A Note from MHPN's President...

As soon as November arrives, I feel as if the MHPN begins sliding into home plate – aka "year-end."

The Annual Fall Benefit is behind us. What a great time we had at the Durant-Dort Factory One in downtown Flint, the birthplace of General Motors. Now we've pivoted to the annual statewide preservation conference being held on Mackinac Island May 11-13, 2023. We're headquartered at the historic Mission Point Resort on the island's east end, the "Sunrise Side." Few people know that each conference takes 18-24 months to produce. Indeed, the 2023 program is coming together right now so the brochure can drop early in the New Year. Why have we hosted the conference 43 years in a row? It's because we receive messages such as one from a long-time member who wrote: “I always come away from the conference well-stocked with new ideas, updated information, and a reinvigorated commitment to the preservation of historic structures and neighborhoods!” Click here for his entire message.

Over the next 60 days, we'll be asking for your year-end gifts. First up is “Shop Small Saturday,” which is a request for you to support local retailers – and the MHPN! On Saturday, November 26, I'll begin my holiday shopping in traditional downtowns and neighborhood retail areas. No Big Box Stores for me, unless, of course, there's a festive washer-dryer combo on the list.
Next is “Giving Tuesday” on November 29, a global day of giving to organizations important to you. We know there’s a lot of competition for your philanthropic dollars, but I hope we’ve served you well in 2022 and earned your support.

Finally, there’s year-end giving in the final days of December. I’ll say more next month, but, once again, we’ll be seeking your assistance to match the grant the Michigan Arts and Culture Council has awarded us for our services to the field. Board testimonials and homemade videos will tell you why it’s important.

For now, let me thank you for participating all year and helping us in a-hundred-and-one ways. We’ll skid into home plate together!

Janet L. Kreger
MHPN Board President
The Michigan Historic Preservation Network announces its

43rd Annual Statewide Preservation Conference

“A FRAGILE BALANCE:

How Heritage Tourism Balances Profitability and Authenticity”

Wednesday, May 10 - Saturday, May 13, 2023

Mission Point Resort
Mackinac Island, Michigan

For information click here.

2023 Conference Keynote Speaker Named

We are pleased to announce the keynote speaker for the 2023 MHPN Annual Statewide Historic Preservation Conference - Sandra Sageser Clark. Ms. Clark is the Director of the Michigan History Center and a long-time friend of MHPN.

Sandra grew up in Manhattan, Kansas, where her father was a history professor at Kansas State University. Her B.A. and M.A. in history are from Michigan State University. She has taught history, been an editor and speechwriter for the Canadian Embassy in Washington, D.C.

Sandra returned to Michigan as editor of Michigan History Magazine in 1979. She was deputy director of Travel Michigan for three years before she became director of the Michigan History Center.
in September 1991. She has been president of the American Association for State and Local History, the Michigan Museums Association, and the Automobile National Heritage Area. Her awards have included the 2009 Michigan Historic Preservation Network Leadership Award and the 2019 AASLH Award of Distinction.

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!

November 17 2022, 1 p.m. Parkaeology and Parkitecture: Cultural Resources Stewardship in our State Parks and Recreation Areas

Did you miss a webinar? Past Workshop Recordings are available!

Preservation In the News


"Evaluation holds up K.I. Sawyer building demolition work," TV 6, by Annette Giachino, November 2, 2022.


"CONSTRUCTION AND CONSERVATION: A yearslong dispute over the Northshore of Saugatuck development is revived amid recent court activity," MiBiz, Abigail Ham, October 23, 2022.

"Historic Bay Theatre seeks some modern comfort in downtown Suttons Bay with new seating and more," Rural Innovation Exchange, by M. J. Galbraith, October 20, 2022.

"Biden's promise to tribes faces test in Great Lakes," E&E Greenwire, by Hannah Northey, October 11, 2022.

Share your holiday tours with MHPN!

Is your city, historic district, or museum having holiday tours this year? If so, consider sharing with MHPN. We will add the date, name, and location of your tour, along with a link to your own publicity in our Preservation Calendar.

Preservation Calendar

November 18 - December 30, 2022: A Ford House Christmas, Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, Grosse Point Shores

November 26, 2022: Shop Small Saturday! Consider supporting your local downtowns by Shopping Small. By the way, and MHPN Membership makes a great gift!

November 29, 2022: Giving Tuesday! You can make your gifts to MHPN here


December 1-31, 2022: Tour: Alden B. Down Home and Studio Holiday Tours, Midland

December 3, 2022: Tour: 2022 Holiday Parlour Tour, Center Avenue Neighborhood Association, Bay City

December 3, 2022: Tour: Historic Palmer Woods Holiday Home Tour and Soiree, Detroit

December 8, 2022: Tour: Cranbrook House Tour and Tea, 6-8 pm, Bloomfield Hills

December 9, 2022: Deadline for preliminary review of CLG application (optional)

December 11, 2022: 48th Annual Holiday Home Tour, Boston-Edison Historic District, Detroit

December 30, 2022: Deadline to make your year end donation to MHPN

February 1, 2023: CLG Applications due to SHPO
February 28, 2023: MHPN Advocacy Day, Lansing (details coming soon)