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Preservation Eastern Perspectives
by PE Director Sarah Hayes

On behalf of the 2010-2011 Preservation Eastern board I’d like to welcome new and returning students! PE is the student organization associated with the Historic Preservation program. We have big plans for a busy year full of field trips, networking mixers, guest speakers and relaxing social events with your peers. PE is also branching out into the community more this year by collaborating on projects with local historic sites, along with fundraising and charitable opportunities. You will soon find out about the new membership punch cards which will allow you to win prizes for attending club events.

We encourage and welcome any and all students willing to participate and enrich their brief time here at Eastern Michigan University. PE meetings are open to all students and new ideas. Keep up to date on all scheduled events and PE news through our website, Facebook page and bulletin board in (fabulous mid-century modern) Strong Hall. Also, be sure to be on the lookout for emails and friendly reminders from our communication officer.

Don’t delay, get involved today! We have a busy semester ahead and you are invited!

Reflections on the DeYoung Field School
by Professor Dan Bonenberger

Among the most interesting aspects of the DeYoung Farmstead in Leelanau County Michigan is a small wood-framed, water-powered workshop adjacent to a modified upright and wing farmhouse built by the Campbell family in the nineteenth century. A quarter mile above the site, water diverted from a small stream runs down a narrow channel and through several 10 to 12” steel culverts as it passes several outbuildings and flows into the powerhouse where it turned a waterwheel and ran machinery including a lathe, drill, and the bellows of a small forge before discharging into Cedar Lake. The water also generated a small amount of electricity at the farm, and it reportedly illuminated the first light bulb on Cherry Bend Road.

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Welcome to the Historic Preservation Program’s 31st year! 2010-11 promises to be another busy and dynamic year with a wide range of courses, activities, and events planned. We remain the largest graduate program in historic preservation in the United States (80+ students currently), and the only such program in Michigan, with over 400 Alumni spread all across the nation...and the world for that matter.

ORIENTATION
New and familiar faces will gather for a fabulous New Student Orientation September 10th at historic Sherzer Hall, hosted by our new Preservation Eastern Board! This will be followed immediately by the annual Evening-Under-the-Stars soiree, a long-standing tradition held atop Sherzer Hall and sponsored by our Alumni Chapter.

NEW STUDENTS
This Fall term we have admitted 22 new students into the Historic Preservation program!!! Join me in welcoming, Jeanne Brown, Monique Chase, Sam Constantine, Virginia Davis, Deidre Fortino, Misty Gendron, Sarwan Grewal, Rennae Healey, Janis Jagielky, Kelly Johnston, Juliana Lew, Constance Locker, Kate Morland, Katherine Remensnyder, Sara Sharpe, Marcus Schwimmer, Matt Siegfried, Jennifer Stacey, Marsha Steffan, Luke Timassey, Lindsey Wooten, and Lindsay Zaremski.

GRADUATING STUDENTS
Also, please congratulate our recent graduates who include: Tracy Aris, Christina Branham, Ryan Brooks, Sarah Gaynier, Andrew Haan, Stephen Holowicki, Kathryn Schroeder, and Amanda Tremba.

GRADUATE ASSISTANTS
The Historic Preservation Graduate Assistants (GAs) this year are Beth Bahls and Kelly Johnston. Teaching GAs for the Geography and Geology Department include Sarah Hayes and Kirsten Freiberger. A number of students hold agency-sponsored Gas or Internships, including MDOT (Matt Daly), the City of Ypsilanti (Jessica Brigle), and two positions with the Ypsilanti Historical Society one of which is supported by the EMU President's Office (Michael Newberry and Derek Spinei). Amanda Reintjes is a GA with the Holman Learning Center.

NATIONAL TRUST/NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR PRESERVATION EDUCATION
This year at the National Trust and the National Council for Preservation Education’s Annual Conferences in Austin, Texas, the Historic Preservation program is sponsoring our annual reception/reunion. The event is free and will be held at Goldsmith Hall on the campus of the University of Texas on Friday, October 29th starting at 5:00 PM. (See me for more details.)

Should you have any questions, concerns, comments, etc., please contact me, Dr. Cherem, or Professor Dan Bonenberger, your most humble advisors.

Here’s looking ahead to another great year...our 31st year of exceptional preservation education!!

- Dr. Ted
Touring Ypsi’s Historic Homes

by Michael Newberry

Attending the Ypsilanti Heritage Foundation’s 33rd Annual Home Tour was a great opportunity to discover the amazing historical structures in the area, and an opportunity to get inspired about historic preservation as the Fall semester begins. This year’s tour had seven sites, four of which were located in Superior Township. Each one had something unique to offer, and some stood out more than others as examples of proper historic preservation practices.

The first house on the tour was on Buffalo St. This circa 1892 brick Queen Anne with heavy Romanesque influences was recently purchased by a local contractor and is currently undergoing extensive renovation. Major projects recently completed or currently underway include remodeling the

Buffalo Street Queen Anne
credit: Ypsilanti Heritage Foundation

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Excited by the potential of this rare surviving example of small-scale agricultural water-power, the EMU Historic Preservation Program established a partnership with the Leelanau Conservancy to hold its annual field school on the property through 2012. The joint field school, organized by the Director of EMU’s Graduate Historic Preservation Program Ted Ligibel and the Conservancy’s Jenee Rowe, began in June 2009, with three phases of activity: inventorying and cataloguing the artifacts remaining in the farmhouse, replacement of several windows in the powerhouse, and the completion of a HAER (Historic American Engineering Record) assessment of the farm and powerhouse. Despite some structural issues, damage to the water wheel, and conversion of the shop to electrical power decades ago, the powerhouse has remarkable historical integrity. Very little has changed here over the past sixty years, and those changes that did occur kept with the original purpose of such a workshop: to support the maintenance and operation of the farmstead.

In the spring of 2010, the field school returned to further investigate the powerhouse, the carriage house, and numerous artifacts that had remained on the property since the farmhouse and outbuildings were vacated a decade ago, when Louis DeYoung, nearing 100 years of age, moved into a nursing home. The 25 graduate students from EMU were divided into three teams, one led by Steve Stier and Jeff Weatherford focused on carriage stabilization and materials conservation. A second team, lead by Nancy Bryk, worked on inventorying and cataloguing the tools, parts, and other items in the powerhouse/workshop. The third team, lead by Dan Bonenberger, learned the process of HAER field work, completing field sketches of the powerhouse foundation, carriage house, and a partial site plan focused on the outbuildings and water distribution plan. The powerhouse foundation was measured to assist with the process of stabilization that the Conservancy hopes to complete in 2011. To that end, renowned structural engineer Dr. Emory Kemp examined the concrete substructure and, much to the delight of both preservationists and property stewards, recommended that it need not be replaced, but rather it could be stabilized and repaired using well-established methods. Preparations are underway to continue the next phase of the field school in the spring of 2011.
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kitchen by converting the dining room and butler pantry into one larger room, converting an upstairs bedroom into a master bedroom walk-in closet, and another upstairs bedroom into a master bathroom with walk-in shower.

The second building on the tour was The Corner Health Center at 47 N Huron St. They have been operating at this location since 1987 and recently completed a major expansion and renovation project that included two adjacent store fronts. The renovation retained the original brickwork which includes an archway that is a part of their reception room. A very cool adaptive reuse for this building!

The Mack and Mack Lofts on 211-215 W Michigan Ave served as another amazing example of adaptive reuse. Features in some of these awesome lofts reminiscent of life in a big city include exposed brick walls and mechanicals, giving a very industrial vibe to the open-plan space.

Certainly one of the finer examples of an appropriate restoration was the Geer-Miller House on W Ann Arbor Rd. The owners spent the last ten years researching, preserving, and restoring this attractive Italianate farmhouse, performing most of the work themselves. One is currently a curator at the Henry Ford, which no doubt influenced the level of authenticity employed in the restoration to include a careful selection of wallpaper patterns for each room (a few of which are Bradbury and Bradbury prints). Incredible skill and attention to detail can be seen in the excellently restored pine floors, the tasteful incorporation of an upstairs bathroom, and a beautiful kitchen addition showcasing a hand cut and patterned linoleum tile floor and handmade kitchen cabinets.

The Esek Pray-Van Bolt House is just a few doors down the road. Another example of an excellently executed restoration, the home has been decorated with period appropriate wallpaper, paint colors, and furniture. Tasteful additions included a kitchen and screened porch. The beautiful gardens that stretched throughout the north end of the lot evidenced many years of loving care.

Just a little further down W Ann Arbor Rd was the sixth house on the tour – the McCormick-Williams Farm House. The house was built in 1837, however the interior possesses only a few remnants of its past. A rear addition set up as a small mother-in-law apartment features beautiful wood paneling and a high ceiling. The historic outbuildings on the property helped to preserve the feel of a historic farmstead.

The final building on the home tour was the Geer School. This small, one room schoolhouse was built in 1880 and served as a community center for social functions in the area. Several of the prior inhabitants of the three historic homes on W Ann Arbor Rd that were a part of this year’s tour attended this school when it was in use.

This year’s Historic Home Tour was an incredible event to participate in. Two other organizations host similar annual tours here in Ypsilanti. Meals on Wheels hosts the Holiday Home Tour in December and the Ypsilanti Garden Club hosts the Garden Tour during the Ypsilanti Heritage Festival every August. Be sure to mark those events on your calendar if you haven’t been to one of these awesome events yet!
Calendar

Sep. 16: Detroit Area Art Deco Society (DAADS) Annual Meeting, Detroit

**Sep. 18: EMU Football concessions (Fundraiser), Rynearson Stadium
**Sep. 25: Washtenaw County Heritage Driving Tours (Field Trip)

Oct. 1: Michigan Historic Preservation Network (MHPN) Fall Benefit, Durand
Oct. 1-2: Cultural Landscape Symposium, Dearborn & Grosse Pointe Shores
Oct. 3: Ypsilanti Symphony Orchestra “Back to the Future”, Ann Arbor
Oct. 5-7: Michigan Museums Association (MMA) Annual Conference, Kalamazoo
Oct. 9: DOCOMOMO’s North American Tour Day (Mich Con Building, Detroit)
Oct. 15-17: Historical Society of Michigan State History Conference, Frankenmuth

**Oct. 23: The Henry Ford & Greenfield Village storage tour (Field Trip)

Oct. 27-30: National Preservation Conference, Austin (TX)

**Nov. 12: PE Networking Mixer, location TBD

Nov. 17-18: Southeast Michigan GeoTourism Conference, Ypsilanti
Dec. TBD: Holiday Homes Tour, Ypsilanti

**Dec. 17: Holiday Party / Chill Cook-Off, location TBD
**Mar. 11: PE Networking Mixer & Auction, location TBD
**Apr. 8: End of Year Party, location TBD

May 19-21: MHPN Annual Preservation Conference, Saugatuck

** PE Event

Be sure to check preservationeastern.com, our facebook group and your email inbox for updates about times, locations, carpooling, and additional field trip info!
Preservation Eastern 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.

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.

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Sarah Hayes          Director
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Dan Bonenberger      Faculty Advisor

Membership Counts, Join Preservation Eastern!

Preservation Eastern is the best way to keep up on historic preservation activities both within the department and throughout the area. We’re planning guest speakers, a lecture series, activities, events, and trips for the upcoming year. So join now and get involved!!! The initial membership fee is only $15 and is valid from September until August of the following year. Thereafter, annual dues are $10 per person. We are excited to have you join us; your membership and involvement will insure the future growth and success of the organization!!!

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