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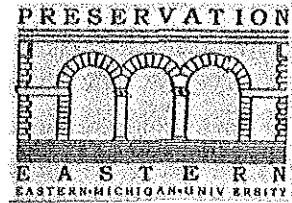
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CAN YOU BELIEVE IT???

by Ted Ligibel

The end of the school year is already upon us. Every year it sort of sneaks up on me, as it does many of you. But here it is again, and with it both joyful and, for me, bittersweet emotions. Joyful because another challenging year has been successfully completed, bitter-sweet because every year we send away a group of students who have become our friends and whose lives we have shared. But that's what we're paid to do, right. And the greatest joy is watching new grads venture out into the professional world and start, or continue, careers in Historic Preservation. Scheduled to graduate this term are: Neva Baron, Heather Russell Burnash, Zeynep Cakir, Jennifer Curtin, Hilary Davis, Laura Henderson, Patrick Nunoo and Gretchen Walter Overhiser. Being an EMU graduate in HP puts you in good standing across the country and, statistically-speaking, greatly increases your chances for finding placement in the field. I say this because our placement rate is above 95%, with most graduates landing a degree-related job within the year, and usually within six months of graduation. That's a number we can all be proud of...and, one that it doesn't hurt to share with parents either.

At the close of our twentieth year, its appropriate to both look back on all the great things we have accomplished, and to consider the exciting opportunities that lie ahead. To that end, we are hosting a unique Twentieth Anniversary celebration on May 12th to be held at the last Hudson car dealership in the nation and the Ypsilanti Auto Heritage Museum in Depot Town. Many surprises await...movie premieres, scholarship announcements, McLennan endowment updates, a special Fayette presentation...so make sure you're there. Sandra Clark, director of the Michigan Historical Center, and mother of the Fayette Field School, will be our keynote speaker for the evening. You won't want to miss this "once-in-a-program" event. Invitations will be mailed and will include all the pertinent information.

There are huge number of internships now available, especially the NCPE sponsored ones for which I need two candidates (see the board then see me).

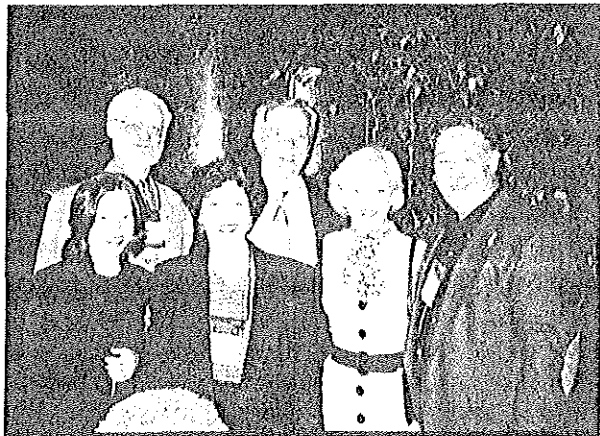
The Graduate Research Fair on March 27 will feature three of our students (see notice herein). The Undergraduate Symposium on March 31 will feature our HP Minor Amy Hoski. An amazing number of offerings make up a unique roster of nationally and internationally-recognized speakers for this term's Speaker's Series; (thanks Marlene). The largest ever new student enrollment for the Winter term, brought eleven new students into our program including husband and wife team Bill and Tamara Click. A warm welcome is extended to you all.

Bye for now.....but stay tuned.

National Trust Conference 1999

by Jennifer Curtin

Last October the National Trust celebrated it's 50th anniversary in Washington, DC. I attended the conference as an Emerging Leader scholarship recipient.



Back row from left: Norm Tyler, Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt and Mrs. Babbitt. Front row from left: Jennifer Curtin, Marlene Tulas and Ted Ligibel at the opening reception for the 50th Anniversary of the National Trust at the National Gallery of Art in Washington, DC.

The Emerging Leaders Scholarship Program, provides financial assistance to community leaders and students who would otherwise be unable to attend the National Preservation Conference. A primary

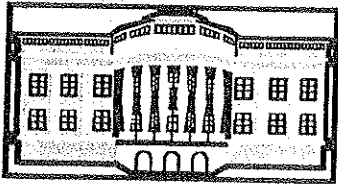
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objective of this eight-year old scholarship program is to enable participants reflecting the diverse nature of American society, from a variety of cultural and economic backgrounds, to attend the conference and bring with them their various perspectives and experiences in preserving communities.

The 1999 conference theme, *Saving America's Treasures*, focused on successful strategies and models to preserve America's diverse historic places and revitalize communities. There were more than 70 educational sessions and 40 field sessions to choose from and included a wide range of topics and interests: Downtown Revitalization, Cultural Diversity, Heritage Tourism, Historic Preservation Commissions, Organizational Development, Public Policy/Legal Issues, Revolving Funds/Real Estate, Residential Neighborhoods, Rural Preservation/Historic Landscapes, Historic Sites, and New Trends and Hot Issues.

My week in Washington DC was non-stop as I found myself rushing to attend as many sessions as I could possibly fit in. I attended the Richard Longstreth lecture on my first night in the city. Longstreth is the Director of the Graduate Program in Historic Preservation at George Washington University. 200 years of Washington DC history, planning and architecture were the subject of this informative lecture. A National Register of Historic Places Workshop marked the beginning of my second day at the conference. This was especially helpful as I will be writing a National Register Nomination for my final project this year. Taking a quick break I walked just a short distance to the White House to marvel at the beauty and grandeur of our nation's "first house." Our



Capital is beautiful during the month of October and I was grateful for the opportunity to be enjoying both the scenery and the sunshine. Following two more educational sessions I topped the evening off with the opening reception at the National Gallery of Art. It was there that I met the Secretary of the Interior, Bruce Babbitt. Wow, what a rush! That combined with the elegance of the building, the music, food and wine made for a memorable and extraordinary evening.

I attended many educational sessions and collected so much literature that I thought I might need an extra suitcase to carry everything back. One of the highlights of my trip included the Opening Plenary Session held at the Washington National Cathedral which featured Washington Mayor Anthony Williams and long time preservation proponent Senator John H. Chafee. Little did any of us know that this would be Senator Chafee's last speaking engagement. Sadly, he passed away less than a week later but his words of wisdom and encouragement to champion the cause of historic preservation rang throughout the Cathedral for all to remember.



After a full day of lectures, my third night in Washington DC was spent at the John Wesley A. M.E. Zion Church, celebrating its 150th anniversary, listening to beautiful and inspirational gospel music performed by the Church's Fellowship Gospel Choir. After

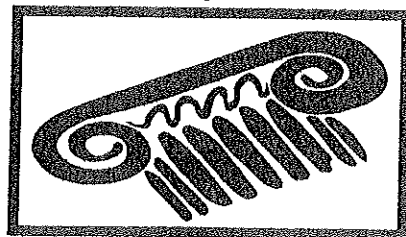
the concert guests were treated to a church supper consisting of traditional African American fare.

The educational session *When Sprawl Becomes Historic: Addressing the Recent Past* featured our own Ted Ligibel lecturing with several other professionals on the changing face of historic preservation in the 21st century. The popularity and interest in this topic was enormous as people crowded around the doors outside waiting for a chair or space to stand!

The National Preservation Awards, a gala tribute to the best in preservation, honored among others, New York Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan for his lifelong dedication to historic preservation. Being a New Yorker, only temporarily in the mid-west, I was completely awestruck and on the edge of my seat when I learned that he was actually at the awards ceremony. He has been Senator of my home state of New York for as long as I can remember and I consider him to be an exceptional individual and personal hero. Needless to say I made my way to the stage at the conclusion of the ceremony and fought against the crowd to shake his hand and express my gratitude for his many years of service. I was speechless for about an hour.

The *Overview Tour: Washington in Review* and the Henry Glassie lecture, *Virginia Vernacular*, top off my list of highlights at the 1999 conference. The 3 1/2 hour *Overview Tour* led attendees through Washington's dynamic neighborhoods for a look at preservation and revitalization efforts in the City. Henry Glassie challenged the conventional thinking on the origins of common old houses on the landscape of Virginia. As a big fan of Glassie, it was truly an honor to hear him speak.

This incredible week attending the National Trust Conference was an experience that I will long remember. While I participated in many activities, too many to list here, I also met a wide range of fellow preservationists with whom I hope to remain in contact. I strongly encourage both current students and recent graduates to apply for a scholarship this year to attend the conference in Los Angeles, California. Stop by Ted's office for an application. The conference promises to be exciting, informative and well worth a trip to the west coast.



Notes From Your Director by Tonya R. Weaver, Director of Preservation Eastern

I had not realized what I was to undertake when I decided to re-enter the academic world. More so, when I volunteered, and was graciously elected, to lead Preservation Eastern. It has been an interesting and demanding Fall and Winter semester, with many of the tasks I've had to learn on the run. But there have been several dedicated hands to ease the work of the organization for which I cannot take credit by whatever meager leadership role I carry. And for that, I thank you.

We have set out to accomplish a number of projects this year, many of which are still in progress. And we are constantly on the lookout for more volunteers. We had a very enjoyable Holiday Party at the Plymouth Historical Museum. There have been numerous site visits and the Speakers Series has had its fair share of success. Still ongoing are the Walking Brochure project, the 20th Anniversary Party (May 12th) and a trip to Chicago in the spring. Keep an eye out for more Speakers Series and upcoming meetings on the message board, or ask any of the officers for more details.

Don't forget to look at the internship board outside Ted's office. New notices are being posted frequently at this time of the year and should provide valuable skills as we pursue the "real world" after our time at Eastern. Scholarships are also placed on that same board, so it is a good place to look for information. (Speaking of which, if anyone needs to apply for Financial Aid for Spring/Summer semesters, stop by the Financial Aid office. There is an additional form to fill out.)

Also, although it is too late to sign up as a presenter, try to remember the Graduate Research Fair next year. It will provide more speaking experience, if you don't have enough opportunity in your classes. And good luck to those of you who are presenting later in March. The final suggestion I will give is to check out the various conferences that are coming up. The Graduate School does offer some reimbursement for travel and registration fees if you qualify.

I must pause and welcome Chris Mayda to the faculty of the Historic Preservation program and to the other new students in the program this Winter semester. I hope that all our newcomers have adjusted to either the new clime of southeastern Michigan or their new schedules as students. I wish all the best of success.

I look forward to your suggestions for the remainder of this term and throughout the 2000-2001 academic year. And maybe, after a little practice, this won't be such a serious column.

Your dictator.....oh sorry must have gotten a little carried away.....

Graduate Research Fair 2000 Monday March 27

Featuring
William Gray III
*The Challenge of Education
in the 21st Century*
10:00-11:00 a.m.
Pease Auditorium

The keynote speaker for the Graduate Research Fair will be William Gray III. Currently president and CEO of the United Negro College Fund, Mr. Gray has led one of America's oldest and most successful Black higher education assistance organizations since September 1991. Prior to that position, he was the highest-ranking African American ever to serve in the U.S. Congress, where he chaired the powerful House Budget Committee. Mr. Gray is the recipient of more than 60 honorary degrees and is an advocate for strengthening America's education system.

Historic Preservation Graduate Students Presenting At This Year's Graduate Research Fair In McKenny Union:

Julie Courtney-2:00 p.m.
Tower Room
Jennifer Curtin-5:30 p.m.
Tower Room
Tonya Weaver-2:00 p.m.
Faculty Room

Come and See What Your Colleagues Have Accomplished!

The day will conclude with an Awards Ceremony to honor fellowship and scholarship recipients as well as winners in graduate competitions across campus.

A Trip To Mackinac Island by Chezarae Rose

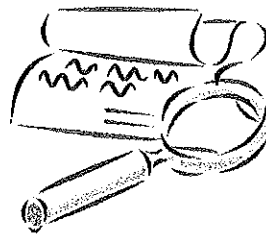
As part of the Preserving Community Character Class, a group of students made a trip to Northern Michigan including Mackinac Island in October. Being from the East Coast this was my first rip to Mackinac. The approach to the island greets you with houses standing out of the trees high up on the island. As you curve around the island, The Grand Hotel comes into view, an awesome sight. This was totally consistent with my expectations of the island. However, getting off of the ferry and walking through the town was very different from what I had expected. Although I realize I had a romanticized idea of an island with no cars, but carriages, horses, and bicycles instead, I felt the downtown area to be so touristy. I expected an actual community in the sense that people live, work, and shop there. I found instead shops catering to tourists, such as fudge shops, and a great number of people leaving the island at the end of the day.

Mackinac is still a beautiful island with a lot to offer beyond the tourist aspect. Fort Mackinac is impressive. It was established in 1779 by the British to defend its fur trading activities and its military garrison at the Straits of Mackinac. Visitors can walk through mostly all of the buildings and each have interpretation of some kind. The Soldier's Barracks acts as a museum exhibiting Mackinac Island history. The view from the wall was also spectacular as was the wall itself, parts of which had fallen down. Fort Mackinac is not the only interesting and historical part of the island. There is the Grand Hotel, which I didn't get to, but also there is the McGulpin House dating c.1780 and has been restored. The Beaumont Memorial stands for William Beaumont, an Army physician, who in 1822 saved a young man's life. There is also the Astor Warehouse where fur pelts were processed during the winter months and made ready for shipment in the spring.

There are many more sights to see at Mackinac Island including both natural and architectural sights, as well as many more historical sites that cannot all be seen in one afternoon.



Getting ready to cross the Straits of Mackinac.



“With Eyes Turned Toward Home” by Brenda Plakmeyer

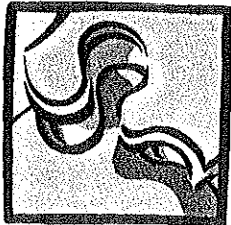
“I now seat myself with pen in hand to take this opportunity to write a few lines...” So begin almost all of the Civil War letters written by Mr. Lewis Edgar Wright, his wife Martha and various other family members. These letters have become the basis for my final project (a work in progress) and have taken me on an amazing journey that continues to unfold each day. I am sharing a portion of this journey with you, hoping that it may encourage you to persevere, to keep searching, to dig a little deeper and stretch yourself a little farther especially when your journey as a preservationist seems monumental because life works in mysterious ways and you never know what you will find just around that next bend.

My journey began about fifteen years ago when my mom brought home some photocopies of thirty Civil War letters. The letters belonged to Lewis Edgar Wright, a Private in the 6th Michigan Cavalry; Company D. He was from Croton, Michigan, near my hometown of Grant (west side of the state about 45 miles north of Grand Rapids). The copies were given to my mom by his great-great granddaughter, Ann Passage. I enjoyed attempting to read them although it was very challenging trying to figure out the script. As I worked on these letters off and on over time, the story of his experiences and travels began to emerge. Lewis was very faithful in his writing. He wrote daily to his wife and son Edgar. He not only wrote often but he numbered each letter that he sent which usually contained about one-week worth of news. Lewis had mustered into the cavalry in August of 1862 for three years. He had just turned thirty. He was taken prisoner on July 4th, 1863, near Gettysburg and sent to prison camp in Richmond, Virginia.

It quickly became evident to me that here was a wonderful story just waiting for all the pieces to be put together. However, like an unfinished jigsaw puzzle, pieces were definitely missing. I began to do a little investigating about the 6th Michigan and their participation in the War. I also discovered that the Wright home (still in the family) was a Centennial Farm and that Lewis and much of his family are buried in a cemetery next to the house. Lewis and his story then drifted in and out of my life for the next ten years. One important piece of the puzzle I knew was missing was the answer to “Do the original letters still exist and if so, who has them?” *Continued on page 5*

....."With Eyes Turned Toward Home" Continued from page 4

About two and a half years ago, I again contacted Ann and shared with her the thirty letters I had typed and organized with the little bit of research I had done. Lewis and his story had been drifting in and out of her life during these years as well. She had however, gotten all of Lewis's paperwork from the A.S. Archives in Washington D.C. and she shared these with me. A few more pieces fell into place. I jokingly said to her, "Wouldn't it be great to find those letters and also find a picture of him?" I left my copies for her to read and we promised to keep in touch. Another year flew by and I found myself in grad school. I was taking a class that required us to do a first person presentation and I wanted to use Lewis' story. My journey was about to come around the first three bends with surprising and unbelievable results. I had to get my letters back from Ann so I contacted her and made arrangements to pick up my book. My mom and friend Darlene were with me as we were going to visit the cemetery after picking up the book.



I ran inside. Ann and I began to talk and she could hardly contain herself. She had discovered who had the original letters and better still they lived only one and a half miles from my parents. What were the odds that out of all the places the letters could be that they were in my own backyard? The number of the letters was astounding (nearly 300). They were not only from Lewis, but from his wife and other family members as well. The story had just broadened to include the homefront as well as the life of a soldier. Ann asked me if I remembered what else I had wished for. As I was thinking a photo, she produced a sheet of paper and said, "Meet Lewis."

With the original letters was a photograph as well as a journal kept by his son Edgar. I ran to the car to get my mom and Darlene to share this unbelievable news. After another hour of discussion we made our way to the cemetery. Strange as it may sound, I had a long talk with Lewis silently thanking him for this newest discovery. Deep in my soul I felt it was his way of giving approval and sharing his desire that this story be told.

In October of 1999, I was able to meet with Charlene and Richard Crosby, the original letter holders. Charlene is Lewis' great-granddaughter. I explained that I was interested in using the letters for my final

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Automobile National Heritage Area by Rob Linn

The Automobile National Heritage Area (ANHA) is the most recent area to be adopted as a National Heritage Area by Congress on November 6, 1998. The ANHA is currently the only National Heritage Area that promotes the preservation of Michigan resources. In the last century, more than 700 auto-related companies were located in Michigan. Southern Michigan, the region comprising the ANHA, is where the majority of these companies were once located. The ANHA consists of six significant corridors that include museums, attractions, activities and events relating to automotive development.

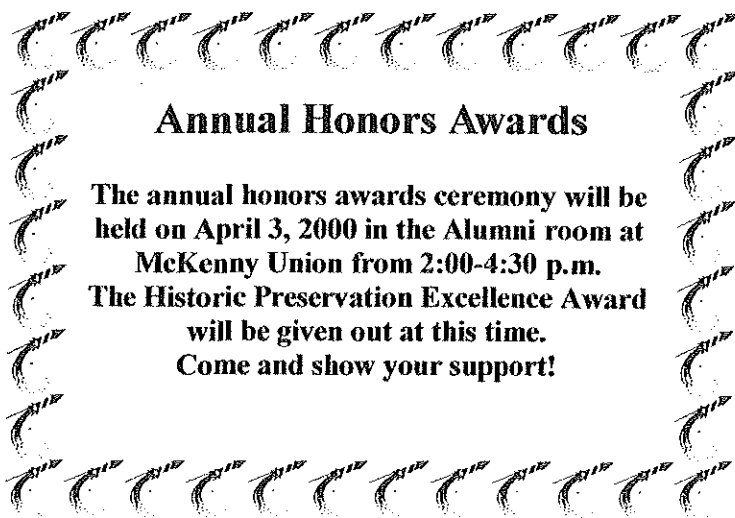
The purpose of the Automobile National Heritage Area is to preserve and interpret the history of the automobile and reflects its effects on the culture of Southern Michigan. Corridors in Flint, Lansing, Rouge River (Detroit), Woodward Avenue (Detroit), and along the Detroit River (Detroit) represent the impact of the "horseless carriage". The Sauk Trail/Chicago Road Corridor is also an area within the ANHA that stretches from Belleville as far west to the Indiana state line along U.S. 12. Here, manufacturing, commerce and tourism, all a direct result of the automotive industry, have flourished in years gone by.



The Automobile National Area is headquartered at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. Here, management of the various corridors is delegated. Ultimately, the ANHA will authorize local control of each non-profit organization to create and implement a management plan for a particular corridor. By empowering local officials to manage a corridor, local residents, businesses and governments contribute to policies and their enforcement. For it is the citizens of Southern Michigan who have a vested interest in the historically and environmentally significant landmarks within the Automobile National Heritage Area. It is their forefathers who have collaborated to create such greatness that their children can unite and celebrate today.

Annual Honors Awards

The annual honors awards ceremony will be held on April 3, 2000 in the Alumni room at McKenny Union from 2:00-4:30 p.m. The Historic Preservation Excellence Award will be given out at this time. Come and show your support!



HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM SPRING, SUMMER, AND FALL 2000 SCHEDULING

Greetings Historic Preservation Students. Here for your reading enjoyment are some basic facts that may help you in your quest to move through your graduate career for the remainder of 2000.

- **Registration begins March 29, 2000 for Graduate Students**

Spring, 2000 Term

Spring term begins May 3 and ends either on June 15 (6 week session) or June 24 (7½ week session). Courses that may be of interest this term include:

- **GHPR 572 Funding Preservation Projects, 3 CR** will be offered on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:30 - 8:40 PM. Please note that this is a *six week* offering in order to allow people to also attend the Fayette Field School. This course is an excellent way to learn about the world of grants and project funding **N.B. This course will be taught off-campus as it is offered through our Continuing Education program; the first night will be held at EMU however.**

Summer, 2000 Term

Summer term runs from June 26 to August 18 (7 ½ week sessions) and June 26 to August 3 (6 week session). Courses you may be interested in include:

- **GHPR 636, Historic Preservation Field Project; 3 CR. (Fayette Field School)**

The Fayette Field School is being offered as a summer term course through Continuing Education. The dates are June 16 to June 30. The course is held at the Fayette Historic Townsite on the Garden Peninsula in the Upper Peninsula.

The normal course fees will be supplemented with a Program Fee of about \$500.00 which covers lodging, lunches, several dinners, course materials, as well as the middle weekend site visit to the Mackinac Island, Fort Michillimackinac, and other sites. You are urged to register as soon as possible as enrollment is limited to 16.

You must register in person at the Continuing Education offices at 611 W. Cross St. Dr. Ligibel will have the enrollment forms.

- **GHPR 592, Issues in Historic Preservation; 3 CR:** This will be an on-line seminar type course offered by Dr. Tyler, and can only be registered for with Dept. permission and through EMU's website (see schedule book for details). It can serve as an elective, and does not replace GHPR 530 (Intro. to HP) or GHPR 557 (Downtown and Comm. Revitalization).

FALL 2000 SCHEDULE for HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

MONDAY

**PRESERVATION
EASTERN MEETING
TIME**

FIRST
EVENING
SESSION
Starts 5:30

TUESDAY

CARTOGRAPHY
GESC 401 3 CR
CART LAB 5:30 - 8:00
ROCKY WARD
(PREREQUISITE CRSE)
(ALSO MEETS THURS)

WEDNESDAY

ARCH. HISTORY OF US
FA 429 3 CR
107 FORD 5:30 - 8:00
ELLEN SCHWARTZ
(PREREQUISITE CRSE)

THURSDAY

CARTOGRAPHY
GESC 401 3 CR
CART LAB 5:30 - 8:00
ROCKY WARD
(PREREQUISITE CRSE)
(ALSO MEETS TUES)

**ARCHITECTURAL
NOMENCLATURE**
GHPR 378 2 CR
STRONG 239 5:30 - 7:10
LAUREN SICKELS-TAVES
(PREREQUISITE CRSE)

**COMMUNITY INTERP &
APPROPRIATE TOURISM**
GHPR 534 3 CR HRS
STRONG 239 5:30-8:00
GABE CHEREM
(PREREQ. GEOG 446)

**URBAN & REGIONAL
PLANNING**
GEOG 553 2 CR HRS
STRONG 5:30-7:10
ROBERT WARD
(PREREQS: GPL1215, GPL1332, OR GPL1453)

**PRESERVATION
RESEARCH TECHNIQUES**
GHPR 620 2 CR
STRONG 239 5:30 - 7:10
TED LIGIBEL
(PREREQS: FA 429 & GHPR 530)

SECOND
EVENING
SESSION
Starts 7:20
of 8:10

**INTRODUCTION TO
HISTORIC PRESERVATION**
GHPR 530 2 CR
STRONG 207 7:20 - 9:00
TED LIGIBEL

**AMERICAN CULTURAL
LANDSCAPES**
GEOG 531 2 CR
STRONG 241 7:20 - 9:00
CHRIS MAYDA
(PREREQ. GEOG 333)

**COMMUNITY DEV & DOWN-
TOWN/REVITALIZATION**
GHPR 557 3 CR
STRONG 239 7:20 - 9:50
NORM TYLER
(PREREQ: GHPR 530 OR GEOG 553)

**INTRO TO MUSEOLOGY &
CURATORSHIP**
GHPR 591 2 CR
STRONG 241 7:20 - 9:00
NANCY BRYK

**HISTORIC STRUCTURES
REPORTS & NR NOMS.**
GHPR 680 2 CR
STRONG 239 7:20 - 9:00
LAUREN SICKELS-TAVES
(NEW COURSE OFFERING)

**INTRODUCTION TO
HISTORIC ADMIN**
GHPR 533 3 CR
STRONG 239 7:20 - 9:50
LAUREN SICKELS-TAVES

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION
AND TOURISM**
GHPR 538 2 CR
STRONG 239 8-10-9:50
TED LIGIBEL

FALL 2000 SCHEDULE for HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

FRIDAY AM

CULTURAL TOURISM

RESOURCES

GEOG 445G 3 CR

STRONG 239 11:00 - 1:30

GABE CHEREM

(CAN BE TAKEN FOR GRAD

CREDIT AS AN ELECTIVE)

- **GESC 401 Cartography; 3 CR:** Also will be taught by Dr. Tyler on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:30 to 8:00 PM. This is a great opportunity to get this prerequisite taken care of in a shorter period of time.

Fall, 1999 Term

Begins August 30 and ends December 18, 2000.

The enclosed spreadsheet details the full Fall schedule .

Please note that **GHPR 534 COMMUNITY INTERP. & APPROPRIATE TOURISM** is a required course for those in the Historic Administration or Heritage Interpretation concentrations, and due to upcoming changes will not be offered again until Fall, 2002. Other every-other year offerings include: **GHPR 591 INTRO. TO MUSEOLOGY & CURATORSHIP** with Nancy Bryk and **GHPR 538 HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND TOURISM**, which is required for the Heritage Interp. concentration and recommended for the Preservation Planning concentration.

New and reintroduced courses being offered this term are **GHPR 680 HISTORIC STRUCTURES REPORTS & NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATIONS**, which will be germane especially for those in the Preservation Planning concentration, and **GHPR 533 INTRODUCTION TO HISTORIC ADMINISTRATION**, which has not been taught for several years since the untimely death of Tom Jones. Both of these courses will be taught by Lauren Sickels-Taves. Also, there is a Friday, daytime course that can be taken as an elective at the Graduate level, **GEOG 445 CULTURAL TOURISM RESOURCES**, being offered by Dr. Cherem. This requires permission and filling out a form (surprise, surprise) for taking an undergraduate course for graduate credit.

Remember, Independent Studies, Final Projects, and Internships can be utilized in any of these terms, but require advisor approval and the preparation of a proposal that details your specific project/study/internship. Also, prerequisite courses HIST 123 and 124 are offered at various times during all three terms...see the course schedule.

I hope this answers all your questions. **Please, Please** see Drs. Cherem or Ligibel during this process. And don't forget to plan to attend the special **year-end party/20th Anniversary Reunion** at Miller Motors/Auto Heritage Museum in Depot Town on Friday May 12, 2000. Invitations will be sent out in April.

Volunteer Opportunities at Cobblestone Farm Museum

2781 Packard Road
Ann Arbor, MI 4818
(734) 827-2767

[Http://www.ci.ann-arbor.mi.us](http://www.ci.ann-arbor.mi.us)

Join the Cobblestone Farm family in opening a window into the past by participating in special programs such as:

- ⇒ Guided Tours
- ⇒ Living History Days
- ⇒ Country Christmas
- ⇒ Pioneer Day Camps
- ⇒ Educational Workshops

You are invited to become a most valued resource-a volunteer! Dedicated and hard working individuals serve as interpretive guides, while others assist with continual research, restoration, gardening and costuming responsibilities.

To become a volunteer or for more information about research and internship opportunities, contact EMU Historic Preservation graduate,

Ed Rice, Interpretive Assistant
Cobblestone Farm Museum
(734) 994-2928

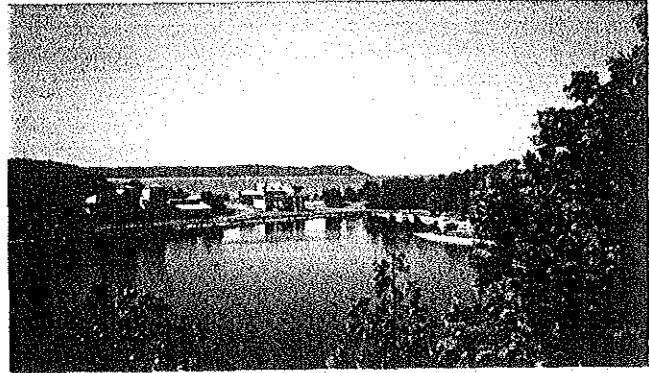
Cobblestone Farm: **A Window into the Past**

Cobblestone Farm, completed in 1845, was originally a two-family home. Two Ticknor families shared occupancy of this Classic Revival structure. Being restored and interpreted to reflect it's mid-nineteenth century appearance, the site integrates authentic artifacts, lives and stories which provide a compelling view into rural Washtenaw County life.



Cobblestone Farm Museum. Image courtesy of Cobblestone Farm files.

Second Annual Fayette Field School June 16th -30th, 2000



Historic Fayette Townsite in the Upper Peninsula

Experience two weeks on the beautiful Garden Peninsula
At Historic Fayette Townsite
Learning Preservation Technology
From the Pros.

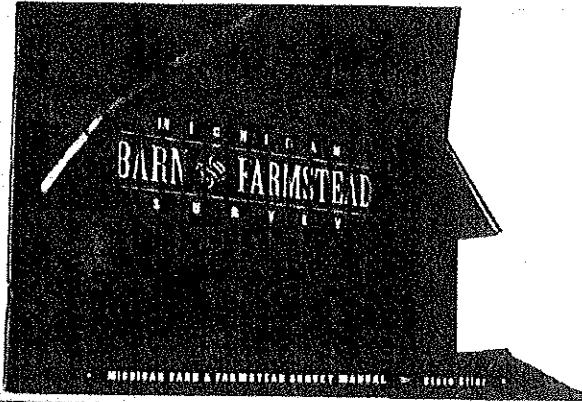
This year's instructors will include:

- ◆ **Andy Ladygo**
President of Preservation Services, Inc., an internationally known conservation firm that consults on plaster and masonry projects specializing in historic plaster and masonry, their conservation, restoration and repair.
- ◆ **Steve Seebohm**
Architectural Conservator specializing in paints and finishes in his own firm, Seebohm Ltd. The restoration of the Michigan Capital is among his many projects.
- ◆ **Ron Koenig**
Architectural Conservator specializing in paint analysis and finishes. Microscopic analysis of historic paint samples are his contribution to the field school.
- ◆ **Ilene Tyler, AIA**
Quinn Evans architect and Building Technology instructor for EMU's Historic Preservation Program. Ilene will cover field analysis, sketching and measuring.
- ◆ **Steve Stier**
EMU Historic Preservation student, author and building restoration specialist, Steve will be overseeing all wood-based preservation aspects.
- ◆ **Gary Scheuren**
Project Manager for the Christman Company, Gary will present information on program management and safety issues.

Upcoming Conferences

Student Publishes Guide

Historic Preservation student, Steve Stier has published his first book, *Michigan Barn and Farmstead Survey Manual*. Catch Steve in class or in the halls of Strong for your copy. Congratulations, Steve!



Michigan Barn and Farmstead Survey Manual by Steve Stier.

National Association of Interpretation Region 4 Workshop

"From Hiking Sticks to Silicon Chips"

April 3-7, 2000

Augusta, Michigan

For more information, call Wil Reding, (616) 343-1886

Or email: SARAHARNWIL@Worldnet.att.net

Michigan Historic Preservation Network

20th Annual Michigan Preservation Conference

"Lasting Value: Historic Preservation Moves into the 21st Century"

May 4-6, 2000

Amway Grand Plaza Hotel

Grand Rapids, Michigan

For more information, call (248) 625-8181

The Vernacular Forum

"Pines, Mines and Lakes"

June 7-10

Duluth, Minnesota

For more information, call Michael Koop, (651) 296-

5451 or e-mail: michael.koop@mnhs.org

American Association for State and Local History

60th Annual Meeting

"It's A Matter of Trust: The Past, The Present and Historical Reconciliation"

September 20-23, 2000

Radisson Hotel

New Orleans, Louisiana

For more information visit web site: <http://www.aaslh.org/annualme.htm>

2000 National Preservation Conference

"Saving America's Treasures in the 21st Century"

October 31-November 5

Regal Biltmore

Los Angeles, California

For more information call, (800) 994-NTHP (6847)

EMU Speaker Series Winter 2000

The Speaker Series for this semester began on January 10th with EMU Planning/Historic Preservation student Chris Norman presenting his own restoration project, the Italianate home where he lives in Ypsilanti.

Ann Arbor's Historic District Coordinator and former EMU Historic Preservation adjunct faculty, Mary Culver, lectured on *Henry Ford's Harry Bennet: The Ann Arbor Connection*. It was great to have Mary back on campus again.

March's guest speaker, EMU Historic Preservation graduate, Scott Kunst of Old House Gardens in Ann Arbor lead a highly informative lecture/discussion on identifying landscape types, proper site investigation techniques and searching for the past in your own back yard.

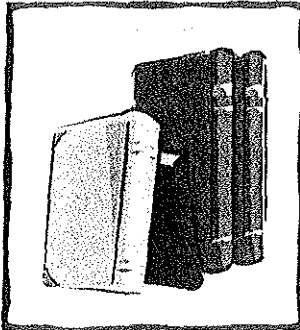
On April 10th the last speaker for the Winter term will feature Dan Hershberger, President of the Society for Commercial Archeology, the oldest organization devoted to the commercial built environment with a particular emphasis on the cultural impact of the automobile. Dan Hershberger presents: *Gas, Food and Lodging: The Design of the American Roadside*.

Preservation Wayne Awards

**Friday March 31, 2000, 6:00 p.m.
in Madame Cadillac Hall
Marygrove College**

The gala event will include a delicious buffet dinner, silent and live auction and the presentation of awards in recognition of the individuals and organizations whose work over the years has helped to save Detroit.

project for my Master's Degree. They were thrilled that someone was interested in the family history and gave me their blessing and their trust by handing me the original wooden box filled with original letters and envelopes to take with me and use. Bend number two in the road had again offered me an almost incomprehensible surprise. I never dreamed I'd be given the letters to take and use. At best I'd hoped to be able to visit the Crosby's often to peruse the contents. Silently, I again thanked Lewis.



I contacted a friend for some information on the 6th Michigan Cavalry and he said he'd check his books. I received an email from him saying he'd found a book I could use. He wanted to make sure I knew however, that when he pulled the book off the shelf, there was a bookmark marking pages on the 6th Michigan

Cavalry and he did not put it there! I told him I had no doubt that it was a contribution from Lewis.

And so, there was the end of the journey or so I thought. Ironically, the most unbelievable bend had yet to be rounded. My mom has been helping me copy letters and many a phone call has passed between us, sharing some new found tidbit of news. One recent phone call however left me in amazement. She had gone on a ski trip with her students and had taken a few letters along to work on since she does not ski. She was chatting with their bus driver named Nancy about the letters. Nancy related that she had a friend in Reno, Nevada who was also working on some letters. Through the course of their conversation and to the extreme shock of both, they discovered that her friend was also working on letters belonging to Lewis. It was a good thing I was sitting down when my mom told me the story because someone would have had to peel me off the ceiling. I felt like I had just won the lottery. The friend is Kim Wright Avery and is related we think through Lewis' youngest son. She has an additional 100 letters as well as his canteen, walking stick and a gun although she is not sure that it is his. The missing pieces grow fewer each day and the story more complete. My mind still reels at this latest information and at the actual odds of my mom and Nancy, two complete strangers, connecting at just the right moment. Kim and I will be sharing our halves to this story together soon.

As I said this is a work in progress. I don't know what further information about Lewis and his

family is out there yet waiting to be discovered or around what additional bends I will be privileged to travel while on this journey. I do know that the words, "With Eyes Turned Toward Home" are reflective of the life Lewis E. Wright and are words I think he would be proud to claim.

I am humbled and honored that the family has entrusted this story to me for the telling. I look forward to the day when I can return to Lewis' gravesite with a complete published story in hand and offer him a final "thank you my friend for your story is now told."



**Time For
Another
Ted Trip!**

Friday March 24
10:00-3:00 p.m.

Detroit Adaptive Use Tour
Call Ted for Details
(734) 487-0232

Speaker Series Special Appearances

John Crosby Freeman, the Color Doctor, has developed historic color palettes for several paint companies and was in town to introduce the "American Tradition" Paints for Lowes. Mr. Freeman spent March 16 here at EMU sharing information on historic paints with students and members of the community.

Andrew Naylor, renowned sculptural conservator from Shropshire, England spent March 20 presenting material on *Public Sculpture Through the Centuries*. Mr. Naylor's informative lecture included the care, preservation and conservation of sculpture in our museums and in our public spaces.



Chicago Trip
Sign up for the Preservation Eastern trip to Chicago on April 7-9, 2000. Lots of great activities are planned!

For more information call Ruth Mills, (810) 794-9609

Attention Students:

May 4, 5, 6, 2000



**MICHIGAN HISTORIC
PRESERVATION
NETWORK**

**20th Annual Michigan
Preservation Conference**

Grand Rapids, Michigan

**If Interested Call Ted ASAP
(734) 487-0232**

**Volunteer Opportunities at the
Kempf House Museum**

312 South Division Street,
Ann Arbor, MI 48103
(734) 994-4898

Join graduates and current students by volunteering at the Kempf House Museum. Recent job interviews in the Preservation field by Tracey Miller, Wayne Waltrip, and Carol Mull in which they highlighted their responsibilities and leadership positions at Kempf House resulted in success.

Internships have been filled in the past few years by students Tom Varitek, Wayne Waltrip, Christine Thom, Marnie Paulus, and Carol Mull. Some Kempf House interns have been responsible for administering the Noon Lecture Series from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for ten Wednesdays beginning in March of each year.

Other opportunities for 2000:

- Learn to be a tour guide. Must be available Sunday's 1:00 - 4:00 pm.
- Restoration Work - Our current project is restoring the dining room to the 1890s.
- Become a Board member or Volunteer Coordinator

Have fun with your fellow graduate students, learn new skills, expand your resume, and give back to the community. To quote Louisa Pieper, "this is hands-on preservation at its best."

Call Marnie Paulus with your questions at 665-0547.

Membership Counts!

Why join Preservation Eastern? Well, it's the best way to keep up on historic preservation activities within the department and throughout the area. Dues are only \$10 annually, and your membership and involvement will insure future growth and success in the organization.

NAME _____

DATE _____

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PROGRAM OF STUDY _____

Mail this application and your \$10 check to Preservation Eastern, EMU Dept. of Geography and Geology, Historic Preservation Program, 233 Strong Hall, Ypsilanti, MI 48197.

WELCOME NEW STUDENTS

**In January we welcomed more
new students than in any
recent winter term!**

Joanna Brace

Bill and Tamara Click

Tara Franey

Tim Halsey

Wendy Hoefer

Wanda Langlet

Helaine Lubar

Janet Roloff

Gary Robinson

and

Scott Woods

**We welcome these eleven students to
Eastern Michigan University's
Historic Preservation Program!**

Preservation Eastern
EMU Dept. of Geography and Geology
Historic Preservation Program
203 Strong Hall
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

*20th Anniversary of
Eastern Michigan
University's Historic
Preservation Program*

*Friday May 12, 2000
5:30 p.m.
Ypsilanti Automobile
Heritage Museum*

*Keynote Speaker
Sandra Clark, Director
Michigan Historical Center*

*Come join the fun!
There will be lots of surprises like the
premiere of Chris Mayda's famed
"Fayette Revisited" video*

*For more information call
Tonya Weaver at (734) 439-3275
or Teresa Beagle at (734) 480-9668*

*A small fee will be required
to attend this big event.*

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