Michigan Historic Preservation Network Celebrates 40 Years!

Forty years ago this month, preservationists representing historic districts across Michigan formed an organization to arrange educational opportunities for newly created local historic districts. The one-day conference formed the foundation for the organization as we know it today and its forty-year legacy. In 1981, the organization was a top priority. Plan to join us May 11-15, 2021, for this, our 41st Annual Statewide Preservation Conference, based on today's issues just as they were in 1981 when forming a preservation organization. Some will be the start of programs that continue today while others will be programs that had a significant impact in their time.

The Annual Statewide Preservation Conference is a signature program for the Michigan Historic Preservation Network. It provides quality educational resources to guide communities, businesses, tradespeople, organizations to arrange educational opportunities for newly created local historic districts, attendee named the new organization, the Michigan Historic District Network.

A Note from the Director

In the past year, we've all had a chance to reflect on what is truly important in our lives. It is with that reflection that we move forward in our efforts to engage our communities. Over the years of our existence, the Michigan Historic Preservation Network has been guided by the principle that ‘preservation is a community endeavor.' Community engagement has been the key to the success of our initiatives, and we remain committed to fostering a collaborative approach to historically based planning. This plan to join us May 11-15, 2021, for our 41st Annual Statewide Preservation Conference is an opportunity to come together as a community and celebrate our achievements and commit to future successes.

Preservation Calendar

Upcoming Grant and Award Deadlines

- May 3, 2021: NPS/MHPO Preservation Planning Grants
- May 5, 2021: Preservation Exploration Grants
- May 6, 2021: National Historic Site Certification Application
- May 6, 2021: grantees of the Michigan Preservation Fund
- May 12, 2021: National Park Service
- May 13, 2021: Michigan Preservation Fund
- May 15, 2021: Michigan Preservation Fund
- June 1, 2021: Maritime Heritage Trail designation
- June 11, 2021: Michigan Historic Districts
- July 16, 2021: National Park Service
- August 17, 2021: Michigan Historic Districts
- September 21, 2021: Michigan Historic Districts
- October 19, 2021: Michigan Historic Districts
- November 1, 2021: National Park Service

Michigan Preservation Fund Grant Awarded

May 3, 2021: NPS/MHPO Preservation Planning Grants

- $3,500 - City of Ann Arbor (Ann Arbor), Robert Hayden House Designation
- $5,000 - City of Ann Arbor (Ann Arbor), Bonine Carriage House Restoration

Awards Ceremony May 13th

- Michigan City Seeks Expert to Discuss Future of Custer Site
- More than $500,000 in MEDC Match on Main Grants Awarded to Support Small Businesses
- "Historic Michigan Lighthouses Awarded $126,667 in Lighthouse Preservation Grants"
- Researchers Need Help Transcribing 100-Year-Old Fish Records
- "Michigan Cities Excited to Submit USI Applications"
- "Preservationists Seek Information About Historic Places"
- "Businesses"}

Seeking Photographs of MHPN’s Early Events!

Do you have photographs from an early MHPN event or conference? Send them our way! We are particularly seeking photographs from the 1980s and 1990s. If you have some, please email Mallory at mbower@mhpn.org.

Be a part of our forty-year legacy!