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Dr. Ted's Corner:

This new calendar year is of special importance to EMU's Historic Preservation Program as it marks the overture to our 25th Anniversary. The program officially began offering classes in the Fall term of 1979, under the direction of Drs. Marshall McLennan and Andrew Nazzaro, both of whom still teach in the program. There will be a number of events and surprises throughout the next academic year to commemorate our birthday, and we invite everyone to join in as we take the opportunity to both look back and look ahead.

And as a new calendar year begins, we officially welcome five new students, all from Michigan, to the program. They are: **Allen Adler** from Westland; **Margaret Jensen** of Petersburg; **Jennifer Jones** from Rochester; **Linda Rivetto** from Troy; and **Jennifer Stacey** of Farmington. Please take a moment to introduce yourself and do a little mentoring.

DID YOU HEAR THAT...

The **Fayette** location for our annual Field School has been brought to a close, at least temporarily, due to the severe State budget. While we are very saddened that we will not be able to return to Fayette this year, we are very pleased that we were able to honor our original five year commitment. Since we first started at Fayette in 1999, we have been able to accomplish many tasks, including field sketches for three buildings, aiding in the installation of interpretive exhibits in several buildings, hosting open houses, and most significantly, the complete restoration/renovation and opening of a structure that had never been open to the public, namely Building # 3. This unique renovation interprets how an abandoned historic building can be brought back to a useful state, in this case as an exhibit that focuses on the actual process of restoration. According to SHPO Brian Conway, who was one of the reasons Fayette was originally initiated, "The \$ picture is much worse than I thought it would be... Having finished one bldg, we consoled ourselves with the thought that this would be a good time to pause and pick up when \$ is available."

Please note that the Field School continues, with this year's edition to be held in mid-June at **Bay View**, an incredible National Historic Landmark cottage community, adjacent to Petoskey, Mi. Details are now being finalized; please ask me for further information.

Deb Adamcik will spend the next four months on an extended soiree to Myanmar (formerly Burma), Thailand, and Paraguay, visiting friends and relatives and scouting out new hands-on conservation opportunities. In the fall 2003 term, she served an Internship under Ron Koenig of *Building Arts & Conservation Inc.*, restoring decorative painted surfaces at the Clements Library in Ann Arbor, Cranbrook House at Cranbrook, the Lapeer County Courthouse, and the Detroit Athletic Club, as well as a twenty-six foot long plaster mural from 1942 by Detroit's famous sculptor, Corrado Parducci, that was moved to the new Historical Museum of Midland.

ALUMNI UPDATE

Moira Boehm Branigan (2003) married Zak Branigan in September of 2003. Prior to the wedding, Moira was working as Office Manager for the Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy. Zak, an urban planner, also attended our program.

Marla Overhiser Collum (1998) also was married in September, 2003, but to Malcolm Collum, in Stonehaven, Scotland. According to their wedding announcement: "We traveled off to the land of Scot, And while there we tied the knot." Malcolm is a curator at 'The Henry Ford,' coordinating the recent restorations of the Dymaxion House and the Rosa Parks Bus. Marla is the *Historic Review Officer* for the City of Detroit. Also, the restoration of Marla's Division Street home in Detroit was featured on **HG TVs** "Restore America" series this past fall.

Trent Margrif (2000) was recently appointed as the new *Executive Director* of Preservation Delaware, the statewide counterpart of our Michigan historic Preservation Network. He began his duties on July 1 of 2003.

Frank Quinn (2002) is the first *Manager* of the new Marshall, Michigan *Main Street Program*, which is one of four newly created Main Street positions created as part of Michigan's re-entry into the National Trust's Main Street Program.

Christine LoPorto Renner, (2001) has had a busy year. In May, 2003 she married Matt Renner and, starting this January, will begin a new job as *Executive Director* of the Blissfield, Michigan DDA and Chamber of Commerce. She will be coordinating the Facade and Streetscape Improvement Programs, developing a marketing plan, helping to implement Hyatt-Palma's recent "Economic Enhancement Strategies" report, and facilitating local events such as the River Raisin Festival and the Festival of Lights.

Karen Simpson's (1995) interesting career and educational pursuits were featured in the March, 2003 issue of the University of Michigan's magazine, The University Record. Karen, who works in UMs Financial Operations, has been active in historic preservation for many years, and is a specialist in African-American and Underground Railroad history, having also written numerous articles on the history of agriculture and food. Among her many hats, she also wears one of a re-enactor with the *Washtenaw County Buffalo Soldiers*.

Susan Wineberg (1994) also was the subject of a feature story on her many activities in historic preservation and as a long-time member of the Ann Arbor Historic District Commission. The article appeared in the October, 2003 issue of the Old West Side News. She also is under contract with Arcadia Books for a new work on vanished Ann Arbor buildings. Entitled *Lost Ann Arbor*; it is scheduled for release in the fall of 2004.