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Announcements:

Open House at UofM
Library Conservation
and Preservation Lab
Ann Arbor Book
Festival
May 12, 2006
3:30 - 7:30 pm \$5/person
Ann Arbor, MI

Arts and Cultural
Advocacy Day 2006
May 16, 2006
Lansing Center
333 E. Michigan Ave.
Lansing, MI

2006 NATURAL
CITY SUCCESS
STORIES
May 31 - June 2, 2006
Victoria University,
University of Toronto

Portland Conference
Michigan Downtown
Association
JUNE 2, 2006
Portland City Hall
259 Kent Street
Portland, MI

2006 National Main
Streets Conference
June 4-7 2006
New Orleans, LA

2006 Michigan
Conference on
Affordable Housing
June 5-7, 2006
Lansing Center
Lansing, Michigan

The Nuts and Bolts of
Brownfield
Redevelopment for
Local Government
College of Urban Affairs
June 5-9, 2006
Cleveland State Univ.
Cleveland, Ohio

Submit articles for a
future edition of this
newsletter. Any
history or preservation
subject is welcome.

Dr. Ted's Corner

by Dr. Ted Ligibel

Welcome to spring...and the end of our academic year! Its certainly hard to believe that its already the end of the winter term...remember when I said that it'll be May...and warm...before you know it!!

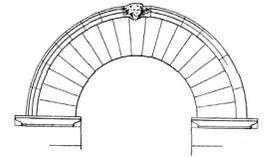
REGISTRATION/SCHEDULING

Included in this newsletter is our condensed version of the Fall, 2006 schedule and a list of spring/summer courses for your registering needs. Registration has begun and we can't stress enough how important it is to register early; registration of course will continue throughout out the Spring and Summer terms. There are some things you should be aware of for registration purposes:

- ART 429 (History of American Architecture) has been cancelled for the Fall, 2006 term as Dr. Ellen Schwartz is on leave from the university. This eliminates a conflict we had that evening. We are working to have it offered in the Winter 2007 term, so don't panic.
- There are several courses available to you this spring and summer, including the Field School (GHPR 636), Settlement Geography (GEOG 333), and the Seminar (GHPR 696) courses. Please see the insert or the folder on my door for more details.

PRESERVATION EXCELLENCE AWARD

Also join us in congratulating **Cheryl Chidester** as this year's recipient of the *Preservation Excellence* award.



CONGRATULATIONS 2006 GRADUATES!!!

Please join us in congratulating the following people who are about to graduate:

Debra Adamcik
Devon Akmon
Matt Borders
Alison Chalom
Cheryl Chidester
Diana Clark
Annie Dowling
Carrie Duhl
Jim Edmunds
Margaret Jensen
Rick Kuss
Aleth Lippay
Jennifer Mazurek
Marcia Phillips
Heidi Nielsen
Leslie Pielack
Alexis Reynolds
Jonathan Ringel
Seth Rivard
Natalie Thomas

CURRENT STUDENTS SEEN AT THE MICHIGAN HISTORIC PRESERVATION NETWORK'S ANNUAL MEETING

Barbara Chambers
Cheryl Chidester*
Diana Clark*
Sarah Collingwood
Denise Lynch
Cristin Moody
Leslie Pielack
Laurie Turkawski

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Dr. Ted's Corner (cont.)

by Dr. Ted Ligibel

HURRICANE UPDATE

A number of our students have been and continue to be involved in the massive hurricane relief efforts along the Gulf Coast. Their efforts have all been focused on Historic Preservation activities.

During winter break, **Tim Boscarino, Mollie Douglas, and Jennifer Mazurek** were part of a team put together by Oakland County and the Oakland County Main Street Program (run by our own Alum, Bob Donohue), to stabilize Hattiesburg, Mississippi's historic high school building that was badly damaged during the hurricanes. **Susan Dorris**, who also works with Oakland County Main Street, helped organize the event.

Currently, both **Rick Kuss** and Alum **Susan Obert** are working for *FEMA* as *Historic Preservation Specialists* in Louisiana. Their work centers on historic places, and Rick is in charge of one aspect of FEMA's Section 106 responsibilities. Another current student, **Lisa Lynde**, has been hired by the *Preservation Resource Center of New Orleans* to head up the

preservation component of their "Rebuilding Together" program that focuses on repair of older and historic home in New Orleans. Previously she wrote a column for their newsletter for several years as an EMU student.

OTHER RECENT PLACEMENTS...of current students.

Karen Brandt is a National Park Service *Historic Preservation Intern* for the Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area that stretches between Cleveland and Akron, Ohio.

Seth Rivard is a *City Planner* in Tennessee serving as a historic preservation planner as well.

Annette Knowles is the new *DDA Director* for Farmington, Michigan

An interested group of MHPN conference attendees, chatting with some current students of the HP program. Laurie, Cheryl, Cristin, and Cheryl helped woman the program's booth at the Vendor's Showcase.



Dr. Ted's Corner (cont.)

by Dr. Ted Ligibel

MOST RECENT ALUMNI UPDATES

Bill and Tamara Click (2003) are recipients of this year's *Outstanding Young Alumni* award given annually by EMU's Alumni Association. This is a real coup for the program and a great distinction for Bill and Tamara who have been at the forefront of our Alumni Chapter from its inception.

Renee Benn and Carolyn Nelson (2005) have recently been brought on as *Historians* in the Cultural Resource Management section of TxDot (Texas Department of Transportation). They join Alum **Dan Harris** who has been with TxDot about ten years.

Julie Courtney (2004) is the new *Main Street Manager* for the Oakland County town of Ortonville.

Mary Ann Johnson (2003) is *Programs Coordinator* for the Toledo Museum of Art. (Coincidentally she now lives in the neighborhood that I grew up in West Toledo.)

Frank Quinn (2002) has moved on from being Marshall's first Main Street Program Manager to fill a preservation post at the main offices of the *Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana* in Indianapolis.

Christine LoPorto Renner (2001) also has moved along in her career, and has taken the *Director* position at Detroit's historic Scarab Club, a celebrated arts organization long associated with downtown Detroit.

Rick Rockwell (2003) has just been hired as the *Coordinator of Easements, Covenants, and Conservation* for the prestigious Historic Charleston Foundation. And...he also will be teaching historic preservation courses as an adjunct for the University of Georgia's Historic Preservation Program starting next Fall.

Mary Stachowiak (2005) is the new Director of the historic Selinsky-Green Log House in St. Clair Shores, (Macomb County) Michigan

Barry Stiefel (2003) has just become an *Architectural Historian* for the major Historic Preservation architectural firm of Page & Turnbull in San Francisco; check them out at <http://www.page-turnbull.com>

SPRING AND SUMMER TERMS 2006 SCHEDULE NOTES

The following information about the Spring and Summer classes is provided for your planning purposes. Registration for these and the Fall, 2006 terms begins on March 30th.

GEOG 333: Settlement Geography
Professor Chris Mayda
June 24 to 30
(At University Center, Northwest Michigan College)

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Planning for Prosperity

by Dace Koenigsknecht, Graduate Student: Preservation Planning

On March 27, I attended the 2006 Land Use Summit in East Lansing, titled *Planning for Prosperity*. The annual conference is sponsored by the Land Policy Institute at Michigan State University. There were a variety of land-use and planning topics, from local smart growth initiatives and regional cooperative efforts, to using tax increment and brownfield redevelopment programs for economic prosperity. Community design, healthy cities, and market-based solutions to revitalization were also some topics presented.

Notable speakers came from state universities across Michigan, The Brookings Institution, Smart Growth Leadership Institute, and a variety of public and private organizations interested in the topic of land use and economic development.

A wide array of breakout sessions were provided, on the topics mentioned above and more, and each one

was led by an expert putting into practice what they preached. Enthusiasm and experience were prevalent on both sides of the podium, resulting in an open dialogue that worked to the benefit of everyone in attendance. I played the proverbial fly-on-the-wall, and walked out of each session with notes and a renewed sense of purpose.

I am interested in the various tools and techniques that are available to redevelop and revitalize our communities. Historic preservation is one of those tools, yet nobody at this particular conference mentioned the subject. The data and ideas posed were just as relevant to saving buildings, as to saving farmland. Preservation and conservation are sibling movements, but they need to work more closely together – as Conservation. This would encompass both *architectural and environmental conservation*, and leverage the skills and limited resources of each. Is HP nothing more than recycling anyway?

GHPR 636: Historic Preservation Field Methods

May 18 and 20 (Downstate), and June 3 to 9 (at Bay View)

We are very excited to begin our eighth year of Field School and our third year at Bay View, a 19th century resort community that is a National Historic Landmark. Bay View is located on Little Traverse Bay immediately north of Petoskey, Michigan, on US 31.

The Field School includes sessions held downstate and on-site at Bay View. The orientation session will be held on **May 18** from 5:00 to 8:00PM at 110 N. Main Street in Adrian (Bill Click's adaptive use project), followed by a hands-on introductory session which will be held on **May 20** from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at a location that will be announced at the orientation. **Each of these sessions is required.** You will meet the instructors, learn about the theory and methodology of the preservation activities planned, and receive safety training. The list of items to bring with you will be provided at the orientation as will a general overview to Bay View and its particular setting and demands. The on-site portion of the Field School consists of a one-week session held at Bay View from **June 3 through 9**. Complete details will be provided at the orientation. You may want to visit Continuing Education's website, www.ce.emich.edu/oneweektc for further details about this course.

LODGING, MEALS, and REGISTRATION: Lodging will be provided by the Bay View Association in historic Crist Hall. You will need to bring your own bedding and towels. Meals are on your own, but there is a full kitchen in Crist Hall that we will be able to use. Again, all details will be provided at the orientation. We urge you to sign up as soon as possible for the Field School, as we anticipate a large enrollment this year, and may have to limit participation. If you have trouble or need permission to register, please contact Dr. Ligibel ASAP.

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The Robert's Property

by Ryan M. Schumaker, First Year Graduate Student: Preservation Planning

Since the beginning of 2006 I have been a part of a project down in Lima, Ohio. *The Johnny Appleseed Metro Parks District* acquired a farm within Allen County in 2003. The hope is to integrate the farm into their existing system. The District, right now, is at the stage of trying to draw up a master plan for the site. *The Collaborative, Inc.*, an architectural firm in Toledo, has been hired on to help design this master plan. One of the phases of this project is doing research on the history and development of the property. I was hired on as a sub consultant under Dr. Ted Ligibel to do the intensive level historic research on the property.

During the process conducting the research I have been using much of the knowledge that I have gained from the courses I have taken. The *Preservation Research Techniques* course really prepared me for this project. I knew where to go as far as finding deeds to the property. Knowing where to look for additional information and finding leads was also a great aid in the process. The course also taught me the format in which to present the information gathered.

The property for the moment lays vacant but is

maintained by the Parks District. The deed records on the land go as far back as the 1830s. Through research I have also discovered that there was a structure on the parcel of land as early as the 1850s. The property has an interesting history with oil being drilled for on the land as well as a dairy farm being ran by a couple of the families.

As of the present moment I am in the final stages of drafting the report. I just recently interviewed the previous owner, Anna Mae Roberts, to gain even more information on the development of the property. From this interview I also gained access to several different photographs of the property at different stages of its development. These have been of great assistance when doing the architectural description and the dating of the original structure.

The experience has been frustrating, exciting, educational and interesting. Having a chance to practice what I have learned in class has given me more confidence in my abilities. It is also exciting that the research that I am conducting is going to be applied to a project that, in the future, will educate the public who come to visit the property.

GHPR 696: Seminar in Regional Preservation Issues Interlochen, Michigan August 12 to 18

This is an annual seminar held in the Grand Traverse Region that addresses a specific issue, challenge, or problem. The Grand Traverse Region is a 'hotbed' of preservation activities and offers an excellent venue for discussion and learning. Over the past three years, we have produced a site plan and architectural descriptions for the historic Ruby Ellen Farm; prepared a preliminary assessment for the National Park Service concerning the potential for the Manitou Passage to be nominated to the National Register; and we have evaluated and documented the cultural and agricultural landscapes of the several Leelanau County townships.

This year we will be studying the internationally renowned music camp at Interlochen and its unique collection of rustic and modern architecture. In addition, we will meet with a variety of preservation and/or conservation organizations that are active in the area in order to better understand their activities and to expand your professional network.

LODGING, MEALS, and REGISTRATION: Lodging information is available by visiting the Continuing Education website at www.ce.emich.edu/oneweektc; we may even be able to stay at Interlochen. Meals are on your own. Again, we would urge you to register as soon as possible, as we anticipate a large enrollment this year, and may have to limit enrollment. If you have trouble or need permission to register, please contact Dr. Ligibel ASAP.

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About Our Organization

Preservation Eastern is an active student organization affiliated with Eastern Michigan University's award winning graduate program in Historic Preservation. Taking part in Preservation Eastern activities allows members to gain valuable practical experience in the many different areas of the historic preservation field.

Mission Statement

To enrich the historic preservation education of the students of Eastern Michigan University's Historic Preservation Program, as well as the general public, by providing opportunities for advocacy, networking, and growth while encouraging and promoting the preservation of Michigan's historic and cultural resources. ■

Annual membership dues are ten dollars (\$10.00) per person. Each member will receive a PE t-shirt.

Please contact any PE Board member for more information.

OTHER COURSES of INTEREST EMU and TRAVERSE CITY SPRING and SUMMER, 2006

Other courses that may be of interest are offered both locally and through Continuing Education's Traverse City program, including:

·**HIST 123 and 124:** the history prerequisite courses are offered each term; both at EMU and in Traverse City for the Spring term, and at EMU only during the Summer term.

·**HIST 529, History of Detroit;** at EMU; Spring term only (may be used as an elective with Advisor permission).

Again, information for all Traverse City area courses is available online at: www.ce.emich.edu/oneweektc.

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