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Michigan Historic Preservation Network

August 2013

Save the Date!

MHPN's 19th Annual Fall Benefit Promises to Please

Mark your calendars:

When: Friday evening, October 25, 2013

Where: NSO Bell Building, Detroit



The NSO Bell Building as it will appear lit up on the night of MHPN's Fall Benefit in October (photo courtesy of Christopher Lark, Inc.).

It will come as no surprise to many of you that planning for this year's Annual Fall Benefit is well under way. Last year, we brought you to Detroit's fabulous G.A.R Building to witness the ongoing renovation of a landmark Detroit building (<http://gardetroit.org/2012/10/17/mhpn-at-the-gar/>). And what fun it was to see such a stunning transformation in progress!

Expect no less this year as we invite you to join us Friday, October 25 at Detroit's NSO Bell Building. The Neighborhood Service Organization's (NSO) recently completed renovation of the 1929 Bell Telephone exchange building, designed by Detroit architectural firm Smith, Hinchman and Grylls, provides another perfect backdrop for our annual fundraising event. With assistance from the late, lamented Michigan State Historic Preservation Tax Credit, the NSO converted this 12-story Art Deco building into a community anchor that will not only house their entire staff, but provide social services and housing for individuals with special needs.

As a partner to the NSO on this project, MHPN can think of no better place to celebrate another successful year advocating for Michigan's historic buildings.

Watch your email for an official invitation with all the details or check the "Happenings" section of our website for more details in the coming weeks (www.mhpn.org).

The evening will include local food, beer, and wine, a live and silent auction, and the presentation of a Lifetime Achievement Award to one of Detroit's most accomplished preservationists, Sue Mosey, President of Midtown Detroit, Inc.

And remember, it's never too soon to start thinking about your donation to the event's live and silent auction. You will hear from auction coordinator Denise McGeen in the coming weeks with a formal request for items, but don't hesitate to contact her sooner if you have something burning a hole in your pocket...or closet...or library...or garage.... You can reach her at dmcgeen@gmail.com.

See you there!

- MHPN Development Committee *



Happy 100th!

On Sunday, June 23, 2013, Jeff & Kristine Kidorf, Carol Wilson, and Viola Lynn Wilson threw open the doors of their homes on East Ferry Street in Detroit to celebrate its 100th birthday and benefit MHPN. Thank you for a great party and a chance to see such a wonderful rowhouse. *

MHPN/NTHP Welcomes Emilie Evans as New Preservation Specialist in Detroit



*Emilie Evans, new MHPN/
NTHP Preservation Specialist
for Detroit.*

In May 2013, Emilie Evans relocated from New York to take a shared position with the Michigan Historic Preservation Network (MHPN) and the National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP). Her position is a continuation of the work that both organizations have accomplished in Saginaw and Lansing over the past several years, with funding from MSHDA and the State Historic Preservation Office. This exciting move enabled the two organizations to have a person on hand in Michigan's largest city to work with state agencies, city representatives, local developers, and other interested parties with regard to the historic buildings and

the rightsizing initiative. Recently Emilie sat down to ponder some questions about her year of service in Detroit, how it has been so far, and what she hopes to accomplish.

Network News (NN): What do you hope to accomplish in your time in Detroit?

Emilie Evans (EE): My goal is to bring preservation to the table with other decision-making entities doing planning, demolition, and neighborhood revitalization around the city. Preservation and rehabilitation are critical tools to be used when addressing rightsizing and revitalization efforts across neighborhoods. To convey this message, I aim to provide preservation education to and increase the capacity of Community Development Corporations (CDC) and neighborhood groups, as well as other preservation organizations on the ground. At the end of the day, I hope to have helped change the conversation around preservation, shifting it in a positive direction as a way to retain and celebrate the historic landscape that makes Detroit such a unique city.

NN: As a preservationist, how do you reach out to people who are not familiar with what preservation is and what it can do for a community?

EE: Preservation education is a critical component of messaging around historic preservation and the benefits it can have on a community. In Detroit, my goal is to hold a number of

workshops for neighborhood organizations and CDCs aimed at historic homeowners, business owners and developers in order to educate them about preservation benefits and incentives. Some organizations may already be doing rehabilitation and stabilization work, though not necessarily calling it preservation. Others maybe have a negative understanding of what preservation means. Education and outreach is the best way to address these issues and offer a positive message of why preservation is important to communities and the positive outcomes it generates for neighborhoods.

NN: I know that Detroit has a huge building stock and dwindling population; how can historic preservation help address this issue?

EE: Cities like Detroit are dealing with a glut of vacant and abandoned building stock as a result of diminishing populations and compounded by the foreclosure crisis. It is important that the historic built environment be seen as an asset to preserve Detroit's identity and help move the city forward as it works to rightsize—a positive term that revolves around physical restructuring to adjust to a smaller population. As part of that process, preservation and rehabilitation are tools that need to be used—in conjunction with other tools such as strategic demolition—to successfully revitalize neighborhoods around the city.

NN: What is the most exciting thing you've found in Detroit?

EE: Detroit is an exciting place to be! There is a fantastic energy on the ground with so many people working to change Detroit for the better. While there are many unique niches and industries at play here in the city, the cross-pollination of ideas is inspiring and invigorating. So far, I've been exploring the city by bike, taken in a few Tigers games, eaten my way around the wonderful food scene, shopped weekly at Eastern Market, and relaxed on the beach at Belle Isle. I look forward to exploring more!

We look forward to all that Emilie can do to further the mission of MHPN and the NTHP. Watch for Emilie around the city—or reach out and invite her to your next preservation event in Detroit. Emilie can be reached via email at evans@mhpn.org. ✨

Congratulations!

MHPN Executive Director Nancy Finegood has successfully completed an intensive series of courses from the National Development Council leading to her official certification as a Real Estate Development Finance Professional. Nancy's training was supported by the 1772 Foundation. Congratulations, Nancy! ✨

“Michigan Places Matter!”

Call For Abstracts

The Michigan Historic Preservation Network announces that its 34th Annual Statewide Preservation Conference will take place May 15-17, 2014, in Jackson, headquartered at the Commonwealth Cultural Center in the heart of the city’s downtown.

You are invited to submit a session abstract to be considered for presentation.

Deadline: Sunday, September 15, 2013, midnight.

This year’s theme is wide-ranging, from the smallest place to the most expansive, encompassing our entire state.

When you distill the facts and features that define Michigan in its purest form, it comes down to two things: our residents and our places. Taking this a step further, it is our residents who have made our places important. From our early settlers, to those who were innovators in our industry, arts, education, and even our religious growth, Michigan’s residents have created places that continue to define the best of our state. While the people who shaped our landscape are no longer with us, the evidence of their activities surrounds us. From our roads to our cities, the things that define us are all here because of someone who came before. And, these places matter!

The Jackson conference will include the MHPN’s usual four full tracks, but also partial tracks from our partners: MSHDA’s State Historic Preservation Office, the Office of the State Archaeologist and professional archaeologists, the Governor’s Placemaking Program, and the Michigan Barn Preservation Network.

Abstract Submission: An abstract must include the session title, a 300 word summary of the session, at least four learning objectives to meet accreditation requirements, a 50 word topic statement, the speaker(s) contact information, and speaker(s) biography. Abstracts should be prepared and submitted via e-mail as a Word document. No scanned or .pdf documents please. Full details of submission requirements are available [here](#).

Deadline: Complete abstracts are due on or before Sunday, September 15, 2012, by midnight, to Elaine Robinson (ehrob@aol.com), conference co-manager. Its arrival at that address will be acknowledged by return e-mail. Elaine, or another member of the selection committee, will respond to e-mailed questions you

might have as you prepare your abstract. Sample abstracts are available on request.

Speaker Recognition: Although speakers are not remunerated, their names and affiliations are included in a well-recognized conference brochure with a distribution of over 11,000 copies in Michigan, the Midwest, and around the country, are noted on preservation-related websites, social media sites, and in e-blasts, and are featured at a conference with 375-400 participants. ✱



The Michigan Theatre of Jackson, site of the Annual Awards Ceremony to be held as part of the 2014 MHPN Annual Conference in Jackson (photo courtesy of Elaine Robinson).

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News from our Friends at the State Historic Preservation Office

Michigan Modern Symposium a Huge Success

The Michigan Modern symposium held at Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills on June 13-16, 2013, was a resounding success. More than 250 people from Michigan and around the country attended the event. Highlights included interviews with textile designer Ruth Adler Schnee and architect Gunnar Birkerts and the opening of the Michigan Modern exhibition at Cranbrook Art Museum (photos, right). Participants cited the GM Tech Center as “a masterpiece” and the tour “a real treat.” Eric Hill’s presentation on the Michigan Modern project set the tone and “gave a wonderful summation of the richness of Modernism in the state.” His use of the Eminent Chrysler ad, with its modern buildings in the background, brought the crowd to its feet. The symposium did its job. One participant said that the “symposium made a pretty strong case as to why Michigan really is the center of modernism.”

What’s next for Michigan Modern? The exhibition *Michigan Modern: Design that Shaped America* will be at Cranbrook Art Museum through October 13. Cranbrook is planning a lecture series for the fall. The exhibition will move to the Grand Rapids Art Museum in May 2014 and a second symposium will focus on Modern resources on the state’s west side. There is talk of a book and the SHPO will be working on expanding the information on the Michigan Modern website. Visit michiganmodern.org for the latest information. ✱



*Top: Debbie Millman interviews architect Gunnar Birkerts
Bottom: The exhibition was officially opened by (left to right) Lt. Governor Brian Calley, Cynthia Shaw of the Kresge Foundation, Maxine Frankel of the Cranbrook Board of Governors, State Historic Preservation Officer Brian Conway, and Gregory Wittkopp, director, Cranbrook Art Museum and Cranbrook Center for Collections and Research (Photos courtesy of SHPO).*

Michigan Lighthouse Preservation Continues

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) recently announced this year’s recipients of Michigan Lighthouse Assistance Program (MLAP) grants. The grants are funded through the sale of the Save Our Lights specialty license plate. Since 2000 the MLAP has awarded more than \$1.5 million in grants for the preservation of lighthouses.

Recipient projects are chosen through an annual competitive application process. Grantees must contribute fifty percent of the award amount as matching dollars to the project.

2013 grants recipients:

The DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society will receive a \$60,000 grant for the DeTour Reef Light Station in Chippewa County. The project will repair and eliminate water infiltration.

The Manistee County Historical Museum will receive \$20,000 for the preparation of a historic structures report and plans and specifications for the Manistee North Pierhead Light and Elevated Walkway.

Lake St. Clair Save Our South Channel Lights will receive a \$60,000 grant for rehabilitation work on the St. Clair Flats Old South Channel Front Range Light near Harsens Island. ✱

Community Outreach

The SHPO’s Community Outreach and Certified Local Government Coordinator Jessica Williams travels the state with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation’s (MEDC) Community Assistance Team where she educates community leaders, city officials, and property owners about placemaking and economic revitalization as it relates to historic preservation. Jessica and the CAT team provide communities with information related to state programs and other incentives for the rehabilitation of historic buildings and placemaking. In addition, Jessica promotes use of the Certified Local Government Program to Main Street communities. On deck for a visit this fall from Jessica and the gang are a tour of the Upper Peninsula, Marine City, Allegan, Detroit, and more! ✱

SHPO News, Continued

Staff Updates

Much has happened with SHPO staff since the SHPO last reported in the MHPN News, including the appointment of a new MSHDA executive director, staff awards, and the hiring of new students.

Meet MSHDA Executive Director Scott Woosley

Scott Woosley, a Rochester resident with more than twenty-five years of real estate and investment experience, was appointed to the post of MSHDA executive director Oct. 24, 2012. Woosley is a principal and one of the founders of Labor-Management Fund Advisors (LMFA) LLC, a Troy-based full-service commercial and residential real estate advisory firm. He gave up his daily responsibilities at the company in order to take the executive director position at MSHDA.



*MSHDA Executive Director
Scott Woosley.*

Scott's focus as executive director is on spurring investment growth, promoting homeownership, and revitalizing Michigan's downtowns and neighborhoods. He intends to ensure that Michigan has an ample supply of quality,

affordable housing for low- to moderate-income residents. Woosley is a strong advocate of "placemaking."

Scott holds a bachelor's degree in accounting from George Washington University and an MBA from the University of Michigan.

And the Awards Went to...



*State Archaeologist
Dean Anderson*

Each year MSHDA recognizes outstanding achievement among staff at an awards luncheon.

State Archaeologist Dr. Dean Anderson won the 2013 MSHDA Above and Beyond Award for excellence in performing everyday duties and meeting demands with skills and diplomacy, without fanfare or complaint. Dean's nomination was secretly organized and enthusiastically supported by SHPO, Department of Natural Resources, Michigan Department of Transportation, tribal, university, and private sector colleagues who wrote personal letters of support on his

behalf. Quoting Dr. Jan Brashler of Grand Valley State University, "Dean Anderson is an exemplary employee . . . exceeding the criteria for this award, well deserving of the recognition that he would never seek, but so richly deserves."

Main Street Design Specialist Kelly Larson and her Main Street colleagues won the 2013 MSHDA High Performing Team Award. The High Performing Team Award is issued to a team that exceeds established and challenging performance targets while maintaining positive relationships and partnerships. According to Joe Borgstrom, the Main Street team's motto is "We meet at 7am or 7pm, whenever and wherever communities need to meet with us." This has endeared them to the communities they serve. In addition, the team reaches out across department lines and builds relationships that will strengthen opportunities for communities throughout the state. Michigan's Main Street program is recognized as one of the top Main Street coordinating programs in the country. *



*Kelly Larson (center) and Main Street colleagues
Emily Pantera (left) and Laura Krizov.*

Hello and Goodbye to SHPO Student Colleagues

Meet Katherine Kirby, who has been working as a graduate student assistant with the SHPO since August 2012. She is from Traverse City and received her bachelor's degree in art and architectural history from Hope College. Katherine is entering her final year in Eastern Michigan University's graduate program in historic preservation with a concentration in preservation planning and serves as the director of Preservation Eastern, EMU's historic preservation student organization. At the SHPO, she works primarily with the Michigan Modern project and the Cultural Resource Management team.

Meet Stefanie Bozinski, who is currently in her second year in Eastern Michigan University's Historic Preservation graduate

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New MHPN Office Officially OPEN!



On Friday, July 19, 2013, braving high temperatures and threatening storms, Michigan Historic Preservation Network (MHPN) board, staff, and supporters gathered to officially celebrate the completion of the Thelma Joyce Osteen Comfort Station as the new offices of the MHPN. As the first building ever owned by MHPN, this was a major step forward in our efforts to “walk the walk” as well as “talk the talk” of historic preservation. The ribbon cutting provided an opportunity for some of our biggest supporters to

share their comments on the efforts, and for the MHPN to formally thank everyone who had a hand in the effort.

Representing the future of preservation, the honor of cutting the ribbon fell to Brynne (age 6) and Maren (age 3) Smith (daughters of MHPN/NTHP Field Representative Ellen Thackery) and Oliver Pung (age 7) (son of MHPN Board President, Melissa Milton-Pung).



*Left: Our name is on the door!
Above: Yes, “This Place Matters!”*

A second reception held later that afternoon invited even more of our friends and long-time supporters and our new neighbors in to see our new home. ✨



Left: Lansing’s Director of Planning and Neighborhood Development, Bob Johnson, right, welcomes young preservationist Oliver Pung with MHPN/NTHP Field Rep Ellen Thackery; Center: Young preservationists know that Michigan Places Matter! Right: Independent Bank Senior Vice President Cheryl Bartholic speaks at the ribbon cutting ceremony as MHPN President Melissa Milton-Pung and guests listen (All photos in this article courtesy of Amanda D. Davis Photography).

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program with a concentration in Preservation Planning. She received her bachelor of science in architecture from Lawrence Technological University in 2008. Stefanie is the communication officer for Preservation Eastern for the upcoming 2013-2014 school year and is currently volunteering at the State Historic Preservation Office. She works full-time for Plum Market as a floral designer and Ecommerce team member in West Bloomfield.

Also, former SHPO graduate student assistant Scott Slagor, probably familiar to MHPN members because of his volunteerism at MHPN conferences, left the SHPO in July for an internship with Parsons Brinckerhoff in Detroit. Scott assisted with various projects in the SHPO, including the Detroit survey, and he also worked with the cultural resource protection and planning team and the tax credit program. Scott will graduate from EMU’s graduate program in historic preservation in December. Best wishes Scott! ✨



(From left to right) Stefanie Bozinski, Katherine Kirby, Katie Kolokithas, and Jessica Puff celebrate at the Michigan Modern: Design that Shaped America symposium closing reception.

2013 Annual Awards Ceremony

Fifteen award winners from across Michigan were honored on the evening of May 10, 2013 at the MHPN Awards Ceremony, held on the final evening of the annual conference at the Regional History Center in Marquette.

Building Awards were presented to:

The Broderick Tower, Detroit, one of Detroit's most iconic skyscrapers.

Delta Upsilon Fraternity House, Ann Arbor, meticulously restored following a devastating fire.

NSO Bell Building, Detroit, a historic warehouse turned supportive housing for the homeless.

Kendall College of Art and Design of Ferris State University/ The Old Federal Building, Grand Rapids, a rehabilitated Post Office and Courts building now serving as an inspirational educational environment.

Union Building, Calumet, now the visitor and interpretation center for Keweenaw National Historical Park's Calumet Unit.

The 2013 Citizen Award was presented to **David Bardsley, of Drummond Island**, for his stewardship of the DeTour Reef Light.

The residents and city government of Mackinac Island were jointly awarded the Community Award and the Government/Institution Award for their efforts in protecting and preserving Mackinac Island's historic and architectural resources.



Jim Caszatt, left, representing several Michigan State Senators and Representatives, presents a special recognition to Lifetime Achievement Award winner Marcia Bernhardt, center, with Kathryn Eckert, left and Nancy Finegood, right (photo courtesy of Amanda D. Davis Photography)

The Metropolitan Center, Kalamazoo, earned this year's Tax Credit Award for rehabilitating four Italianate commercial buildings into a vibrant, mixed-use, sustainable space.

MHPN's highest honor, the Lifetime Achievement Award, was awarded to the following individuals from the Upper Peninsula:

Marcia and Harold Bernhardt, Iron River, for over fifty years of promoting the history of Iron County and the Upper Peninsula.

John Franzen, Bark River, for over thirty years of stewardship of the natural and cultural resources of the UP's national forests.

Thomas G. Friggens, Marquette, for over thirty-five years of devotion to the recognition and preservation of the Upper Peninsula's historic and cultural sites.

Barbara H. and Dr. G. Peter Kelly, Marquette, for over thirty-five years of ensuring the preservation and economic revitalization of historic Marquette. *

Save the Date

2013 MICHIGAN ARCHAEOLOGY DAY

Michigan Historical Center
702 West Kalamazoo Street
Lansing, MI

11:00 am to 3:00 pm

Saturday, October 12, 2013

Learn about archaeology taking place in Michigan!

Artifact displays and the chance to talk one-on-one with archaeologists

- Demonstrations
- Presentations
- Kids activities

Details will be available in September at michigan.gov/archaeology.





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