreservationworkshop.eventbrite.com/ or call 517.371.8080.

Save Your Historic District T-Shirts Now Available!

Designed by Elizabeth Palmer, MHPN Communications Committee, the word cloud design celebrates all the Michigan communities with local historic districts or legislation in place to establish a district. On the back of the shirt, #SaveYourHD is a call to help us protect Michigan’s local historic districts from the relentless legislative threats at the state level.

T-shirts are $20 each (plus shipping), and come in S-XXL.

To order your t-shirt, please visit the MHPN online Marketplace.

Michigan SHPO Offers Downtown NRHP Nomination Service

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) is now offering a service to select Michigan cities/villages to carry out the entire process of nominating their downtown or other traditional historic business district to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP).

The SHPO believes that listing a city’s/village’s downtown/traditional commercial district in the NRHP provides a key economic development tool for long-term and sustainable revitalization. For this reason, the SHPO is offering Michigan cities/villages an opportunity to apply for a National Register of Historic Places Nomination Service. The SHPO will hire and pay for a consultant to research and write a nomination, which will result in the downtown or traditional commercial district’s listing in the National Park Service’s National Register of Historic Places.

Up to three (3) NRHP Nomination Services will be offered for the 2016/2017 fiscal year, depending on the quality of applications received and the projected costs for the selected district nominations.

For more information and to apply, find the full application package on the SHPO’s webpage at www.michigan.gov/shpo. It can also be found on the MHPN website here.
The Michigan Historic Preservation Network’s (MHPN) annual preservation awards ceremony was held May 13, 2016 at the Garden Theater in Detroit during MHPN’s Annual Conference. Fourteen awards were presented in seven categories. They include:

### Lifetime Achievement Awards

**William S. Colburn**, Dearborn. Bill was recognized for his early leadership of Preservation Wayne (now Preservation Detroit) and his ongoing work in preserving and interpreting Detroit’s history.

**Henrietta and Peter Heydon**, Ann Arbor. Peter and the late Rita Heydon were honored for their shared lifelong dedication to preserving Ann Arbor’s and Michigan’s heritage through restoring historic buildings and landscapes, donating protective easements on properties, and philanthropic giving.

**Elisabeth E. Knibbe**, Detroit. Lis’ award was given in tribute to her pioneering use of historic preservation in the revitalization of Michigan’s communities through sensitive design, creative rehabilitation, and dedicated community service.

**James A. Turner**, Detroit. Jim, an MHPN Emeriti Leader, was honored for his outstanding leadership in historic preservation in Detroit, the State of Michigan, and nationwide, through his devotion to craftsmanship, education, and advocacy.

### Building Awards

**Gateway Senior Housing** (Fremont High School) Fremont, for the transformation of the city’s former high school into affordable senior citizen housing.

**Michigan State Capitol Exterior Restoration**, Lansing, for the restoration of the capitol’s original exterior detail, particularly the magnificent dome.

### Citizen Awards

**Susan Jay Nichols**, Lake Leelanau, for her dedication to preserving Fountain Point Resort, one of Michigan’s oldest vintage lakeside resorts.

**Amy Elliott Bragg**, Ferndale, in recognition of her indomitable efforts to support and facilitate historic preservation in Detroit.

### Government/Institution Awards

**The City of Monroe and the Monroe County Historical Society**, for The River Raisin Heritage Corridor-East Master Plan.

**Christopher Troy and the St. Clair County Regional Educational Service Agency**, for the “Moment in History” documentary and short video series.


### Preservation Gem Award

**Castle Building Lobby Lighting Restoration**, Saginaw, for the meticulous restoration of the museum’s original lobby lighting scheme.

### Special Jury Award

This was the first presentation of the Special Jury Award, given by the awards jury to a noteworthy project that may not fit into the regular award categories. The **Warner Homestead** in Brighton, now in its sixth generation of family ownership, was honored for its ongoing rehabilitation work and archaeological investigation.

### Tax Credit Award

**Palmer Park Square** Detroit, for the revitalization of six magnificent apartment buildings in Detroit by utilizing historic tax credits.

The MHPN also recognized the contributions of six of our preservation colleagues who passed during the previous year. They were **Dave Biskner**, Detroit; **Ann Logan**, Grand Rapids; **Professor Chris Mayda**, Ypsilanti; **MHPN Emeriti Leader Richard Moehl**, Pinckney; **Karol Lautner Peterson**, Marquette; and **Sylvia Tillman**, Dearborn.

For more information about the Annual MHPN Awards program, go to our website at http://www.mhpn.org/?page_id=150.
To join MHPN, get more information about our organization and its activities, and to see a list of upcoming events, please go to our website at

www.MHPN.org

For Individuals and Households:

___ $45 Basic Membership

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___ $80 Organization/ Institution/ Government

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