A Note from the Board President:

It is hard to believe we are already several weeks into 2022! As usual, things are busy at MHPN, with everyone hard at work on the conference and running our regular programs. Have you seen the new workshops scheduled so far this year? Just in case, there is a list with links to registration below in this newsletter.

Thank you all who supported the MHPN Year End Appeal. I’m happy to report that the effort brought in over $18,500! This is just under half of the match needed for our programming grant from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA). If you missed out- don’t worry, donations are still gratefully accepted.

Please don’t forget that it is the time of year that MHPN is seeking nominations for the annual Historic Preservation Awards. There is more on the awards submission below, so be sure to nominate your favorite building, tax credit project, preservation gem, citizen, community, government/institution, or cultural landscape for recognition during the 2022 Annual Historic Preservation Conference.

With you in preservation,
Nominate a Project, Organization, or Local Preservation Leader for MHPN 2022 Preservation Award!

Have your recently finished restoring a building and want to brag about it?
Is there an institution or group who deserves to be recognized for their preservation efforts?
Do you know someone who has gone above and beyond to promote preservation?
Then consider nominating them for a Michigan Historic Preservation Network Award!

Nomination Deadline: Wednesday, February 9, 2022

More information about the awards program is here. The online awards nomination form, including place to add photographs and supporting documents, can be found here.

Awards Ceremony: To be held at the Annual Conference, Friday, May 13.

2022 MHPN Annual Statewide Preservation Conference
"Our Town: Preserving Places Together"
May 11-14, 2022
Holly, Michigan

MHPN 2022 Annual Statewide Preservation Conference
Online Registration Opens March 2022!

The 42nd Annual Statewide Preservation Conference will take place in-person on Wednesday-Saturday, May 11-14, 2022, in Holly, Michigan, with the theme “Our Town: Preserving Places Together.” Venue One Eleven, our conference headquarters, is a lovely, adaptively reused property that includes a one-story school built in 1912 to
accommodate Holly’s grade school through high school students, and the two-story, 1926-1928 building added when it became Holly High School.

The conference will include 20 in-seat sessions and several tours. Featured sessions include the Opening Plenary Discussion, “Leveraging the Power of Place.” Then our keynote will be an address by Sara Bronin, The tours include a Thursday afternoon tour of the small towns along the historic Saginaw Turnpike, a Friday morning walking tour of Downtown Holly, and a Saturday Great Michigan Roadtrip, using a self-guided format fashioned after the AAA TripTiks first popularized in the 1950s.

The MHPN will adhere to CDC Covid precautions in effect at the time of the conference. Watch for your copy of the brochure in the mail by early March 2022. For the latest news on the conference, please visit us online.

Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grant Program is now Accepting Applications

The State, Tribal, Local, Plans & Grants Division is now accepting applications for the Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grants Program. This program is funded by the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) and managed by the National Park Service. Funding for the HPF is provided from Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas lease revenues, not tax dollars. HPF programs are annually appropriated by Congress and this funding is from the 2021 appropriation. All grants are awarded through a competitive process and do not require matching funds (except for Save America’s Treasures).

The goal of the Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grants Program is to fund subgrant PROGRAMS that support the rehabilitation of historic properties to foster economic development of rural communities. These subgrant programs, will fund preservation projects for historic sites to include architectural/engineering services and physical preservation. Grantees will create and administer their own subgrant program and select multiple projects to fund through a competitive process.

Eligible subgrant properties must be listed in the National Register of Historic Places or determined eligible for listing at the National, State, or local level of significance and located within rural (non-urban) communities with populations less than 50,000. State Historic Preservation Offices, Tribal Historic Preservation Offices, Certified Local Governments, and non-profits can now apply for funding that will in turn be subgranted to projects in rural communities in their jurisdictions.

Before applying, please make sure that you have read and understand the limitations of this grant program and have carefully reviewed the Notice of Funding Opportunity. The Notice of Funding Opportunity contains all the information you will need to create a successful application. Applicants must register through SAM.gov and Grants.gov to apply. It is best to begin this process early to avoid potential delays submitting your application. Learn more about how to apply for an HPF grant by visiting our Youtube channel.
The grant opportunity number is P22AS00030.

Congress has appropriated $7.5 million in funding for FY2021.

Applications are due February 22, 2022

Upcoming MHPN Workshops

MHPN's monthly webinars are free and open to everyone to register. Miss the live event? Recordings on our YouTube channel. Check out the line up below and register today!

January 27, 2022, 1 p.m.: Albert and Julius Kahn: Inventing the Modern Factory

February 10, 2022, 1 p.m.: How the MotorCities National Heritage Area Challenge Grant Program can work for you!

Preservation In the News

"Linden receives certified local government status to support historic preservation activities." MLive, by Isis Simpson-Mersha, November 15, 2021.

"Climate change threatens Michigan's Fishtown and its historic shanties." PBS NewsHour Weekend, by Hari Sreenivasan, December 12, 2021.


"EMU creates mobile oral history recording booth to collect stories of ordinary Ypsilanti residents." 
Concentrate, by Sarah Rigg, January 5, 2022.


Preservation Calendar
January 27, 2022: Webinar - Albert and Julius Kahn: Inventing the Modern Factory

February 1, 2022: Grant Deadline: National Trust Preservation fund (apply for grants ranging up to $5,000 that support preservation planning and educational projects.

February 10, 2022, Webinar: How the MotorCities National Heritage Area Challenge Grant Program can work for you!

April 27-May 1, 2022: Conference - Society of Architectural Historians 2022 International Conference, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania


May 16-18, 2022: Conference - Main Street Now Conference. Richmond, Virginia


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