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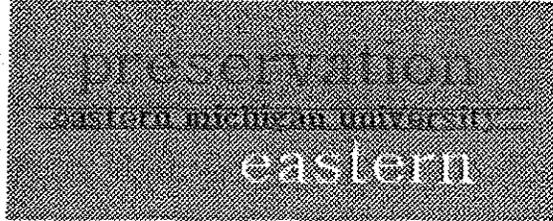
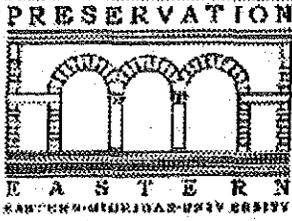
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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Preservation Eastern and its newsletter are going **ONLINE!**

Look for upcoming announcements about the website that is "Under Construction" at:

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2001/2002 FALL/WINTER

Our 22nd Year Begins...

As we begin our Twenty-second year of existence, we also are very pleased to let you know that the program is strong and growing. Last year was very full in many ways: foremost among this fullness was that we became conservators for artifacts from the great ship Titanic, under the direction of Dr. Lauren Sickels-Taves. The Titanic project was one project among many that is helping frame the new Conservation & Technology concentration that we are planning. It was also the year in which we 'inked' a cooperative agreement with the Detroit Club in downtown Detroit. This unique arrangement poses the program as overseer of all aspects of the restoration of this magnificent landmark. It was also the year during which I was able to take a Sabbatical to begin work on the National Historic Landmark nomination for Fayette, where we hold our annual Field School.

I am very pleased to announce that we have admitted sixteen new students to the program this year. As is usually the case, they come from a variety of places and backgrounds. Please join me in welcoming Moira Boehm, Mary Jo Franzblau, Deborah Haddrill, Kathy Holtz, Lisa Jacobs, Paul Janostak, Kathryn Jones, Kathy Lindroth, Donna Mallonen, Pamela McGlade, Carolyn Nelson, Mary Paige, Tara Phelps, Laurie Torbet, Brian Wilson, and Pam Yockey.

I am also delighted to let you know that we now have six Graduate assistantships associated with the program. Lisa Jacobs is serving as the Departmental Graduate Assistant to the program this year. The other GAs are "agency/organization-sponsored" assistantships, and include Sarah Krans with RMSTI-tanic, Inc., Frank Quinn with the Michigan State Historic Preservation Office (MSHPO), Julie Courtney with the Michigan Dept. of Transportation (MDOT), Alek Juskevics with the City of Ypsilanti's Dept. of Community Development, and Janet Emery with the City of Toledo's Dept. of Neighborhoods. These assistantships include a stipend as well as tuition waiver. Also, some of these positions will be available mid-year, starting in January, so if you are interested please contact me ASAP!!

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Welcome from Preservation Eastern...

Welcome to all incoming and returning Historic Preservation students!

One of the ways to have input and stay connected with the latest news and scheduled events is to join Preservation Eastern, our student organization. I hope you will consider joining. We have many fun activities planned along with informative speakers lined up for our speaker's series, which is usually held on the third Monday of each month. Please periodically check the Historic Preservation bulletin board for updated information.

Especially if you are new to the program or if you have never shared the same classes with us, please introduce yourself to the officers of Preservation Eastern. We look forward to meeting you. Please do not hesitate to let us know if you have any ideas or concerns. You can always email me at mjcourt@hotmail.com.

As the fall semester gets underway, I begin my new role as director of Preservation Eastern. Starting my degree in the fall of 1999, I will soon be finishing up with a concentration in Planning. Many interesting opportunities are continually becoming available to students in the Historic Preservation program. Since beginning the program, I personally have had the fortune of partaking in several great internships. I hope this year will be a promising one for all of you - full of exciting and fulfilling experiences!

- Julie Courtney, Preservation Eastern Director

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We are planning a very active year, with a fine list of programs already scheduled for our Speaker's Series. The focus of our student organization, Preservation Eastern's efforts this term will be Detroit in honor of its 300th Anniversary, and will include lectures, discussions, and site visits to the Detroit Club, and to the famous Elmwood Cemetery on October 27th (sign up sheet on board in main hall).

I look forward to seeing you in the hallowed halls of Strong Hall.

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STUDENTS EXPLORE PRESERVATION ISSUES IN TRAVERSE CITY, MICHIGAN

GHPR 478/591 "Issues in Historic Preservation: Northern Michigan Case Studies" was held the week of August 6-10, 2001 in Traverse City, Michigan. The students who enrolled in the class had diverse educational backgrounds. This provided an interesting mix of perspectives for class discussions. The majority of our class time was spent in the field meeting with key players involved with the various preservation efforts in the Grand Traverse area.

All of our site visits had a common thread. The people with whom we met were strongly committed to the preservation of local resources, both natural and cultural, as these resources have a tremendous impact on the quality of life in this area. We quickly learned that forming partnerships with outside interest groups is an effective way to reach our goals. We came to appreciate the value of preserving not only the resources themselves, but the importance of preserving the "sense of place", that is a combination of the physical and cultural factors that give an area its personality and character.

Our first day was spent with Carol Hale, former Mayor of Traverse City. She was kind enough to take the group on a tour of the Historic 6th Street area and the old State Hospital site. Tuesday was spent on Mission Peninsula, learning about the unique "Purchase of Development Rights" approach to save the farmland and scenic views.

We made several site visits on Wednesday. Our visit to the Rex Dobson/Mary Ellen Farm was a favorite. A non-profit foundation has recently been created to save this Michigan Centennial Farm by documenting its resources and rich history; thereby preserving it as a living, working farm in order to educate future generations about the local significance and traditions of agriculture. Rex was a gracious host and gave us a wonderful tour of his property.

Thursday was spent at the Sleeping Bear National Lakeshore. Bill Herd of the National Park Service gave us a tour of several of the historic farm structures in the Port Oneida Historic Farm District. The natural and cultural landscapes in this area are breathtaking. This area is truly a unique Michigan treasure. Our class was given the opportunity and privilege to comment on the proposed General Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement as our final assignment.

We concluded class on Friday with a tour of the Traverse City Opera House. This gem is one of only three opera halls in Michigan in original condition. Plans for its restoration are in process. Quinn-Evans of Ann Arbor is the lead architectural firm on the project.

Despite the record high temperatures, we survived the week. Student comments about the class were positive. It is a worthwhile experience to be able to see successful results from preservation applied to real-life situations.

- Sylvia Tillman

Who's Where, and Why...Alumni Adulations!

Kerrington "Kerry" Adams ('97), has just been hailed as the *Curator of Collections* for Hale Farm and Village, the incredible outdoor architectural museum in the Cuyahoga National Recreation Area south of Cleveland.

Lloyd Baldwin ('95), is well-positioned in his role as *Construction Manager* for the Cranberry Lake Farm restoration, a project sponsored by Oakland Township, Oakland County. Previously, Lloyd served the same role for the award-winning restoration of the University of Michigan's stellar Detroit Observatory.

Pat Condon ('96), received her *law degree* from Lewis & Clark College, Portland, Oregon, on May 19, 2001.

Cindy Danza ('01) is the *Development Officer* for the Rye Historical Society in New York. In her free time, Cindy has also been volunteering at the Historic House Trust of New York City and at "Manitoga," the Russel Wright House in Garrison, NY.

Kathy Duquette ('99), has landed a position as *Development Officer* for the University of Michigan's famed Nichols Arboretum, housed in the historic Burnham House that was moved to the 'Arb' from Wall St. in Ann Arbor.

James "Jamie" Goodman ('01), has just been gleaned as an *Assistant Architectural Historian* for the ASC Group, a large CRM firm in Columbus, Ohio.

Kirk Huffaker ('96), was recently appointed *Assistant Director* of the Utah Heritage Foundation, Utah's statewide historic preservation organization. His boss, Lisbeth Henning, sang his praises loudly at the recent National Trust conference in Providence, Rhode Island.

Anne Kreykes ('01), is the *Preservation Specialist* at the Leslie Science Center in Ann Arbor, an historic/environmental educational property of the Ann Arbor Parks & Recreation Dept.

Laura Manker Mauck ('96), has just completed a book about Denver's Five Points neighborhood, the city's historically African-American community, (see arcadiainages.com). In her role as *Collections Development Manager* for the Denver Public Library, Laura is overseeing the development of a new Library building that will focus on African American history west of the Mississippi River.

Trent Margrif ('00), leads the pack for the youngest *Executive Director* of a statewide preservation organization in the nation, having just been tapped to head up Preservation Oklahoma, Inc. in Oklahoma City.

Marnie Paulus ('00), is the *Preservation Planner* for the Washtenaw County Metropolitan Planning Commission, and is pulling together all of the many rural historic inventories that have been completed in the county over the years in anticipation of entering them into one comprehensive GIS database.

Brenda Plakmeyer ('01), is the *Resource Specialist* for the new Automobile National Heritage Area, with offices in Stroh River Place in Detroit.

Chris Roddy ('97), now serves as the *Historic Structures Technician* at Akron, Ohio's fabulous Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens. After leaving EMU, Chris completed further training at Belmont Technical College's Preservation Technology program.

Diana Sepac ('93), is *Director of Volunteers* for the Detroit Historical Society and recently has been very involved in the society's events to help celebrate the city's Tricentennial.

Matt Schulte ('97) has seen many changes in his life and career lately, notably becoming the proud *parent*, along with his wife Ellen, of Faythe Elizabeth Schulte on October 19, 2000. Matt also has taken a new position with WordPictures, a firm that specializes in video and imaging technology. (Remember his noted "PreserVision Series!") In addition, he was recently elected Chair of the Michigan Historic Preservation Network.

Dale Tomasi ('94), is "plowing new ground" as the *Agricultural Program Supervisor* at Indiana's outstanding Conner Prairie Museum, where he is supervising the development of an 1880s working farm and an 1830s era grist mill.

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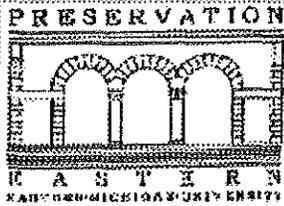
Don't forget to keep an eye out for the Preservation Eastern Website!

If you are a member of the Preservation Eastern Yahoo! Group, you will receive an official announcement via the email group regarding the website and other P.E. related events and activities.

If you are not a member of the Yahoo! Group, please send an e-mail to:

"preservationeastern@yahoo.com" with your name and e-mail information and we will sign you up!

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CURRENT BYTES!!!

Seen at the recent **National Trust** annual meeting in Providence, R.I. were alums Henry Amick, Cindy Danza, Kathy Duquette, Kirk Huffaker, Carol Mull, Marnie Paulus, Trent Margrif, Gladys Saborio, Sue Kosky, Cynthia Ruffner, and Heather Russell Burnash.

Current students who attended the National Trust conference included **Julie Courtney, Wendy Hoefler, Alek Juskevics, and Tim Mitchell**, some of them receiving National Trust scholarships to attend.

Christine LoPorto was just appointed as the DDA's *Streetscape Project Manager* for Hamtramck, Mi., in Detroit, aiding an aggressive program that hopes to revitalize Hamtramck's amazing commercial corridor.

Alexandra Raven has been selected as the *Environmental Review Specialist* for the Michigan SHPO and has become extremely involved with those ubiquitous Section 106 reviews.

A MINI-BABY BOOM:

Congratulations are in order for **Jennifer Curtin** and her husband Josh Plavin on the birth of their first child this year, named Oliver Donald Plavin who entered this world on August 2, 2001. Oliver will be living home with his parent's in their magnificent 1890s Queen Anne residence in Randolph, Vermont.

Lynda and Mark Neese, both current students in our Historic Preservation program, happily announce the birth of their first son, Avery Lucas Neese. Avery was born in Lansing on September 2, 2001.

Tom Varitek, *Recruitment & Training Specialist* for Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, and his wife Tracie have just welcomed another new preservationist into this world. Anna was born in October 2001.

- Ted Ligibel