

Heritage News

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JANUARY 1994

Ypsilanti, MI

MEETING: Wednesday, January 26, 1994, 7:30 pm

LOCATION: Ladies' Literary Club
218 N. Washington
Ypsilanti, Michigan

PROGRAM: THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM
AT EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

SPEAKER: Theodore Ligibel
Professor of Historic Preservation
Department of Geography and Geology

Some of us remember when the Historic Preservation Program got underway at Eastern. Those were exciting years: the nation was just turning to preservation in a big way. Cities were beginning to recognize that tearing down our "built environment" was no way to keep a city together. Instead, they began to look again at those resources and consider how they could serve to knit a community together. Individuals and families, too, began to restore old houses in the older parts of town: people were coming back.

It was in that new wave of preserving the past that Eastern's Geography and Geology Department initiated their program in historic preservation. Students organized and became an active force on the campus, drawing attention to Eastern's Historic resources. Most notably, of course, were their efforts to save Welch Hall, which was but one blow away from the wrecking ball. Now Eastern has adopted the philosophy of preservation and we see not only the little treasure Starkweather Hall but also Welch, Sherzer, and Pease Auditorium with new life, adding immeasurably to the pride of the historic campus. Through the commitment of people like Dean Rockwell and Mrs. John Porter, we now even have a One Room School House sited on campus as a resource for our nationally recognized education program and as a monument to Eastern's glorious history in teacher training.

Come hear Professor Ligibel tell us what's going on now in the preservation program at Eastern. He and, we hope, some of his students will be there to share with you the latest information about an important component of the preservation movement in Ypsilanti.

Refreshments will be served. Membership NOT required!
Come, bring a friend, and enjoy a most historic house.



YPSILANTI IS NOT UP FOR SALE!

Ypsilanti is not up for sale (far from it, just in case you've heard any false rumors). But we note that there are a number of nice houses for sale, scattered about the older central city, as follows:

113 East Forest. Bungalow, with nice style elements--and even period trellises, waited for the Jackmani clematis--on one of those large, deep lots that the East Side is so famous for. By owner: 482-2937.

314 Maple. Wing and Gable, with sun-porch and next to an already renovated (Home Tour!) house of beautiful color and proportions. Call Tom Kay at Re/Max, 741-1000.

402 East Cross. A classic Italianate, on the corner of Cross and Grove--in up-and-coming (if not up-scale) neighborhood of many restored historic houses. Reinhart: 747-7888.

The new house (Colonial?) at East Cross and Park. Group Four: 994-4444. Ask for John Simpkins.

206 North River. A smaller Greek Revival, vintage. Heritage Homes: 481-0303.

214 North River. Tom Warner's house, a nice Queen Anne, with new two-car garage. Call him at 483-7461

305 Ballard. A really beautiful brick colonial Ypsi classic. Ehman and Greenstreet: 482-3484.

211 Ballard. A stucco cottage, in student area, but with some nice older (long-term) neighbors. Also Ehman & Greenstreet.

Ladies Library at the juncture of Washtenaw and North Huron. That great monument to Ypsilanti history (Mary Starkweather's home), once boarded up, really abandoned, sold by the city to Tom Durant, who restored it in a labor of love. Call Michigan Group.

310 South Huron. Brick, with a Regency porch. Richwine: 761-9766.

315 South Washington. Nice older home, ready for restoration. Landmark: 434-4777. But see also the little Greek Revival gem across the street, with lovely tracery on the porches. Gallatin 994-1202.

702 Pearl. Very old wing and gable, next to the footpath (and, if you don't know what that refers to, it's time you went and had a look).

929 Pleasant. Original farmhouse, now in Woods Road subdivision. Large, comfortable, beautifully updated house with large deck. Present owner is an Ann Arbor Realtor Pride of Ownership Award winner. Call Diane LaRue at Edward Surovell, 971-3333.

The list is incomplete, of course; but it may give you some idea of what is up for sale in central Ypsilanti.





BRIEF UPDATE ON THE BREakey HOUSE INN

In the November issue of the News, we reported at length on the subject of "negotiations in progress" to turn the **Breakey House, former Chamber of Commerce** at the corner of Washtenaw and N. Huron, into a bed and breakfast. Well, work now has gone much further than negotiations. Restoration of the ground floor is well underway, turning it into a catering service with dining rooms and breakfast sun room. The new kitchen is almost complete, with restaurant-style stove installed. The front room is now a lovely apricot with cream woodwork. Floors have been sanded. Other rooms have various vivid colors on them. The fireplaces (of astonishing variety in one house) look inviting, even without the fires. **Gregg and Lisa Welch** have been working hard and look forward to opening the business in the near future. So the point is, yes, there is going to be a business established in this house that is so perfect for an inn--and at the very center of the community. What a boon it will be to have visitors to Eastern, for example, stay right here in the center of our beautiful historic district, with all the charms that an old inn can provide. More news on this subject will, no doubt, be forthcoming.

YPSILANTI COMMUNITY BAND SCHEDULE OF CONCERTS

Thursday, February 24	Ypsilanti High School	8:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 28	Ypsilanti High School	8:00 p.m.

For more information, please call 461-6781.

OLD CROSS STREET BRIDGE BALUSTERS

Would you believe it? There are still balusters from the old Cross Street bridge available. Those already sold have taken up all sorts of positions about the town, inside and out. They're at their best in the garden, to give a lift for a favorite potted plant, either on the terrace or in the midst of the flower bed. Available from Board Member Don Randazzo, for only \$5.00 (don't expect perfection: these are decidedly "historic!"): Call Don at 482-6144.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Washtenaw County Historical Society is having a special meeting at the Ypsilanti Ladies Literary Club, March 20, at 2:00. The speaker is **Dr. Marshall McLennan** and the subject is "**Mills Along the Huron River in Washtenaw County.**"



**YHF 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION TO BENEFIT DEMETRIUS
YPSILANTI SCULPTURE RESTORATION**

Plans are well underway for the Heritage Foundation's 20th Anniversary celebration, scheduled for Saturday, May 14, 1994, at the Huron Golf Club. May 14th was chosen, in part, because it is the close of National Preservation Week.

In addition to celebrating this important milestone in the history of the Foundation, the event will be a fundraiser to help in the restoration of the General Demetrius Ypsilanti sculpture located just west of the Water Tower. It will also be an opportunity to recognize all those individuals and organizations whose efforts over the last 20 years have contributed to the immeasurable benefits which historic preservation has brought to our community.

The 20th Anniversary Committee has been busy working on the plans for the benefit, and you will be reading more about it in future issues of Heritage News. The members of the committee are Jonnie Bryant, Penny Schreiber, Barry LaRue, Lisa Walters, Don Randazzo, Mary Ann McDonald, and Karen Nickels. Feel free to contact any one of us with ideas for the event.

Peg DuFresne
Chairman, YHF 20th Anniversary Celebration Committee

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MARCH 1994

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- MEETING:** Tuesday, March 29, 1994--7:30
- LOCATION:** The James Breakey Inn
125 North Huron
(Former Chamber of Commerce)
Corner of Washtenaw and N. Huron
(Do Not Park in Back--Suggestion:
Park in the Oscar Haab Health Service lot
111 N. Huron, just down the street, and walk)
- SPEAKER:** SCOTT KUNST, Landscape historian and
preservationist
- PROGRAM:** HISTORIC GARDENS, with emphasis upon
the Victorian period

Scott Kunst is a former avid Ypsilanti East Side promoter and Eastside newsletter writer, now living on the Old West Side of Ann Arbor. Those of us, like the chickadee, who have stayed, have long since forgiven him for that (and sent him our sympathies). In fact, we encourage all East Side newcomers who think of themselves as avant-garde to come and meet Scott: you could learn much about how to promote your area. Scott was one of the pioneers. We suspect he could tell you stories that would tickle your ears.

But on this occasion, we are mainly going to wallow in one of the most beautiful collections of historic garden slides this side of Paradise. (In fact, some of his slides were taken this side of Ann Arbor--i.e., in Ypsilanti itself.)

Scott writes regularly for the Old-House Journal and teaches at Eastern Michigan University. He has lectured to such notable groups as the Chicago Botanic Garden, Harvard's Arnold Arboretum, and the Garden Guild of Madison, Indiana. In other words, he is a "local boy made good," and he is still young and full of enthusiasm: just the kind of program and person we need to hear from after a long, hard, and wearing winter.

Do come. Bring a friend. Membership, as always, NOT required. We'd just like your company, and . . .

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

DEMETRIUS NEEDS OUR HELP!!!

Traveling east on Washtenaw at sixty miles an hour as you reach the great stone Water Tower and prepare to speed through Ypsilanti on your way to nowhere, you may not have noticed that Ypsilanti's namesake--or rather a marble bust of him on a pedestal--is in dire need of repair. In fact, you may just want to STOP and park nearby, GET OUT OF YOUR CAR, and take a good look at Demetrius, our most important monument. Demetrius Ypsilanti is sinking. And he needs attention--now.

YHF 20th Anniversary Celebration To Benefit Demetrius Ypsilanti Sculpture Restoration

1994 marks the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Ypsilanti Heritage Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and promoting Ypsilanti's wealth of historic architecture. The Foundation will mark this occasion with a 20th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, May 14, 1994, from 7:00p.m. to 10:00 p.m., at the Huron Golf Club. May 14th was chosen as the date for the event because it is the close of Preservation Week in 1994.

In addition to celebrating this important milestone in the history of the Foundation, the 20th Anniversary Celebration will be a fundraiser to help in the restoration of the General Demetrius Ypsilanti Sculpture. It will also be an opportunity to recognize all those individuals and organizations whose efforts over the the last 20 years have contributed to the immeasurable benefits which historic preservation has brought to the Ypsilanti community.

Members of the Foundation's 20th Anniversary Committee have been working since last September on plans for the event. In addition to contributing the net ticket proceeds from the event for the restoration, the Foundation has begun a campaign to raise funds from the Ypsilanti business community and has plans for additional fundraising events throughout the year.

Tickets for the May 14th gala celebration are \$30.00 per person; invitations will be mailed in early April. For information on tickets, contact Lisa Walters at 485-3683 or Penny Schreiber at 483-5688.

A Few Notes on Our Namesake, Demetrius Ypsilanti . . .

From the Archives of the Ypsilanti Historical Museum come the following notes on our namesake, taken from The Ypsilantian, July 19, 1900, from a paper delivered before the Study Club by Miss Nora Campau Babbitt:

"Demetrius Ypsilanti, like his brother [Alexander--whose public conduct was, we're told, "contemptible"], was a revolutionist, but formed a contrast to him in military and moral conduct, though somewhat inferior to him in personal accomplishments. His stature was small, his appearance

insignificant; his voice discordant, his manner awkward, and his health weak; yet, with these physical defects he had manly sentiments, undaunted courage, and sincere patriotism. His principles were those of a gentleman. . . .

"Demetrius Ypsilanti gained the esteem of his countrymen by displaying unwonted activity, added to his usual courage. His energy and patriotism electrified everybody he addressed. . . . [He defeated the Turks in a horrific battle.] This was the turning point for the Greeks. Ypsilanti's name, because of his manly activity, was heralded abroad.

"The United States was the first to send sympathy to Greece Thus the name of Ypsilanti was on all lips in this country, and the site which in 1807 was only a small trading-post, received, in 1824, the name Ypsilanti, in honor of the hero"

You may also wish to know that there are still members of the Ypsilanti family alive today. For example, in the August 1992 issue of Architectural Digest you may read about two New Yorkers who decided to restore a house on the Greek island of Patmos. They weren't sure about the project: "Then we met Tomas Ypsilantis, a master builder, a mason and a descendant of General Ypsilantis, the hero of the War of Greek Independence," one said. "When he appeared, we saw a very dignified man of great charm who was clearly the leading citizen of Chora, the capital of Patmos. . . . Ypsilantis proved to be a magnificent craftsman and supervisor, and his crew was up to his rigorous standards." So if you are an Ypsilanti preservationist AND a purist, you could always call upon Tomas Ypsilantis on the island of Patmos to get the job done by a descendent of our namesake!

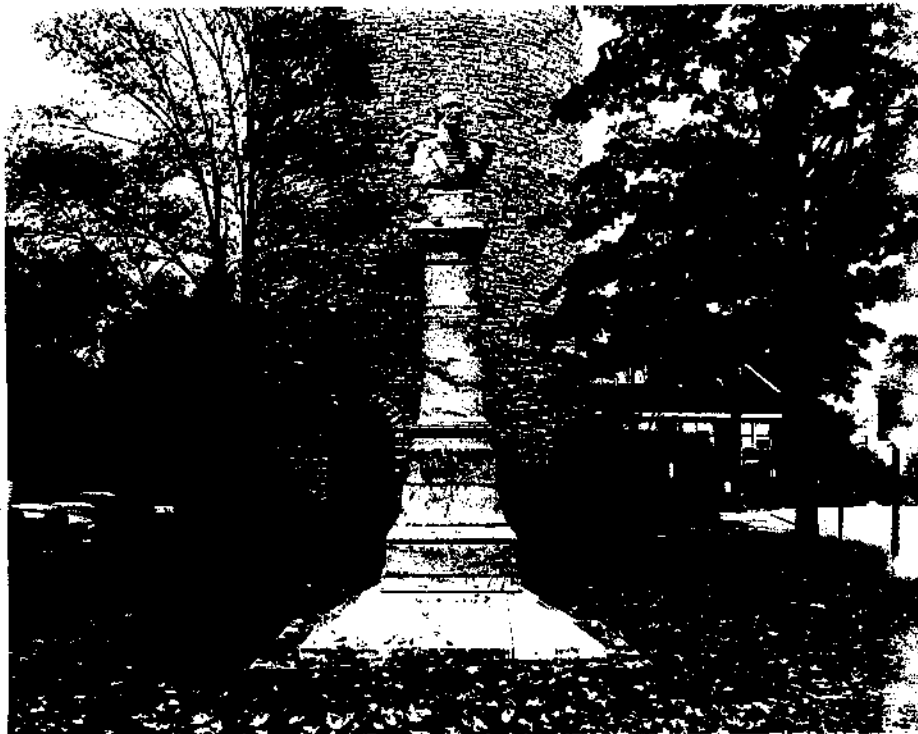


Photo courtesy of Ypsilanti Historical Museum Archives

A Few Notes on the Sculpture Itself . . .

Created by Greek sculptor Christopher Nastos, the artist responsible for the Monument to the Unknown Soldier in Greece, this larger than life-size bust on top of a tall marble pillar was given to the City of Ypsilanti on August 29, 1928, by the Order of Ahepa, a society of Greek-Americans. The presentation was part of the society's national convention which was held in Detroit. Two thousand Greek Americans, including the Greek Minister to the United States and the Archbishop of the Greek Orthodox Church, took the Interurban from Detroit to Ypsilanti to witness Governor Green of Michigan, President McKinney of Michigan State Normal College, and Ypsilanti Mayor Matthew Max accept the gift.

The bust depicts General Demetrius Ypsilanti (1793-1832), a Greek from Constantinople. General (also Prince) Ypsilanti was born into a military family that had served the Turkish Empire and was, in 1823, helping lead the revolt against the Turks.

Although the war featured atrocities and massacres by both sides, the United States, with its Christian heritage and its tendency towards seeing Greece as the ancestor to its own democratic traditions, quickly sided with the rebel Greeks.

Exploits like Ypsilanti's escape with his entire army from the besieged citadel of Argos brought him to the attention of Judge Woodward who suggested that the new village founded on the banks of the Huron River be named Ypsilanti, in honor of the Greek hero.

As for the over-seeing of the restoration of the sculpture itself, the City of Ypsilanti has established a special body named "The Demetrius Ypsilanti Sculpture Commission." Its members include City Councilmember Barry LaRue; Ypsilanti Heritage Foundation Home Tour and 20th Celebration Chair Peg DuFresne; Save Outdoor Sculpture! Coordinator, Dr. Marshall McLennan of E.M.U.; Henry Prebys and Donald Randazzo of Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village and Ypsilanti; and Ypsilanti Community & Economic Development Director Jennifer Goulet.

Conservation of Artistic Stone Objects, Inc. (CASO-IMPEX) has been chosen to do the work of restoration. They are widely trusted in the Midwest for superior restoration of artistic and historic stone objects. CASO-IMPEX's conservators and technicians have more than 15 years of experience in the conservation of outdoor/indoor artistic works in the United States and Europe. The Commission has, in other words, chosen the finest craftsmen to work on the sculpture; and the Heritage Foundation approves. We hope the public will agree and support the project in whatever way it can, including attendance at our 20th Anniversary celebration.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Have lunch or dinner at **Haab's Restaurant** on Sunday, April 17th, and help rescue an old friend! Haab's will donate a portion of their April 17th sales to the Ypsilanti Heritage Foundation to help in the restoration of the General Demetrius Ypsilanti Sculpture. Haab's, established in 1934, is only six years younger than the sculpture, so it is fitting that one Ypsilanti landmark is coming to the aid of another! **REMEMBER--April 17th is General Demetrius Ypsilanti Day at Haab's!**

TOWNER HOUSE UPDATE

Many of us will treasure the large front-page photograph (Ypsi Press, 12 March 1994) of dear Rev. Woodruff standing in the front room of the Towner House, expressing the church's dilemma at the decision of the State Review Board: "Church can't raze Towner House." A picture truly is worth a thousand words, for in the background you see the old house itself, its intimate domestic spaces: the dining room, study, and beyond, the hardwood floors, low ceilings, even a tiny bit of the Victorian marble fireplace, set in the massive central chimney itself that defines the house as our closest example to those early American houses found in the east. We remember the thousands of children who had happy experiences there at Festival time and during the school year. Some of us remember an evening celebration of "Christmas at the Mayor's House," when high school students, dressed as members of the Towner family, entertained and educated us about our history and Bill Boggs' choir sang. Surely some members of the Presbyterian Church will stand up and say, "This cannot be! There is another alternative to demolition or moving: we ought to sell." Prospective buyers have already expressed interest. It would be only a little corner of the block, but what it would mean as a symbol of our caring about our past would be monumental, especially along a street that had sunk so low in 1974 and now has risen so majestically. (Can't you just see an old-fashioned garden out front and along the south side?--and still plenty of room for a garth, extra parking, and lawn.)



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SALVATION ARMY OF YPSILANTI, celebrating the 100th anniversary of its existence, which we believe to be the second oldest unit in the state. Watch for further announcements about a special celebration the weekend of October 7, 8, 9!

THE YPSILANTI FOOD COOP is also celebrating a birthday, its 19th. The date is April 16th, from 11 until 3:00, and they will be serving a marvelous no-egg, non-dairy cake and organically grown coffees in a variety of blends and flavors. A non-profit organization, the Co-op carries healthful foods, recipes, and information about health and diet. Located at 312 N. River Street in Ypsilanti's Depot Town, they welcome everyone to stop by.



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THE YPSILANTI HERITAGE FESTIVAL August 19, 20, 21

SPECIAL EVENT: 17TH ANNUAL YPSILANTI HERITAGE FOUNDATION HISTORIC HOME TOUR

DATE: Sunday, August 21, 1994, Noon to 5:00 p.m.

TICKETS: Adults \$8.00 - Seniors \$7.00 - Children \$4.00

Tickets available during Festival at YHF booths:

1. on the right at the entryway to Riverside Park
2. in front of the Historical Museum, 220 N. Huron

HOMES/BUILDINGS ON TOUR

311 N. Wallace Blvd.	Karen and Bill Nickels Colonial Revival--1921
325 N. Wallace Blvd.	Barbara and Alan Saxton Georgian Revival--1910
103 S. Huron	The Parish House Inn Queen Anne--1893
125 N. Huron	The James Breakey Inn Orig. Federal Style--c. 1834 Converted to Greek Revival between 1845-1851
201 N. Huron	Haab Apartments (Ron Miller) Georgian Revival with Queen Anne influences--1883
310 E. Cross	S. Ashleigh Dietz Queen Anne--circa 1880

A portion of the proceeds from this year's tour will be donated by the Heritage Foundation to the General Demetrius Ypsilanti Sculpture Restoration Fund.

**SEE HISTORIC PRESERVATION IN PROGRESS
VISIT SOME OF YPSILANTI'S HISTORIC STRUCTURES!**

IT HAPPENED IN YPSILANTI IN 1993-94

The Heritage Foundation presents its ANNUAL GOOD NEWS ISSUE, reporting on some of the improvements that have occurred in Ypsilanti over the past year, for our own delight and that of our Festival visitors. It also allows us an opportunity to say Thank You to all of those who have helped make this a better place to live. This News issue is the Foundation's gift to everyone who cares for and about Ypsilanti. We're delighted you came to the Festival; we hope you'll

COME BACK TO YPSILANTI.

--The preceding paragraph was lifted from last year's Good News edition and probably several editions before that. I bring this up because it is impossible for me to go further in this newsletter without talking about Jack Harris' retirement. As faithful readers know, Jack was the chief writer of the Heritage News, in addition to his positions as former board president and Ypsilanti booster. He and Cliff Larkins have left Ypsilanti for Brockport, New York. Jack will be sorely missed by all, and by no one more than the readers of this newsletter who for years have enjoyed his special style of writing, conveying his interest in and enthusiasm for Ypsilanti, its people, and its buildings. While the newsletter will continue to exist, it won't be the same without Jack, and we're not even going to pretend it can. So please bear with us as we try to inform and entertain you, albeit in our own non-Jack style.

Another long-time friend, *The Ypsilanti Press*, ceased publication earlier this summer. The end came without warning, leaving us shocked and saddened and very much concerned for Press employees suddenly out of work.

We reprint the following, in part, from the August-September 1994 edition of the Central Business Community newsletter, with permission from Betty Campbell of Freeman-Bunting Insurance Company:

"Our eye is on Tony Dearing and the new *Ypsilanti Press* edition of *The Ann Arbor News*. As we devour the new edition, we are pleased with your production. In our business, we had read every word of both *The Ypsilanti Press* and *The Ann Arbor News* for many years....if you keep up the good work and strive to do better and better, we believe you can win our continuing approval. Our advice, if you want it, is to GET OUT INTO THE STREETS and talk to the real people. You might be pleasantly surprised. WE'LL BE WATCHING."

Let's hope Mr. Dearing and staff take Betty's advice to heart!



NOW FOR THE GOOD NEWS!!

FIRE DAMAGE IS BEING REPAIRED at Sioux Shelton's building on South Huron; thanks to Sioux for her dedication to her business and to downtown.

BRIGHT NEW AWNINGS have popped up (pun intended!) here and there in both Depot Town and downtown.

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY has opened a branch of its Continuing Education department in Depot Town. A spring series of lectures was well attended. What can we look forward to this fall?

The new **JAMES BREakey INN** now occupies the stately Greek Revival at 125 North Huron, formerly Chamber of Commerce offices. Gregg and Lisa Welch now offer catering, beautifully decorated spaces for meetings, receptions, etc., and very special meals by advance reservation.

YPSILANTI BED AND BREAKFASTS are ready to give out-of-town visitors a warm welcome or to offer local folks a delightful getaway: Crickett House, 1200 Washtenaw Avenue, 484-1387
Parish House Inn, 103 S. Huron, 480-4800

Speaking of the **CRICKETT HOUSE**, you may remember visiting this lovely place a couple of years ago when it was on our Historic Homes Tour, and you may know Susan Crawley as the owner. However, you may not know that Susan is also an accomplished watercolorist. One of her works, a colorful depiction of a section of Depot Town, used to hang in Old Town restaurant. Don't look for it there now; it's in your new editor's living room. However, there are many more where that came from! In addition, Susan would be happy to paint a watercolor of your home for a very reasonable price. If you're interested, or would like to see more of her work, call her at 484-1387.

SAY GOOD-BYE to the "cheese grater"! Yes, that eyesore that has covered City Hall since 1966, prompting more than one person to dub ours "the ugliest city hall in Michigan," is finally being removed. The covering, of course, is not really a cheese grater--it's aluminum and granite veneer--but it is really ugly. And it's well worth the \$225,000 that the project will cost. Unfortunately, the building can not be restored to its original state, as the interesting and unique roofline was flattened in 1940. But those who remember the building from 1940 to 1966 have an idea of what it will look like--soon, we hope. Thanks to everyone who is making this dream a reality!



NICE WORK:

A wonderful Victorian arbor has been newly installed at 213 Oak thanks to Mark Boone, his wife, and great family

At 201 Oak, the artificial siding has been removed, the front porch beautifully rebuilt, and the house freshly painted

The Queen Anne porch was rebuilt at 323 Maple by carpenter Nelson Boatwright

315 S. Washington owners, Helen and Clifton Teal, have removed the synthetic siding which was camouflaging their newly purchased house, and treated the house to a new paint job in lovely colors

Joe Lawrence has finished the transformation of what was a nondescript house at 320 S. Huron into a charming cottage

Artificial siding is coming off Eric Mauer's huge house at 501 N. Adams, revealing its Queen Anne features

GREAT NEW PAINT JOBS have appeared at:

411 N. Huron
210 S. Washington
212 S. Huron

FOR SALE:

Several houses on the historic East Side. If seriously interested in a historic house, call Jane Schmiedeke at 483-7622.

REHABS TO KNOCK YOUR EYE OUT:

309 E. Cross--Mark Namatevs and Jonnie Bryant
206 S. Huron--Joe Lawrence
601 Emmet--Joe Lawrence

NEW HOUSE NEARING COMPLETION:

315 Oak, Charlie and Kyle Achatz

THESE ARE OUR USUAL, CATCH-AS-CATCH-CAN OBSERVATIONS, made more haphazard by Jack Harris' absence. To those folks whose contribution to a better city we have failed to mention here: our apologies and our THANKS! What would we do without you--or without each other?



STREETSCAPE AND URBAN PARK PROJECT NEWS

HATED CAR WASH IS GONE! The decrepit building on North Huron was demolished to make way for a landscaped entrance to Riverside Park and some parking in preparation for the much anticipated transformation of the Masonic Temple into the Riverside Arts Center. According to the April-May edition of the Central Business Community newsletter, the Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority (DDA) has selected Harley Ellington Pierce and Yee Associates (HEPY), a full-service design firm, to develop the streetscape improvements for Downtown Ypsilanti and the Urban Park adjacent to the Masonic Temple building. In addition to their exceptional previous work, HEPY also demonstrated a knowledge of the issues facing downtown Ypsilanti and stressed a design approach which was both inclusive and respectful of the historic character of our downtown.

The Streetscape and Urban Park Projects are located in the Central Business District of Downtown Ypsilanti and are within the boundaries of a local and national historic district. The boundaries of the Streetscape Project are roughly West Michigan Avenue between Adams Street and the Huron River, the 0 to 100 block of North and South Washington Streets, and 0 to 100 block of North and South Huron Streets. The location of the Urban Park is 102 North Huron Street, site of the former J & J Car Wash.

We're sure everyone is pleased with these developments, and we look forward to observing the progress and completion of this project.

Speaking of the Masonic Temple, volunteers are needed to help paint, clean, and plan fund-raising activities. If you have time and energy to help a most worthy cause, call Barry LaRue at 482-2327.

YHF CALENDARS AGAIN AVAILABLE

The Heritage Foundation Engagement Calendar, that old standby for those who want a calendar for note-taking at a reasonable price, is available again, with sales at the Festival, the September general meeting, and later in key shops. Thanks go to the calendar committee, Lisa Walters and Bill Nickels, and to Denis Schmiedeke for his superb photographs. Don't miss it, for you, your friends (both here and away), and those special people at the office. Great for gifts for any occasion--and easy! For more information, call Lisa Walters at 485-3683.



YHF'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION A SUCCESS!

May 14th was a night to remember for the more than 100 in attendance at the Foundation's 20th Anniversary Celebration at the Huron Golf Club. While enjoying drinks and hors d'oeuvres, looking out on the scenic landscape from the Club balcony, and listening and dancing to Mike Karoub's Dixie Syncopaters, the festive crowd viewed photos, a slide show, and a video celebrating the Foundation's first twenty years.

The evening's program began with the reminiscences of several long-time Foundation members about the "Good Old/Bad Old Days." Sometimes humorous, sometimes poignant, these reflections gave those gathered a sense of our history and reminded us of the significant strides the Foundation has made since its inception in 1974.

Capping the program were presentations to honored guests **Nathalie Edmunds** and **Jane Bird Schmiedeke**. In a moving tribute to these two founding members, the Foundation recognized them for their many contributions and continuing dedication to historic preservation over the past 20 years--30 in the case of Nathalie Edmunds--to the cause of historic preservation in our community.

A benefit for the General Demetrius Ypsilanti Sculpture Restoration, the 20th Anniversary Celebration raised more than \$3,000 for the project, bringing the total raised to date to more than \$9,000.

The members of the 20th Anniversary Committee--Peg DuFresne, chair, Jonnie Bryant, Mary Ann MacDonald, Penny Schreiber, Lisa Mills Walters, Karen Nickels, Barry LaRue, and Don Randazzo--would like to thank everyone involved for making the event such a memorable evening and a successful fundraiser for a very worthy cause. Here's to another 20 years!

Ed. note: We are all indebted to Peg DuFresne for the untold hours of work she put into making the anniversary celebration the success that her preceding report indicates. Peg is also the driving force behind our wonderful home tours. The Foundation would be at a loss without her conviction, industriousness, organization, and enthusiasm.



JACK HARRIS HONORED BY STATE

Our soon-to-be-much-missed Jack Harris was recently honored with a certificate from the State of Michigan, presented to him by State Representative Kirk Profit. Following is the text of the certificate in its entirety:

"LET IT BE KNOWN, That it is a special privilege to acknowledge the exceptional career of Dr. Arthur John Harris as Professor of English at Eastern Michigan University. As he retires from this position and brings four decades of teaching to a close, we thank him for his commitment to students in Michigan and wish him to know of our gratitude for his success in bringing enlightenment and learning to countless people over the years.

"While Eastern Michigan University has been the beneficiary of Professor Harris' expertise for the past twenty-seven years, he also taught at Central Michigan University and the University of Michigan. Before that, in the 1950s, he was a high school teacher. He prepared for his career as an educator by earning a bachelor's degree from Central Michigan University and both a master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Birmingham in England.

"As a teacher of Shakespeare, Whitman, and Dickinson, Dr. Harris called upon his years of residence and study in England and his extensive travels to bring history and literature to life in his classroom. In fact, he often took the classroom on the road, making several student trips to Stratford, Ontario, and organizing three Overseas Study Programs to England.

"Jack Harris' teaching experiences also include serving as treasurer of the English Department's social fund, participating in an exchange teacher program with Nonnington College in England, serving as a student advisor, and being a member of several committees at EMU. In addition, he has been an involved citizen within the community of Ypsilanti, serving as president of the Ypsilanti Heritage Foundation and as editor of its newsletter, the Heritage News. Clearly, he has made a major impact upon students' lives and has contributed immensely to the quality of life in Michigan.

"IN SPECIAL TRIBUTE, Therefore, This document is signed and dedicated to honor and commend Professor Arthur John Harris upon the occasion of his retirement from Eastern Michigan University. May he know of our admiration and warmest wishes for continued health and happiness in the next phase of his productive life."

Thanks, Kirk, for your words in honor of Jack. We couldn't have said it better ourselves.



AN UNSOLVED MYSTERY IN YPSILANTI

Over the years, the city of Ypsilanti has lost much of its architectural heritage, either through accident or neglect. In most cases the reason for the loss is known. However, the loss of one item of Ypsilanti heritage is something of a mystery. There is today no record of what became of the Starkweather Memorial Fountain.

Mary Ann Starkweather was from the prominent Newberry family. Her father, Elihu Newberry, was a merchant and farmer, and her brother John a famous Michigan Congressman. John and Mary Ann Starkweather were married in 1839 and moved to a farm near Ypsilanti. Mr. Starkweather did well in the local real estate market, and they moved into the Italianate house at 103 North Huron in 1875. It was here that John Starkweather died in 1883.

Mrs. Starkweather, who had no children, used her inheritance from her uncle John Newberry, the Chicago entrepreneur and philanthropist, to make numerous financial contributions to charities and churches. She presented the Ypsilanti community five major gifts: the drinking fountain, Starkweather Hall at EMU, Starkweather Memorial Chapel and the Soldiers Monument, both at Highland Cemetery, and her North Huron home, given in 1890 to the Ladies Library Association.

The fountain stood next to the Ypsilanti Savings Bank building, present day City Hall, on what is now the right turn lane on South Huron Street. According to the November 14, 1889, edition of *The Ypsilantian*, "The beautiful drinking fountain given to the city by Mrs. Starkweather has been put in place this week....The connection with the water main will be made to-day, which will complete the work. The fountain is a bronze structure resting upon granite foundation...." The article describes drinking bowls for horses upon its south and north faces; higher and smaller bowls with cups, obviously for people, on the east and west faces; and at the bottom, still smaller bowls for dogs. The article continues: "The bowls are fed by streams issuing from the mouths of griffin heads. A square die above bears the inscription, 'PRESENTED TO THE CITY OF YPSILANTI BY MRS. MARY ANN STARKWEATHER 1889.' The die is surmounted by a graceful female figure, about five feet high. The work was executed by J. L. Mott of New York, and cost \$750.

"This is a splendid gift, and will be in all future years a beautiful ornament to our beautiful city, and an honorable monument to the humanity and public spirit of the donor."



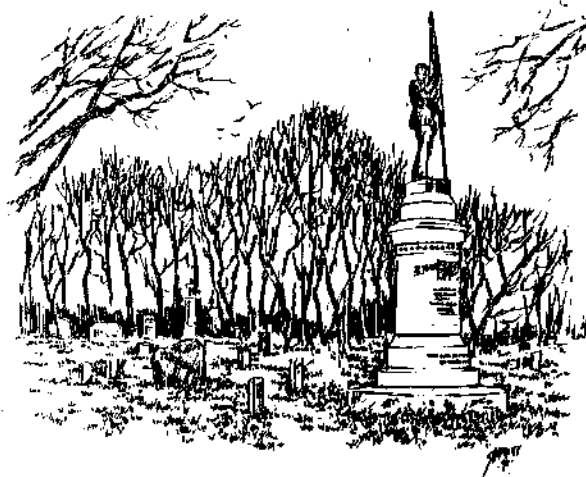
The April 7, 1932, edition of the *Ypsilanti Daily Press* reported that the fountain had been dismantled and was "being stored in the barns at city hall." It was to remain there until plans were completed for erecting it in a park behind the Ladies Library, in the middle of a lily pond in a sunken garden. These plans never came to pass, and the fountain has disappeared.

There has been much speculation and many rumors concerning what became of the fountain. A newspaper clipping in the city archives reports, "Foster Fletcher...believes it was used in Tourist Park on Catherine Street until the 1930s when it was probably junked." On what Mr. Fletcher based this opinion is not reported.

It may have been turned into scrap metal as part of the patriotic effort during World War II. Suspicion once fell on a city parks commissioner who was suspected of selling the fountain and other city-owned items for his own profit, but nothing was ever proven. Another story says the dismantled fountain was dumped in the Huron River. Should this be so, the fountain may still exist, buried under a protective layer of mud.

It is possible that the fountain is crated up and locked away in some forgotten storage room, under layers of dust and debris. Perhaps one day soon someone will clear away the debris and sweep away the dust to find the fountain and restore her to her rightful place. At least we can hope.

Ed. note--The preceding information was adapted from an article written by Heritage Foundation member James Mann. Our thanks to him for his interest and extensive research.



**UPCOMING GENERAL MEETINGS FOR 1994-95
(You won't want to miss these!)**

Although the dates and locations aren't finalized yet, we've locked in two speakers and programs for the 1994-95 season general meetings:

Gregory Ryl, President of CASO-IMPEX, the firm chosen to restore the General Demetrius Ypsilanti sculpture, will speak on the restoration project. CASO-IMPEX, located in Southfield, is widely respected by art historians, curators, and other specialists for its superior restorations of artistic and historic stone objects. Greg's presentation will highlight the many projects his firm has completed, both in Europe and the United States, during 15 years in the field. He will also talk about the current state of our sculpture and CASO-IMPEX's master plan for the restoration.

Members of the Demetrius Ypsilanti Sculpture Commission (DYSC) have already had the opportunity to see this very exciting slide presentation and urge all members, as well as the general public, to attend this meeting to learn more about the plans to save this community landmark.

Another tentatively scheduled meeting program promises to be unlike any other we've ever had. We thought we'd combine two of our favorite topics, preservation and food, and talk about the preservation of time-honored, traditional methods of food preparation, in today's world of mass-produced, machine-made food.

Ari Weinzweig, Managing Partner of Zingerman's Delicatessen, will talk about the history of cheese in the Midwest and the development and growth of some local cheese makers who are going back to the traditional ways. An engaging speaker, teacher, and lover of good food, Ari speaks regularly to groups about all kinds of foods and their history, and this should be an entertaining evening. (We can't promise anything, but there may even be a tasting, so don't miss this meeting!)

Check future issues of Heritage News for more details on dates, locations, and still more speakers and programs for the 1994-95 season.



HEARTFELT THANKS FOR THESE BLOSSOMY DISPLAYS:

the bright ribbon of purple and yellow flowers (Ypsi High colors!) at curbside in front of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church on West Cross at Hamilton

the dazzling red and white petunias on the North River Street boulevard at North Street

the annual appearance of gorgeous flowers at Doug Winters' wonderful house at 619 E. Forest

the dozens of trees in new varieties planted last fall on the EMU campus

the white blooming crab apples planted at streetside by the city of Ypsilanti

the colorful perennials at the intersections of Wallace Boulevard planted and tended by the Normal Park Neighborhood Association

the wonderful rose garden, courtesy of John Elliott, at the corner of Wallace and Westmoorland, between the Saxton and Nickels homes--notice it on tour

AND SPECIAL THANKS FOR:

the delightful Peter Rabbit garden on Cross Street in Depot Town, created by Farmers' Market manager Gary Urick--can we look forward to it EVERY year? PLEASE?

AND TO EVERYONE WHO PLANTED FLOWERS IN LITTLE NOOKS AND CRANNIES ALL OVER TOWN, MANY THANKS!

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THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO WATER AND SWEEP, PICK UP AND PLANT, KEEPING YPSILANTI A PLEASANT PLACE TO LIVE! THANKS ALSO TO OUR POLICE FORCE, FIRE FIGHTERS, OUR BUILDING INSPECTORS, OUR CITY MANAGER, CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS, AND ALL THOSE WHO HAVE WORKED FOR YPSILANTI.

MEMBERSHIP IN THE FOUNDATION

REMEMBER: dues are due in October. If you are a dues paying member now, you should be receiving your billing soon. If you would like to join the Foundation, send your check, payable to the Ypsilanti Heritage Foundation, to Lisa Mills Walters, Treasurer, 102 N. Wallace Blvd., Ypsilanti, MI 48197. Individuals: \$10; Family: \$15; Contributing: \$25; Sustaining: \$100; Life: \$1000.

HELP MAKE HISTORY!

THIS ISSUE OF HERITAGE NEWS IS DEDICATED TO JACK HARRIS, IN APPRECIATION FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE TO BOTH THE YPSILANTI HERITAGE FOUNDATION AND EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY; HIS COMMITMENT TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION IN YPSILANTI AND ELSEWHERE; AND HIS GENEROSITY, LOYALTY, AND FRIENDSHIP.



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September 1994

Ypsilanti, MI

MEETING: Tuesday, September 27, 1994--7:30 pm

LOCATION: The James Breakey Inn
125 N. Huron
(Park in the nearby Oscar Haab Health Services
Building lot, 111 N. Huron)

**PROGRAM: "Three Preservation Projects: Uniontown, PA; Dundee, MI;
and Cherry Hill/Canton Twp., MI"**

**SPEAKER: Norman Tyler, Historic Preservation Architect and Planner,
Educator and Author**

If the name Norman Tyler seems familiar to you, it's probably because our September speaker and his new book, "Issues of Historic Preservation," were the subjects of an article in the August 7th edition of the Ann Arbor News. But what the article didn't tell you is that, in addition to being an author and illustrator, Dr. Tyler has been involved with historic preservation, in many different roles, for more than 15 years.

In Pennsylvania, he served as a planning consultant for the Main Street Program, sponsored by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. He has prepared nominations for a number of historic districts, has prepared documentation drawings for historic structures, and was officially designated an architectural historian in Michigan. He was also producer of a two-part video, "Architectural Styles in Michigan," funded with a state grant. For many years he was a commissioner with the Ann Arbor Historic District Commission and is still active on its various committees.

Dr. Tyler regularly teaches courses in Historic Preservation at Eastern Michigan University and is also coordinator of the school's undergraduate Urban and Regional Planning Program. He is continuing with a research project begun in 1985, "Evaluating the Health of Downtowns in Michigan," which looks at the impact of revitalization efforts in smaller cities.

As an architect, he has worked on the restoration and adaptive reuse of many older buildings, and he has worked in conjunction with his wife, Ilene, a restoration architect now with Quinn/Evans Architects.

For our first program of the 1994-95 series of general meetings, Dr. Tyler will present three case studies which explore issues of downtown versus rural preservation. Copies of his book will also be available for sale.

**Everyone Welcome! Membership Not Required! Bring A Friend!
And As Always, Refreshments WILL Be Served.**



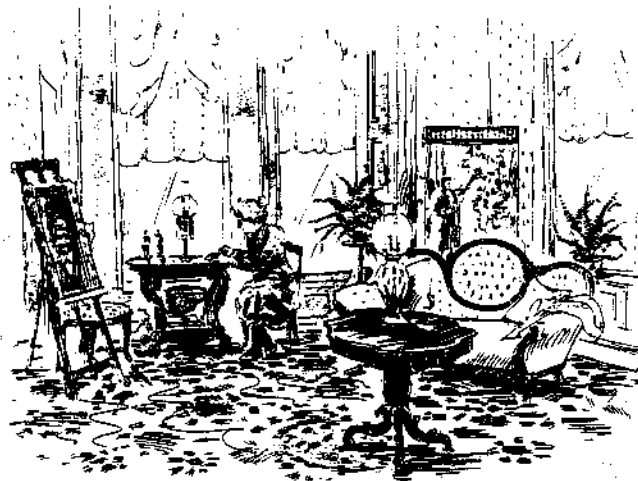
1995 CALENDARS ON SALE!

While the 1994 Home Tour broke records, calendar sales at the Heritage Festival were woefully light! This year the calendar committee, Bill Nickels and Lisa Walters, solicited sponsors for each page in order to cut costs. Many generous individuals, businesses, and organizations came forward to sponsor the month of their choice and keep our calendar afloat. A heart-felt thank you to all of them.

Now it's up to you, Ypsilanti Heritage Foundation members. Show your community spirit and commitment to preservation by buying one calendar to keep and one to give to a friend/relative/former Ypsilantian. (In fact, savvy shoppers might want to buy one to keep in pristine condition in their personal "archives"; they're bound to increase in value and turn up at antique/ephemera shows in the not-too-distant future!) If we could count on each member to buy two calendars, still at the amazingly low price of \$5 each, we'd sell out in no time.

This year's calendar features, as always, stunning photographs by the Foundation's own "genius-behind-the-camera," Denis Schmiedeke. The cover depicts the bust of General Demetrius Ypsilanti and features information about both him and the sculpture. A dozen homes and local buildings are featured inside; perhaps yours is one of them.

Please help support the foundation with your calendar purchase. Calendars will be available at the general meeting and will also be delivered free in Ypsilanti by calling Lisa Walters at 485-3683.





1994 HISTORIC HOME TOUR A SELL-OUT!

In case you haven't yet heard, this year's **Historic Home Tour**, held on August 21st, was a sell-out (giving our ticket chairs, Lisa and Eric Walters, some frantic moments as they scrambled to create impromptu tickets to meet the overwhelming demand!) More than 700 tickets were sold, and with guides and complimentary tickets added in, well over 900 people went on tour.

This tremendous response was due, in great part, to our stepped-up publicity efforts, particularly the wonderful front page article in the Homes and Real Estate section of The Detroit Free Press, which appeared the Sunday before tour. Many thanks to Judy Rose, Free Press Homes Editor!

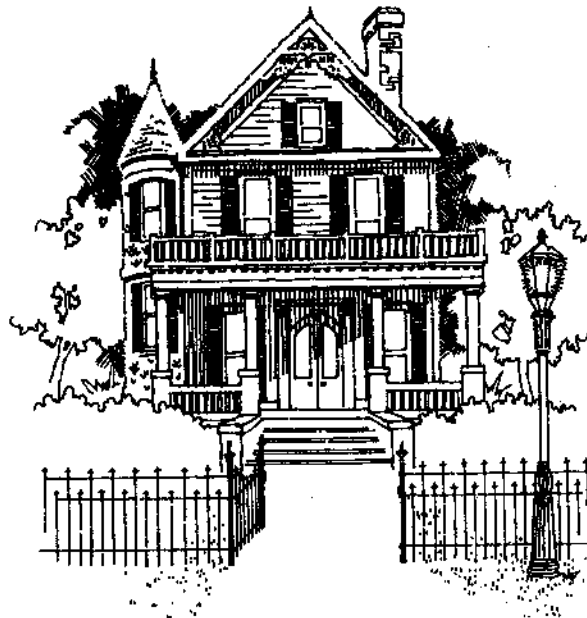
On behalf of the 1994 Home Tour Committee, I would like to thank our home and building owners for graciously making their properties available: Bill and Karen Nickels, 311 N. Wallace; Barbara and Alan Saxton, 325 N. Wallace; Louis and Jane Rome, owners, and Chris Bozeman, innkeeper, the Parish House Inn, 103 S. Huron; Oscar and Kaye Haab, owners, and Greg and Lisa Welch, managers, the James Breakey Inn, 125 N. Huron; Ron Miller, Haab Apartments, 210 N. Huron; and Ashleigh Deitz, 310 E. Cross.

Space constraints won't allow me to mention everyone by name, but we would also like to thank our brochure sponsors and patrons, our advance ticket sales locations, the many businesses and suppliers who contributed to the promotion and planning of the tour, the Ypsilanti Heritage Festival Committee, and, of course, our many volunteer guides.

As our major fund raising event, Home Tour supports Foundation activities throughout the year. The great success of this year's tour assures that continued support and should enable us to make a sizable donation to the General Demetrius Ypsilanti Sculpture Restoration Project.

We are grateful for the generous support Home Tour receives each year from throughout the community. Again, thanks to you all!

Peg Du Fresne
Chair, 1994 Historic Home Tour Committee



CONTRIBUTORS/INFORMANTS NEEDED!

If you're driving in your car and you see important news happening, you can press *7 on your cellular phone and inform Channel 7. But if important preservation news is going on in your neighborhood, you don't need a cellular phone; call Lisa Walters anytime at 485-3683 or drop her a line so she can include the information in the next newsletter.

We're not sure how Jack Harris managed to find the time to get so much news from so many areas of town, but we *are* sure that we can't. At least, we can't do it alone. If you'd like to contribute any articles to the newsletter, whether they be about an impressive renovation in your neighborhood, a pertinent upcoming lecture in the area, or an interesting bit of Ypsilanti history you stumbled across, mail it to (or drop it off at) 102 N. Wallace Blvd.

We need your input!



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NOVEMBER 1994

Ypsilanti, MI

- MEETING:** Wednesday, November 16, 1994--7:30
- LOCATION:** The First Methodist Church
The Meeting Room (downstairs)
209 Washtenaw Avenue
- PROGRAM:** "The Restoration of the General Demetrius
Ypsilanti Sculpture"
- SPEAKER:** Gregory Ryl, President
CASO-IMPEX, Southfield, MI

As one of the community groups involved in the restoration of the General Demetrius Ypsilanti Sculpture, we are pleased to have Greg Ryl, President of Conservation of Artistic Stone Objects, Inc. (CASO-IMPEX), as our November speaker. As you may know, CASO-IMPEX has been chosen by the Demetrius Ypsilanti Sculpture Commission (DYSC) to restore our sculpture.

Greg, a native of Poland now living in Michigan, was educated at the Academy of Art in Warsaw, graduating from a five-year program in artistic and historic preservation. He and his colleagues, skilled European conservationists trained in the restoration of art, especially stone structures and statues, have a very impressive portfolio of restoration projects, spanning more than 15 years.

In Europe, CASO-IMPEX has restored numerous monuments, sculptures, and other stone objects, some dating from as early as the 16th Century. Closer to home, the firm's projects include historic monuments in Chicago's Graceland Cemetery, the James Scott Fountain on Belle Isle, several objects at the Cranbrook House and Gardens in Bloomfield Hills, and the restoration of the 19th Century Penelope Sculpture for the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Greg's November 16th talk includes an overview of past CASO-IMPEX projects, with before-and-after slides, and a report on the current state of our sculpture and CASO-IMPEX's master plan for its restoration. We encourage you to attend on November 16th to learn more about the exciting plans to save this community landmark.

Come and be entertained and informed. Everyone welcome!
Membership not required! Refreshments will be served!

THE STARKWEATHER CHAPEL

During the past 20 years, the Starkweather Chapel at Historic Highland Cemetery deteriorated to the point that its use as a Cemetery Chapel ceased. Since 1989 and the organization of a Friends group, monies have been raised for an architectural survey by Mr. Frank W. Enneking, A.I.A., in consultation with Mr. Robert O. Christensen, National Register Coordinator, Bureau of History Michigan, Michigan Department of State.

Mr. Enneking has determined that the Chapel is structurally sound and the stonework in excellent condition. He has drawn plans for the restoration which include a new roof and interior work. The original hardwood wainscoting, pews, chairs, and pulpit area will be cleaned, a false wall and fireplace removed, the Tower, stairs, and floor secured, a heating system installed, and a handicapped-accessible washroom installed in the former holding room at the rear of the building. Restoration of the Tiffany Stained Glass and the development of the grounds around the Chapel for occasional seating, as well as for the interment of cremains, is also part of the overall restoration plan. Restoring the Chapel as a Cemetery Chapel which can be used for small public meetings, weddings, and as a visitors' center will return Starkweather to valued community use for another century.

Costs for the restoration of Starkweather Chapel have been estimated at \$100,000. Because the Chapel is a pivotal building in a facility used by the general public and will continue to be so in the future, the Friends of Historic Highland Cemetery expect to invite contributions of labor and materials from the skilled trades of Washtenaw County as well as patrons from industry and community organizations in order to successfully complete this project. A project supervisor will work with the architect and the Trustees of the Cemetery in insuring professional results. A Steering Committee for the Chapel Restoration Project and Fund-Raising, chaired by the Reverend Jasper Green Pennington (483-4253; 483-8789) and Mrs. Donald (Nancie) Loppnow (485-4384) will hold its first meeting on Saturday, November 5, at 10:00 a.m. at the Chapel.

Ed. note: Thanks to YHF member Nancie Loppnow for providing the preceding information.





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NEWS STORIES FROM THE PAST

The following article is reprinted in its entirety from the November 10, 1893, edition of the *Ypsilanti Commercial*.

"The New Curtis Block Is an Improvement on the Old One."

"In 1868, Mr. Henry M. Curtis built a two-story store on the corner of Congress and Adams streets, and in 1872 he added two others, making the block that has served ever since for his carriage manufactory, and has been a familiar landmark in the city for about a quarter of a century.

"Last April, when the tornado wrought its havoc here, the Curtis block suffered almost complete destruction. The upper story was swept off, and the walls of the lower story so shattered that they had to be rebuilt from the ground on the front, and nearly so in rear and on the west end. All who saw it at that time will long remember the striking picture it presented on the morning after that disastrous night--slender buggies standing exposed on the upper floor, with roof and walls swept away.

"Mr. Curtis went to work with splendid courage to repair the ruin, and the handsome block shown above is the result. The exterior is completed and painted white, and makes a very attractive appearance. The glass fronts are very fine. The building contains three stores on the ground floor, and is to be finished above in four dwellings, three on Congress and one on Adams, unless it shall be sooner rented for the new Social Club, of which there is some prospect.

"The original block, 66 x 75 feet, cost \$5,000, and the new one of the same size represents an equal expenditure."

Proof that Ypsilanti has long held an interest in preserving its historic structures; let's keep it that way!

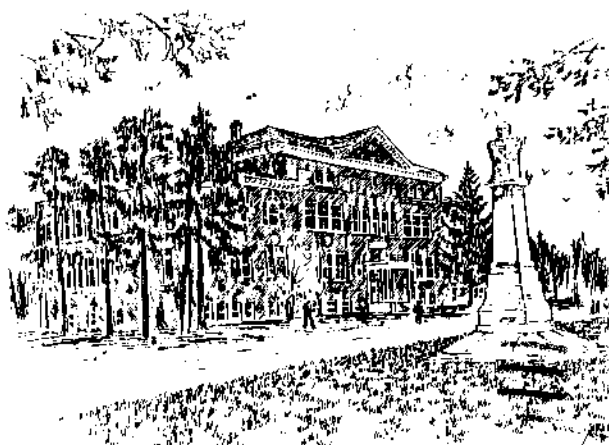
Ed. note: Thanks to YHF member James Mann for providing us with copies of the *Ypsilanti Commercial*. We look forward to more interesting news stories from Ypsilanti's past.

YHF CALENDARS STILL AVAILABLE

Don't forget: the 1995 Heritage Foundation Engagement Calendar is still available. It is a great holiday gift for anyone and a bargain at only \$5! Pick yours up at the general meeting or call Lisa Walters at 485-3683 for free home delivery within the city limits.

YHF MAKES DONATION TO SCULPTURE RESTORATION EFFORT

At its October meeting, the Board of Directors of the Heritage Foundation approved the donation of \$1000 to the Demetrius Ypsilanti Sculpture Restoration Fund. This donation represents a portion of the proceeds from this year's successful Historic Home Tour. Look for a more detailed report on the progress of fund-raising efforts in our January newsletter.



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