

Heritage NEWS



JANUARY 2016



A key turning point in Ypsilanti's History

Please join us on Wednesday, January 20, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. for the presentation "Willow Run: Arsenal of Democracy" by Melissa Milton-Pung.

She will take you on a journey to learn what was, what remains and what will become of Michigan's birthplace for the great arsenal of democracy the Willow Run Bomber Plant. The plant impacted not only the local economy but the the people, the culture and the landscape of Ypsilanti and Washtenaw County.

The Willow Run Bomber Plant, constructed in 1941-42 for the production of B-24 Liberator Bombers during WWII, was a key turning point in the history of Ypsilanti and a pivotal asset in the success of the Allied Nations during WWII. Willow Run is widely known for its association with Henry

Ford and "Rosie the Riveter" as well as the modern manufacturing marvel of assembling a B-24 Bomber every hour. But Willow Run influenced the Ypsilanti area even more through the changes created in the landscape, social interactions, and the blend of cultures.



Construction of the Willow Run Bomber Plant, 1941.

Melissa and OCED intern Megan Gilbert tediously reasearched the Willow Run history for its inclusion in the online interactive heritage tour that launched in September of 2014.

WILLOW RUN: Arsenal of Democracy

presented by

Melissa Milton-Pung

Economic Specialist Project Manager
Washtenaw County OCED

**Wednesday, January 20
at 7:30 p.m.**

**Historical Museum Archives
220 North Huron St., Ypsilanti**

Melissa Milton-Pung

is a project manager at Washtenaw County. She holds a bachelor's degree in public history from Western Michigan University, a master's degree in historic preservation from the University of Kentucky College of Architecture, and was an Historic Deerfield Fellow. She says that this intersection of "ye olde historical stuff" with public policy and government makes a great set of skills for community revitalization.



At Washtenaw County since 2005, she oversees the historic preservation program, writes grants, does economic development, and provides technical assistance for local governments seeking to stimulate public/private investment and preserve community character.

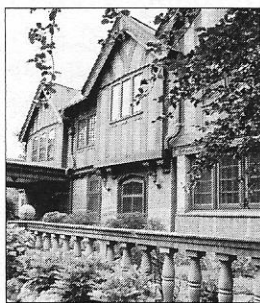
Non-profit involvement is tremendously important to Melissa. She is the vice president of the Michigan Historic Preservation Network (a National Trust Local Partner), where for the past seven years she has helped lead several successful grassroots campaigns for enhancement and syndication of the Michigan Rehabilitation Tax Credits. She is the immediate past board chair of The Arts Alliance, a county-wide arts and cultural organization which serves the vibrant arts and cultural community of Washtenaw County, and also serves on the board of the Ann Arbor Historical Foundation.

The Ypsilanti Heritage Foundation presents its 2015 GOOD NEWS edition, looking back at 2015 and the great things that have happened. It's also our chance to say Thank You to our friends and neighbors who care for & about Ypsilanti.



Historic Structure Markers were awarded by the Ypsilanti Heritage Foundation, at the Annual Marker Banquet, in September of 2015, for the houses at:

- 209 North Huron Street
- 313 North Adams Street



Several handsome paint jobs are worthy of note:

200 East Cross was recently painted in colors appropriate to this Craftsman style house.

The lovely Queen Anne at 325 East Cross has a gorgeous new paint job, 316 East Cross is sporting another beautiful paint job & 309 N. Park Street is transforming wonderfully.

Two buildings in Depot Town have been freshly painted: Visual Compass at 19 East Cross and the Newell Block at 40 East Cross.

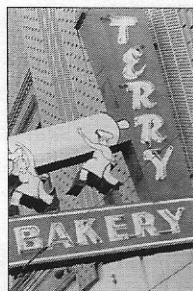
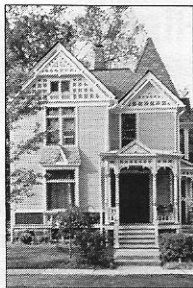
The Historical Museum at 220 North Huron now has commemorative bricks lining the front walk.

HighScope Educational Foundation at 600 North River received appropriate masonry repair & ongoing sensitive care.

29 South Huron, the wrought iron fence has been repainted and the courtyard is now landscaped with grass, plantings, and dogwood.

Expert masonry repair is keeping the Fire Museum in top condition.

Terry Bakery's historic sign, now legally protected by the City, has been restored.



The collapsing Italianate front porch at 314 East Cross has been reconstructed.

The Greek Revival Towner House at 303 North Huron has been purchased from the Presbyterian Church by the Towner House Foundation - rehab is underway.

At 106 South Washington, the historic barn has been stabilized and reroofed.

At the Greek Revival Starkweather house on Huron River Drive, two apartments have been completed and are occupied - one more to go!

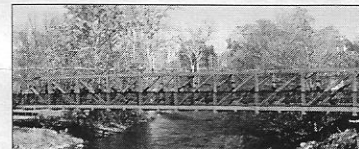
Growing Hope has opened the downtown farmers' market on Tuesdays in the first block of South Washington in the former Charter Bank building.



The former Ted's Auto at 307 North River is now home to Cultivate Coffee & Brew house.

On June 28, the Heritage Foundation hosted its 38th Annual Home Tour.

The B2B trail now winds around the Huron River south of Michigan Ave.



Thanks to Cheryl Farmer who tends the beautiful flowers in the triangle at Hamilton and Washtenaw.

And to everyone who has tucked petunias, marigolds, impatiens, and zinnias into alleys, window boxes, hanging baskets, and wonderful little nooks and crannies all over town - thank you!

Thanks to everyone who works to make Ypsilanti a better place to live: Police, fire fighters, city manager, mayor & city council, city departments, city employees, boards & commissions

And, as always, SPECIAL THANKS to all those folks who quietly and faithfully maintain their properties, who sweep and water, pick up and plant, repair and paint. If we missed mentioning you, know that without your effort Ypsilanti wouldn't be the great place it is!

Don't miss visiting Ypsilanti's museums:

- Michigan Firehouse Museum • 110 W. Cross St.
- Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Museum • 100 E. Cross St.
- Ypsilanti Historical Museum & Archives 200 N. Huron St.
- Yankee Air Museum at Willow Run Airport

41 Years in Review of the Ypsilanti Heritage Foundation

In 1974, when the Towner House was threatened with demolition the Ypsilanti Heritage Foundation was formed.

The YHF had two goals. The first was to assume physical and financial responsibility for the Towner House. The second was to raise public awareness of preservation and to encourage and support preservation activities in the community.

The first goal was accomplished in 2015, after 40 years of effort, when the Towner House became the property of the Towner House Foundation.



The second goal is achieved over and over again by YHF activities in the past 41 years:

- Historic District signs installed above street signs
- Publicizing of historic sites for sale
- Historic Structure Markers
- Annual Historic Home Tours
- Lobbying against removal of downtown from the historic district during the National Bank crisis
- Parade floats
- Published Architectural Styles series in the newsletter
- Published the Guide to Ypsilanti Historic Architecture
- Scholarships to EMU historic preservation students serving as interns to HDC
- Towner House archives donated to EMU Library Historic Preservation Collection
- Towner House Foundation for purchase of the building, \$17,000
- Towner House, multiple donations over the years
- Walking tour of North Huron during National Historic Preservation Week
- YHF archives donated to EMU Library Historic Preservation Collection
- Board member sent to the National Trust conference
- YHF newsletters/ programs and speakers

YHF's contributions to projects & organizations

- Bentley Historical Library
- Chautauqua
- City of Ypsilanti
- Clothesline Project
- Demetrius Ypsilanti sculpture restoration
- EMU Historic Walk
- EMU One Room Schoolhouse
- Friends of Ypsilanti Freighthouse
- Health Walk
- HighScope, restoration of dome painting
- John Pierce plaque
- Kempf House, Ann Arbor
- Marshall Fund to recognize A.P. Marshall's contribution to the understanding of Ypsilanti history
- Michigan Historic Preservation Network
- Motor Cities/National Park Service wayside signs
- NPNA street signs, matching fund grant
- Riverside Arts Center
- Starkweather Memorial Chapel Fund
- State Interurban Marker restoration
- Washtenaw County Historical Society brochure
- Welch Hall restoration campaign
- Yankee Air Museum
- Ypsilanti Auto Heritage Collection
- Ypsilanti Historical Society
- Ypsilanti Public Schools for Ypsilanti historic & historic architecture appreciation in grades K-12

The YHF is dedicated to historic preservation. Thank you to our members and the community for participating, volunteering and supporting our efforts over the past forty-one years!

Looking for 2016 Home Tour Houses

The YHF Home Tour Committee welcomes your participation in identifying homes for our future tours. If you own a home in the Ypsilanti area (*does not have to be in the Historic District*), or if you know of a home to nominate, please contact me at:
mnewberry@materialsunlimited.com

Criteria includes: must be at least 50-years old, a recognizable architectural style preferred, interior either in period style or in artistic, aesthetic style. Works in progress are also considered—especially if done in a way to enhance the historic architectural style.

Thanks, Michael Newberry, Home Tour Chair





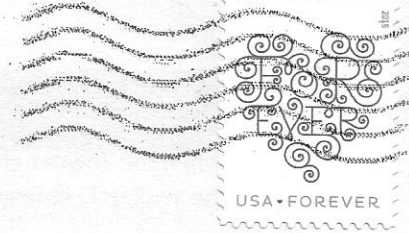
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Save these Dates

■ 39th Annual Home Tour Sunday, June 26, 2016

■ Marker Banquet Wednesday, September 21, 2016

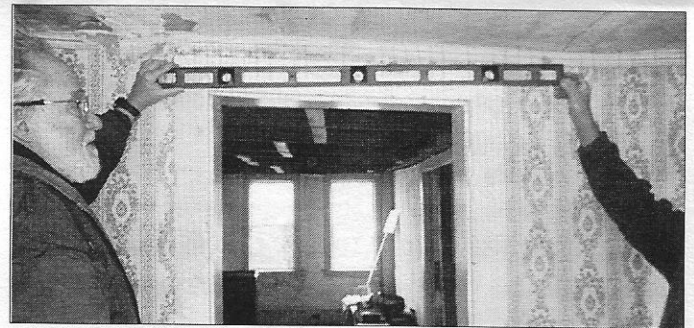
TOWNER 1837 UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the renovation funds for the Towner House. As per our December mailing we have completed many of the Phase I items, new gutters, removal of extraneous metal and the removal of the loose plaster. The basement windows have been repaired and we have protected them with window well covers for the winter.

We hired a structural engineer, Steve Rudner from Robert Darvas Associates in Ann Arbor. He and an associate met with us at the house in late November and looked at the structure. They took measurements and made an assessment of what needed to be done to stabilize the house.

We received a report and drawings from him several weeks later outlining the steps necessary for the stabilization process including the materials that we will need. We are in the midst of getting pricing for the basic materials needed. If we receive enough funds, we hope to start the process in the spring or early summer.

In early December we also had a meeting with the Eastern Michigan University Preservation staff about the possibility of doing a summer workshop at the Towner House. Their prima-



Steve Rudner and John Harrington holding a level at square in the center walkway of the house.

ry focus would be investigational documenting and gathering historical information for future projects. We also talked about a hands-on field school that could place in 2017.

Donations have been slow coming in but we are optimistic that we will receive enough funds to complete the stabilization process. Donations can be sent to the **Towner House Foundation** 209 N. Huron Street, Ypsilanti, MI 48197. The Towner House Foundation is recognized as a 501(c)(3) by the Federal government.

Upcoming Area Activities

Ypsilanti Historial Museum Friday night movies

Every Friday in January 7pm free. ypsilantihistorical.society.org

Kempf House Museum - Victorian Valentine Teas

Sat. Feb. 13, 1:30 pm, and Sunday, Feb. 14, 1:30 pm and 4:00 pm

Price, \$25, reservations required. www.kempfhousemuseum.org

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MAY 2016

Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Museum

presented by
Bill Nickels

Museum Secretary, YHF Board Member

**Wednesday, May 18
at 7:30 p.m.**

at the
**Ypsilanti Automotive
Heritage Museum**

100 East Cross Street, Ypsilanti



Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Museum — A treasure at the corner of Cross & River

By Bill Nickels

The southeast corner of East Cross and North River has featured automobiles since 1916, exactly one hundred years ago. A Dodge dealership first occupied the corner, then a Willys-Overland dealership during the 1920s, a Hudson dealership from 1933 until 1957, a used car dealership featuring Hudsons from 1957 until 1995, and finally the Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Museum (YAHM) from 1995 until now.

In the mid-1990s, Ypsilantians Skip Ungrodt and Peter Fletcher admired the original Hudson dealership and were friends of Jack Miller, owner of what was then called Miller Motors. To maintain the originality and promote the rich automotive history of the Ypsilanti area, Skip and Peter decided to buy Miller Motors from Jack, buy a postal building to the east of Miller Motors, construct a connecting structure between the two, and form YAHM. The museum opened

during the Heritage Festival of 1995 with Jack Miller hired as curator.

What was the Hudson dealership, now hosts the National Hudson Motor Car Company Museum where visitors view Hudsons from all five decades of the company. Focusing on Ypsilanti's automotive heritage, also displayed are the two generations of Kaiser-Frazer automobiles including their rare Darrin fiberglass sports car, both generations of Chevrolet Corvairs, a restored Tucker movie car with family memorabilia, and many generations of Hydra-Matic transmissions.

Visitors get to experience what it would have been like to walk into a car dealership and buy a car during the first half of the Twentieth Century. The Darrin sports car, a perfect 1926 Overland, and one of a couple dozen Hudson Italians in the world are cars visitors don't want to miss. The "Doc Hudson" race

car from the movie *Cars* brings kids to the museum (Doc Hudson is currently undergoing restoration and will return in early summer).

As a founding member of MotorCities National Heritage Area, the National Park Service shield is proudly displayed in the front of the museum. National Heritage Areas are affiliates of the National Park Service and tell cultural histories though out the United States. MotorCities unites independent attractions including our YAHM as it displays and markets our regions automotive history for visitors. As part of the National Park Service's Centennial celebration, visitors can start their *Find Your Road Trip* contest at YAHM. In addition, visitors can always have their National Park Service Passport Book stamped at YAHM.

The museum sponsors Depot Town Cruise Nights during the summer and the Orphan Car Show in September. Along with the Woodward Dream Cruise, Detroit Grand Prix, and others, YAHM's Orphan Car Show is one of several 2016 significant automotive events promoted by MotorCities' *Autopalooza* campaign. YAHM has become a destination for local, regional, national, and international visitors.

Please join us on Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. to see and hear about the museum. The presentation will take place at the Museum, 100 E. Cross Street. He will take you on a journey through the museum and it's defining role in the history of Ypsilanti.

This presentation is open to the public and refreshments will be served.



Ypsilanti Heritage Foundation 39th Annual Architectural

Home Tour

230 N. Grove Street
c. 1860 Italianate

SUNDAY • JUNE 26TH • NOON-5 P.M.



316 N. Grove St. - c. 1899 Queen Anne



323 Maple St. - c. 1893 Queen Anne



412 High St - c. 1865
Vernacular Gable Front Cottage -



306 N. River Street — 19th C. Commercial
Building, office space and Hyperion Coffee



307 N. River St. - Mid Century
Ted's Auto Electric Garage
converted to Cultivate coffee
and Tap House

The 2016 Ypsilanti Heritage Foundation Annual Historic Home Tour will take place on Sunday, June 26th from noon to 5 p.m. A portion of this year's tour proceeds will support the historical marker project at Ypsilanti Community High School. Students will be writing grants to obtain a state historical marker for the historic South Adams neighborhood. (For more information see *Historic Marker article on page 4*)

This year's tour includes 4 wonderful homes built in the 1800s including two Queen Annes, an Italianate, and a vernacular Gable Front Cottage. We are also excited to include 2 commercial spaces on our tour. A 19th century renovated office and commercial space and a mid century auto repair shop converted to coffee and tap house. Tickets can be purchased prior to the tour in Ypsilanti at Haabs Restaurant, Salt City Antiques, Nelson Amos Studio, Materials Unlimited, Norton's Flowers and Gifts and Downtown Home and Garden, in Ann Arbor. Day of tour tickets can be purchased by credit card at the Towner House at 303 North Huron Street, as well as Haab's Restaurant, Materials Unlimited and Salt City Antiques.

The price of the ticket is \$15 pre-sales and day of tour. Tickets can also be purchased on our website www.yhf.org.



We honor Mary Ann Starkweather. It was her donation that built this beautiful edifice. She and her late husband were abolitionists and members of the Underground Railroad.

Go Fund Me Campaign for the resortation of the Starkweather Chapel

The Highland Cemetery Association, spearheaded by Cemetery Board Member, Barry LaRue, is in the initial phase of clean up in the chapel. The goal is to reopen the chapel for special occassions.

www.gofundme.com/2yu5wqss

The Starkweather Chapel is located in Ypsilanti, Michigan's Highland Cemetery. Funded by Mary Ann Starkweather, it was built in 1889 and designed by the Detroit architectural firm of Mason & Rice. It is in the Richardsonian Romanesque style and contains beautiful Tiffany stained glass memorial windows.

Cemeteries all across the country face budget shortfalls due mostly to the trend away from in-ground burials and low interest rates paid on perpetual care funds. Highland Cemetery is no different. Over the years the Ypsilanti Community has expressed an interest in restoring the chapel to allow its function for services to occur and perhaps even allow the building to be used for more contemporary purposes such as weddings or committment ceremonies, etc.

This initial fundraising effort, modest as it is, is intended to fund costs related to brick and wood repair, drywall and insulation, restoration of original furniture and humidity control. We think that a phased effort will allow the chapel to be put into service while a second phase can afford us a new roof and possible columbarium located in an unused portion of the chapel.

Ideally raising our goal by July 1st, 2016 would allow some progress this construction season, but rest assured any funds raised will be place in a restricted account only to be used for the chapel restoration.

All donations are tax deductible and the Ypsilanti community will be the richer for acting as good stewards for this architectural gem!

The attack on Local Historic Districts – has been suspended indefinitely!

Excerpts from Melissa Milton-Pung, Past President MHPN *Preservation Network Thank You* email

Our collective voices have been successful in showing how the current local historic districts act works effectively in nearly 80 communities across the state. Thanks also go out to the MHPN Leadership and Staff and their lobbyists at Kelley Cawthorne, who have been tireless in advocacy efforts.

In January, HB 5232 was assigned to the Local Government Committee, chaired by Rep. Lee Chatfield (House District 107). Representative Chatfield has confirmed in a letter to constituents that although he worked "exceedingly hard to strike a balance with this legislation, ...I have been unable to adequately satisfy many of the concerns of my constituents." He has decided to "indefinitely suspend consideration of HB 5232 and the conversation of reform to the Michigan Historic Preservation Act."

This is a big victory for historic preservation in Michigan, but we all need to remain cautious and vigilant. HB 5232 will not be on the Local Government committee agenda anytime soon, but the bill may be reassigned to another committee and we may need to activate quickly all over again. Thanks to each and every one of you all over the state who has spoken and written against this bill, and as we hear more information, we will definitely share it with all of you. Congratulations and thank you!

We cannot claim complete victory, but we can celebrate this win. Be ready to continue your advocacy work of SB 720 (the twin bill in the Senate) is taken up, or if HB 5232 gets reassigned to another committee. Always check with www.MHPN.org for the latest news (under Help MHPN – Advocacy Alerts).



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Ypsilanti Community HS Historic Marker Program

By Cheryl Farmer

The Historic Marker program will involve a minimum of 4 students, one each to research these 4 targeted historic buildings: the historic Brown Chapel AME Church, Second Baptist Church, the Colored School (later the First Ward School, now a church), and the Good Samaritan Hall (now the Prince Hall Masonic Lodge).

The students will be taught how to use the archival resources at the Ypsilanti Historical Museum by Matt Siegfried. They will research and develop a case for why their building is historically important, and write this information out as a research paper with the help of their HS teacher. They will share what they have learned about their building with each other and with their class.

The students will learn how to complete an application for an historic marker. These completed applications will be reviewed by Matt Siegfried, who will share with them any important information about their buildings that they may have missed. He will then draw from their combined work to complete a final application for a neighborhood marker that discusses the importance of all 4 buildings and the neighborhood to the history of Ypsilanti.

Matt Sigfried has done extensive research on South Adams street in the 1900s. You can find more of his research at southadmsstreet1900.wordpress.com



The Colored School (later the First Ward School, now a church)
Built in 1864 specifically to educate Ypsilanti's black children.



Good Samaritan Hall
(now Prince Hall Masonic Lodge)
It was for many years the center of social life for Ypsilanti African Americans



Brown Chapel AME Church built in 1850. One of the earliest African American congregations in Michigan.



Old 2nd Baptist Church taken before it was replaced to the present building. The church began in 1860 and is the second oldest African American church in Ypsilanti.

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SEPTEMBER 2016



Historic Structure Markers Awarded in September

The 42nd annual Heritage Foundation Historic Structure Marker Banquet is set for Wednesday, September 21 at 6:30 p.m. at the Ladies' Literary Club on North Washington Street.

The Foundation has awarded markers to well over 100 deserving properties within the city limits. The criteria used for selection includes, the property must predate 1950 and has an identifiable architectural style. The structure must be sensitively developed. The siding on the property should be what was originally intended or could have been originally used. The windows are original or identical to the original in size and configuration. Porches, railings and steps are appropriate to the period and style of the building and any additions should be compatible to the period of the home. The property should be well maintained including the grounds. If it is a rental property, the property must have appropriate maintenance for at least two years.

This year we are pleased to present Historic Structure awards to the following owners:

Joanne Waller
1009 Pearl Street

Barnes and Barnes
601 West Cross Street

Alice Gannon Boss
211 Woodward

Congratulations!



1009 Pearl Street — Tudor Revival c. 1925



601 West Cross Street — Queen Anne c. 1895



211 Woodward — Queen Anne c. 1895

Annual Historic Structure Marker Banquet

Wednesday,
September 21
at 6:30 p.m.

at the
Ladies' Literary Club
218 North Washington Street,
Ypsilanti

Special Recognition AWARDS



The Heritage Foundation wishes to bring attention to the carriage houses and barns that contribute to the historic character of Ypsilanti. We feel now is the time to appreciate and preserve those remaining structures and to encourage their preservation. By awarding Historic Structure markers, we recognize those historical and architectural treasures still found in out-of-the-way places where, if you listen carefully, you might still hear the sound of horses' hooves and the rumble of wagon wheels.



Board and Batten Shed
113 East Cross
owner Stewart Beal



Barn
305 South Huron
owner Laura Perez

From our President

Over the past year, the Ypsilanti Heritage Foundation has supported historic preservation in the City of Ypsilanti, as well as in the State of Michigan, in a number of ways.

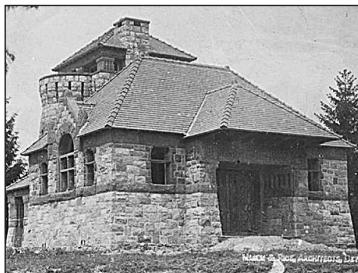
In Ypsilanti, the YHF sponsored its annual Historic Home Tour, featuring four homes and two commercial spaces all on the east side. The Home Tour made over \$3,500, money that will go to supporting YHF projects.

An exciting new project for the YHF this year is the South Adams and Buffalo Streets state historic marker initiative. Local historian Matt Siegfried is mentoring a group of high school students who will target four properties for state historic markers: the Brown Chapel AME Church, the Second Baptist Church, the First Ward School (now the New Jerusalem Church), and the Good Samaritan Hall (now the Prince Hall Masonic Lodge). Mr. Siegfried will guide the students in the use of the archival resources of the Ypsilanti Historical Museum with the goal of developing a case for the historical importance of the buildings. Finally, the students will write a report on each building based on their research. Matt Siegfried will draw from the combined work of the students to complete a final application for a neighborhood marker at South Adams and Buffalo Streets that discusses the importance of all four buildings to the Southside neighborhood and the City of Ypsilanti. The YHF is proud to be donating \$250 for the state application fee as well as pledging \$1,000 toward the completion of the project. This project perfectly fits the YHF mission of historic preservation and education.

Ongoing support of long-term projects includes the renovation of the Towner House and renovation of the Starkweather Chapel in Highland Cemetery.



Towner House-North Huron Street



Starkweather Chapel-Highland Cemetery

YHF programs this year featured the history of the Automotive Heritage Museum by Bill Nickels and the history of the Willow Run Bomber Plant by James Mann.



On September 21, at 6:30 p.m., at the Ladies' Literary Club, the YHF will hold its annual Marker Banquet. YHF Historic Markers will be awarded to three property owners in the City of Ypsilanti who have renovated and preserved their historic properties. We will also be awarding a special marker for one of the many out buildings in the city. A slideshow highlighting the properties will be shown. The event is free and open to the public, but it includes a potluck dinner, and attendees are asked to bring a dish to pass.

The YHF board is the governing body of the Ypsilanti Heritage Foundation and meets monthly. During the past year Jill Dieterle and Michael Newberry left the board. Jill was a strong board member dedicated to historic preservation; Michael chaired the 2015 home tour and co-chaired this year's tour. The board thanks them for their service to the YHF and historic preservation.

The YHF board welcomes M. J. Dennison as a new member. M. J. has worked on the Historic Home Tour for many years. Her experience and energy will be of great benefit to our organization.

Last of all, the historic preservation efforts of the YHF and Ypsilanti property owners would not be possible without the 1970s State of Michigan legislation that enabled historic districts. Unfortunately, this legislation came under fire this year. Proposed state legislation aimed to weaken it through a new and mandatory recertification vote every ten years and other new and arduous requirements. These measures would have drastically affected the stability of historic districts throughout the state and resulted in less investment in renovation and preservation of historic properties. Members of the YHF board along with other community members at the local and state levels made their voices heard in opposition. After a few months the proposed legislation was temporarily dropped. The Michigan legislature returns to session on September 7th. This legislation can be voted on until session has ended for the year. Please continue to contact your legislators both in the House and Senate via email, phone or written note. This is a vivid reminder that historic preservation should not be taken for granted.

Thank you for your support of historic preservation!

Paul Schreiber
President, Ypsilanti Heritage Foundation

Giving Ypsilanti's past a future

Ypsilanti Heritage Foundation 39th Annual Architectural Home Tour *Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!*

We would like to thank the 2016 Home Tour Underwriters, Patrons and Sponsors, as well as all of those who contributed their time and materials to the event. We raised over \$3,500 in support of the tour, allowing us to continue to educate the community about the philosophy and purpose of historic preservation and to encourage public and private preservation.

Underwriters

contributing \$100 and higher

Anonymous

Barr, Anhut and Associates, P.C.,

Marlene and John Barr

Bank of Ann Arbor

Bomber Restaurant

Complete Chiropractic & Bodywork Therapies,

Kathleen Dvorak

Home Services LTD Restoration,

Ron Rupert

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Lady Sunshine and the X Band

Barry LaRue and Kim Clarke

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The Phoenix Company of Washtenaw,

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See you at the Marker Banquet, Wednesday, September 21 at 6:30 p.m.

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Michigan Preservation Network Advocacy Alert

The Michigan legislature returns to session on September 7th. Upon their return, the legislature will enter what is commonly known as the "lame duck" session. House Bill 5232 and Senate Bill 720, the legislation which amends the local historic district act, can be voted on until session has ended for the year. We must remain vigilant by contacting your legislators indicating your continued opposition for the legislation. Please contact your legislators both in the House and Senate via email, phone or written note. You can find your legislators contact information by visiting <http://house.michigan.gov/mhrpublic/> and <http://www.senate.michigan.gov/fysbyaddress.html>.



Historic places in Michigan are important to our sense of place, our community history, and our vitality. Thank you to all of those who participated in the Michigan Preservation Network "This Place Matters" photo shoot at the Towner House.