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The arand weekend approaches It's the 41st annual Tour and the only weekend of the year that you get inside 8 private homes of people you don't even know. Join the Tour procession and invite everyone to follow your lead because it is our biggest fundraiser and promotion of our neighborhood.

Need more enticement for you and your out-of-towners and/or your next-door neighbors? Get in on the art conversation as you stroll the Tour route and see the numerous Heritage Hill artprize venues; refresh at the North College Food Café with its infamous Dutch soup, veggie burgers and mouth watering brats; when your feet tire, lounge at the corner bakeries, pizzerias, or stop at more neighborhood food booths; then hop on the free Spectrum Health shuttle buses and keep Touring. Make the weekend a total Heritage Hill experience and you too will get a greater appreciation of your neighborhood.

There is another way to support the Association and get a FREE ticket to Tour. We need volunteer guides right up to the days of Tour to cover any cancellations. Please call today, 459-8950, or email heritage@ heritagehillweb.org) and help Tour work smoothly with an easy 4 hour shift.

Many, many dedicated volunteers, committee members, hosts, house captains, and the Heritage Hill Association Staff collaborate to make Tour Weekend possible. A core group has spent much of the year planning and orchestrating Tour. We sincerely thank each of you for all you have given!

A big group hug to the:

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Big thanks to Tina Demling for her bunches of mums and tulips for planting at Foster Park. She has the fall and spring covered. A great gardening tip she passed along - when planting tulips this fall, plant a plastic fork or knife in the hole. This way you can see where you planted those tulips and won't inadvertently dig them up when planting in the spring. Or in my case planting more tulips later this fall!

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See you on the streets for Tour!!!!

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The call is out for candidates to seek election to the HHA Board. Five seats are open for the annual election that takes place at the Holiday Potluck and Annual Meeting on December 3, 2010. (*Save that date on your calendar*). The Board terms are for 3 years that begin on January 1, 2011 and end December 31, 2013.

The absolute deadline for submitting your candidacy is.

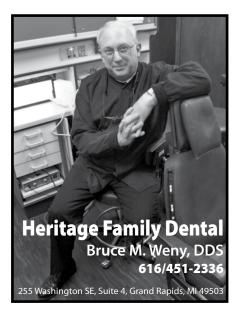
November 2, 2010. The slate will appear along with a brief statement from each candidate in the November/December Herald. (The HHA Bylaws state that Board candidates need to submit their candidacy to the office 30 days before the annual meeting.)

To serve, Board members must be residents of the Heritage Hill neighborhood or be paid non resident members. It is also helpful to have been somewhat active in Association activities, committees or neighborhood block clubs, but this is not a requirement to serve on the Board.

The duties of Association Board members include:

- Monthly Board Meetings the third Wednesday of the month approximately 2 hours long - 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm.
- Chairing or active participation on a HHA committee - monthly or quarterly meetings. Some committees such as Tour demand more of a time commitment.
- Attendance at HHA sponsored events

 i.e. Tour, fund-raising, and social
 events.
- Actively representing your neighbors to the Board.



• Actively representing the Board to your neighbors.

The Board wants and needs active leadership in the organization and representation from the entire neighborhood.

If that's not enough, there are treats at all meetings! If you or someone you know wants to serve (please obtain their permission), please call the Association office at 459-8950 or email to heritage@heritagehillweb.org.

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Neighborhood

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Wilting Street Trees: As you drive around the neighborhood check out the newer trees that the city planted in the last few years. Many are suffering a slow death most likely due to a lack of regular watering. Some even have the Tree Gator bags but the bags are dry. If you have a new tree (or struggling tree) in your parkway please set the sprinkler out for a few hours weekly or fill the bag weekly. I have seen suffering trees come back to life with consistent watering.

Sharing the Streets: As more and more people ride bikes I have become more conscious of their safety and my driving. I am have decided that if there is a bike rider ahead and no room to drive safety around the bike I slow down and follow

until it is safe. This took some conscious decision-making because for so long I have taken for granted that we drivers own the road. I had a near miss that really scared me and made me angry at the biker: Stopped at Lake Drive and Fuller I was about to make a right turn when a biker whizzed by on the right. I hit the brakes and no harm was done. I never saw him coming and now check my side view mirror but this still freaks me out. I will follow the rules but bikers should too so we can depend on each other to safely share the streets. PS: I never honk at bikers and appreciate their contribution to the environment!

Burglars Arrested: Three young men

were breaking into a house in the Hill at the end of August when they looked up and saw a neighbor with a phone. Though they attempted to flee the area Grand Rapids Police Sgt. Dave Novakowski and officers Tom Gootjes, Mike LaFave responded and arrested the suspects. Judge Michael Christensen granted the request of HHA on behalf of the owner that the suspect be banned from being closer than four blocks to the addresses of the crime. While out on bond the suspect is on a very early curfew and monitored for drug and alcohol use.

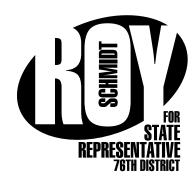
State Street: Thanks a million to the **Calvin Freshmen/women** who dug right in and ripped out the Day Lilies that were strangling our State Street trees on September 2. Three of the six trees were near death and we hope we have recued them in time!

Thanks to Steve Krogman at the Parks and his crew members Mike and Dan. These are our Go-To guys when we need help with little Foster Park. Since we "adopted" Foster Park volunteers and staff have worked with these three city staffers on cleaning, lighting, weed, mowing the park. We got bark for the park; the park's historic lights are on again, a mountain of yard waste was carried away after Heritage Hill volunteers weeded the flower beds in August. Thanks again to Jim Payne, An Hile, Mark Hutchinson, and Mindy Bryant for their hard work. Flower Power: Another thank you and hugs to Prospect SE neighbor Tina Demling for the beautiful rose-colored mums and tulip bulbs she contributed to Foster Park.

Washington Street Activity: Neighbors have a block meeting set for Wednesday, September 22 at 6:30 p.m. We have requested our Community Officer attend to talk with neighbors and answer questions. The goal of the meeting is for neighbors including tenants and owners on the block to meet and get to know each other and keep the block safer and friendly for those who live there. Can't do that unless you meet and chat. Congratulations to Washington Block Rep Alex Brameister, who is entering the police academy soon and has already completed the Citizen's Police Academy Training.

Lafayette NE Neighbors: Neighbors hosted a Dessert Potluck picnic for September 19 from 2 to 4 p.m. An officer was

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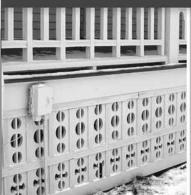
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The 2010 Heritage Hill Weekend Tour of Homes We Can't Do It Without You

350 Volunteer Guides are needed for the **Heritage Hill Weekend Tour of Homes on October 2 and 3, 2010**. Guides are stationed in a room of one of the historic homes open for Tour and provide information and/or directions to our tourists. Shifts are 3 ½ or 4 hours long and you will receive a FREE Tour ticket to visit all the houses on Tour. Return Volunteer? Ask to be promoted or to join next Year's Home Tour Committee!

Home Tour Shifts:

Saturday, October 2: 10:30 to 2:30 and 2:00 to 5:30 **Sunday, October 3**: 11:30 to 3:30 and 3:00 to 6:30

PLEASE Email herritage@herritagehillweb.org or CALL THE HHA OFFICE 459-8950 WITH YOUR PREFERRED DAY AND SHIFT

Office hours are 9-5; an answering machine is available for after hours messages

It's Cool to Volunteer

Neiqhborhood Potpo \cup rri (Cont'd from page 5)

invited to stop and talk with neighbors. Door prizes and music are planned for their first gathering. As always, anyone living on the 100 block of Lafayette NE (between Fountain and Lyon) was invited. Check next issue for an update. You never know what can happen when **Ron Hoort** goes to a block event!

Vehicle Break-ins: Thieves have been looking into cars for phones, laptops, book bags, iPods and cash. Take with you. GPS units are especially popular with thieves

Recycle Carts dot the landscape: Callers ask us to remind neighbors to pull the new recycle carts back to a storage spot at the rear or side of your home or building. The city code does not allow storage of any trash or recycle carts/barrels in front of a property or on front porches.

Street Pole Litter: Thank you to whomever keeps the visual landscape of the neighborhood more pleasing by removing the posters that are glued, stapled and taped to the historic poles and wood poles. (Check out the corner of College and Wealthy to see the mess created by the glue and tape.) Your efforts are appreciated.

Light Up the Night this Winter: The **FREE CFL Light bulbs** are going fast. We have given away more than 300 bulbs to neighbors. Stop by the office at 126 College SE (rear parking lot of WOOD TV). The free bulbs are a project of the

West Michigan Environmental Action Council that asked us to partner with them to distribute them. The bulbs last a long time, and have less mercury in them. The Heritage Hill Association office is a recycle station for the old CFL bulbs.

Cherry & College Street Corner Garden Needs Help! Like so many tiny city street

corners with the "bulb-outs" this tiny garden has become overwhelmed with explosions of flowering plants and weeds. Feel free to stop by at your convenience and weed-away. Please bag the weeds for city pick-up. Thanks and bless your heart!

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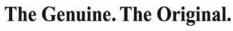
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Another "Best Ever" Fall Tour

by Tom Truesdale

The 2010 version of the Heritage Hill Weekend Tour of Homes takes place October 2nd and 3rd and offers not only a stunning climax to our run of annual fall tours, but includes a glorious variety of homes guaranteed to whet one's whistle for the soon-to-follow (and 1st in nearly 35 years) spring tour in May 2011.

Three homes north of Fulton and five homes south of Fulton will open their doors this year to everyone from the connoisseur to the casual tour goer and all the curious in between.

As always, we welcome you, your friends and families to join us for another in a long line of "Best Ever" tours of the neighborhood we call home.

Following is a short run-down of the homes and institutions on this year's tour. Coupled with even more ArtPrize venues this year, you're going to love what you find in Heritage Hill!



216 PROSPECT NE Hosts: Lindsay Ellis & Steve Tenelshof

This Prairie-influenced house was built about 1920 and appears to be one of two homes on this year's tour built on a lot first occupied by an earlier home. The original owner ran a lumber company which is richly evident as you tour this lovely home. The current owners have done the house well, complementing the home with furnishings and custom wood-working, most in a Mission-style befitting the home's character.



511 FOUNTAIN NE Hosts: Mayra Fortes & Brian Devo

Living here not much more than a year, this young couple have given this proud home a total interior makeover. The care of previous owners is also very evident in this immaculate brick home, built in 1913. Another Prairie-influenced design, the current owners have highlighted the home's attributes with Mission-style furnishings and accents.

One of the home's long-tenured owners, Engelbert and Lelah Vogt (he of Knape & Vogt Manufacturing) left their mark with a front foyer closet that still employs Knape & Vogt's signature hanging rod which pulls out for easier access to coats and clothes.

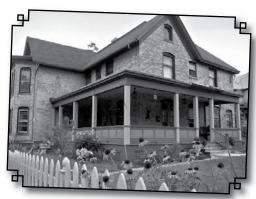


508 FOUNTAIN NE Host: Joe Krzeminski

As was the case of 216 Prospect NE, another home once stood on a 150-foot-square lot where this house, and the three adjoining homes facing College

Ave., currently stand. The original 1882 structure disappeared from the city directory after 1912, apparently lost to fire or razed. The current house was built about 1929 in a style which was particularly fashionable during the 20s and 30s, when it was referred to as the "Stockbroker Tudor" due to its popularity in upper-class suburban areas.

Our host brings to this home an eclectic mix of furnishings and decoration befitting his life as a lighting director and rigger for numerous musical acts and rock bands. It's a Dead-Head's dream!



317 & 323 CHERRY SE Hosts: Deb Zondervan (owner) and Heather Williams

This house dates back to the early 1880s and was owned by Charles C. Rood. Mr. Rood actually owned the entire block this house sits on. He did not live here, and eventually sold it to his renter, Ernest B. Fisher and his wife, about 1901. Mr. Fisher was active with several companies, including The G.R. Eagle newspaper and Citizens Telephone Co. In 1894 he was both the Mayor of Grand Rapids and the President of the Board of Education. After his death, his wife stayed on until about 1940, a 58year occupancy. Shortly after, the house was converted into the "Fisher Manor Apartments," and over the years has housed as many as 9 apartments at various times. The building currently has six apartments and two will be open for this year's tour.

Advance tickets for the 2010 Heritage Hill Annual Weekend Tour of Homes are \$15.00 and available through Friday, October 1st at the Heritage Hill Association office, all Grand Rapids-area Family Fare stores, D&W Fresh Markets, Lake Michigan Credit Unions, Martha's Vineyard and The Wealthy Street Bakery.

Advance tickets are also available online: www.heritagehillweb.org. On the weekend of Tour, tickets are \$18 and available only at the Grand Rapids Community College - DeVos Campus, 415 E. Fulton.

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226 COLLEGE SE Hosts: Greg McNeilly & Doug Meeks

This Craftsman-style house was built in 1891 for Philip Klingman, head of Klingman's furniture companies and active in one of the early furniture exposition centers. His 14-year stay in this home was one of the shorter tenures of its nearly 120-year existence. The newest owners are only the fourth owners, following a nearly 58-year tenure by the previous family.

Our hosts for this tour were kind enough to give us a sneak preview of their "work-in-progress," as they bring this magnificent home back to its bygone glory. Tour-goers will marvel at the largely untouched trim and woodwork, and massive rooms - including a 3rd-floor ballroom - this house has to offer.



244 PROSPECT SE Hosts: Judy Jorgenson (owner) and Hannah & Jeremy Monsma

This house and its neighbor to the south were probably built around 1880, and appear to have been built as rentals. Early tenant names are not known until at least

1912, when a street index first appeared in the City Directory.

These small houses appeared to be occupied by working-class folks. This house as well as the rest of the Prospect block from Cherry to Wealthy has evolved as a neighborhood project since about 1995 when the rapid rate of deterioration threatened the entire block. Many of the Madison Ave. homeowners, just one block to the east, purchased a majority of the Prospect block and started the street on its proverbial road to recovery as you can see from the state of the houses today.



505 COLLEGE SE Hosts: Anne & Tom Logan

The David and Hattie Amberg House was contracted to Frank Lloyd Wright in 1909, although much of the work was carried through by his associate, Marion Mahony. The Amberg house is typical of Wright prairie-style houses with the low-pitched roof, grouping of windows in horizontal strips, the open flow of interior space arranged along the two long axes, and the relationship of the inside and outside spaces.

Having this home on tour every four or five years affords the people of this neighborhood a chance to remind visitors that this home is actually the birthplace of the Heritage Hill Association, thanks to the determination and foresightedness of the previous owners and a few of their neighbors. The groundwork for the creation of our historic district and a halt to the encroachment of surrounding development was hatched within these walls.



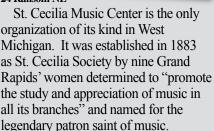
511 MORRIS SE Host: Andrew Knauf

Built in 1925, architect Lee Black of Lansing presents us with what has been called a modern version of a Jacobethan English country house. Being built during the Prohibition years, the basement is equipped with a lockable "bootleg" closet.

The home has stood vacant a couple of times in its existence, once for about a year, but that sad history will not be repeated as you'll see from the exquisite shape the house is in today. The current owner - although not living in the home - has totally rehabbed it, preparing it for its next

new owner.





Its home, built in 1894 for the sole purpose of promoting music education, study and appreciation, and housing Royce Auditorium, has been a community treasure to West Michigan ever since.

While on tour this year, be sure to check out the ArtPrize competition. There are 10 venues within the neighborhood and more than a dozen more within easy walking distance.

LOOK FOR MANY OF THE LOCATIONS ON THE TOUR MAP IN THE 2010 TOUR BOOKLET.



Remember Heritage Hill **Property Owners:**

There is a City Preservation Ordinance that governs all exterior changes. repairs and/or additions to Heritage Hill properties. Call the Grand Rapids Historic Preservation Commission at 456-3451 for information on approvals. You can access the application form at the City's website. www.ci.grand-rapids.mi.us at the Planning Department section or at the Heritage Hill Association's www.heritagehillweb.org. This ordinance applies to <u>all</u> exterior changes, repairs, and/or additions to your home and property. Items such as doors and windows including storms, yard structures, driveway and sidewalk approaches, and fences do need HPC approvals.

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24th Annual Picnic

Thanks so much for all the wonderful help with our 24th Annual Night Out Picnic We had Mike Sak, Jim Talen, Mark VanAllsburg and George Pattock on the grill! Tom and Carol Postma, Vicki Hudson, Deb Bryker, Tom Czerwinski, Cheook Chen and Friends, Margaret Farratell, and Larry and Nancy Beckwith on set up, cleaned up, lemonade, kid's fun; and with Jackie Taylor on the door prizes. Thank you the Beijing Kitchen for their donation of Sesame Chicken and to GRPD Pizza for their Pizza Chrunchy's! Great neighbors bring great success!



- was serious about cooling off!
- · Sue Lee offers Sesame Chicken from Beijing Kitchen
- Capt. Rebecca Wittman, Capt. Carrier, Officer Kristen Gibbons and friends
- Mike Raymond brings Pizza Cruchy's from GRPD Pizza
- Two really cute girls
- Three cute guys
- Big Tree, little park, comfy chair for Charles Black

Board Notes

Discussion at the August, 2010 Heritage Hill Association Board Meetina included:

that HHA's financial picture is pretty good for this time of the year; Garden

Treasurer's Report: Tom C. reported





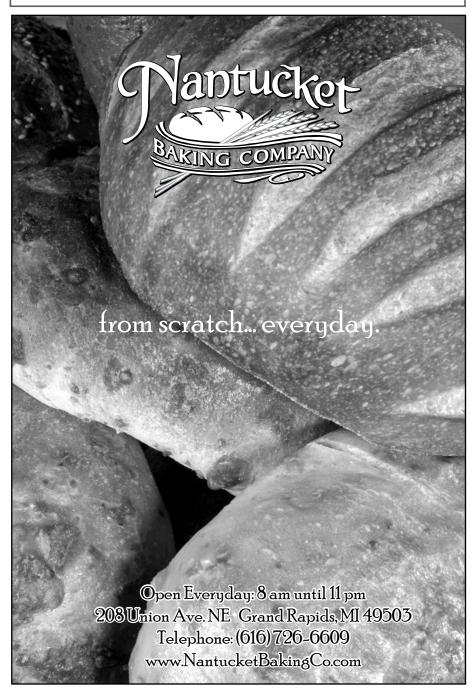
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Tour met and beat the budget and the Texas Hold 'Em event did too.

Staff Reports: *Barb L.* reported that: 1) There had been a great volunteer weeding project at Foster Park. There is a need for a volunteer with a riding lawn mower. 2) Landlords of the former Gateway school property are moving their corporate offices to that location and that there is a possibility of a restaurant coming to that address in the future. 3) She is working with State St. property owners to keep their properties manicured. 4) The management team at Clark's Foods has left; the new team seems friendly and willing to engage with community.

Board Liason Reports:

Community Involvement –*Mary* Robinson

Education - Kathi B. asked to be added to the Central Campus Communication Network. Jim P. reported that there are moving trucks at the former City High campus indicating that UPrep Academy was moving into the space. UPrep will be attending future meetings of the Central Campus Network.

Land Use Issues - Jaime Misner

Traffic & Parking - Street closings continue for various construction projects. Jane L. reported that Gay street will be closed several times for ArtPrize events: Sept. 4th, 25th, 26th and Oct. 2nd and 3rd.

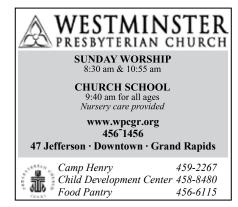
Administrative – *Mike Clark*

Nominating - Mike C. reported that there was a full board, reviewed which members' terms were up at the end of the year and encouraged those in their first term to consider running for a second term.

Fundraising - Jackie Taylor

Garden Tour - Jackie T. reported that the gardens were fabulous, all attendees had had a marvelous time and that the event was a big success. Jackie also gave big thanks to

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Board Notes

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Committee Chairs Kathi Barkan and Nikki Hoort.

- Home Tour Maria Z. referred members to Jan's report and reported that: 1) 222 Fountain is moving to the spring tour, 2) Justin has created a new website specifically for Heritage Hill Tours and the site will be up soon, www.heritagehilltours.org, All will be linked to the HHA's main site. 3) Friends and Sponsors are being offered a significant discount for signing up for both fall and spring tours now and that 4) House Captains and guides are still needed. Mary R. reminded the Home Tour Committee that the bus drivers would really like to have tickets this year.
- Pledge Drive Jackie T. reported that she is thrilled with the progress to date and that the office will supply her with a list of those who have not yet donated.
- *Texas Hold-'Em Steve Y.* reported that it was an easy fundraiser, though tough to get volunteers, especially for the late-night shifts. *Maria Z.* agreed to "Share Chair" with Steve for the next event, lining up the volunteers.

The HHA Board meets at 7:00 p.m. on the third <u>WEDNESDAY</u> of every month at the GRCC DeVos Campus, 415 East Fulton, at the Robert Sneden Lecture Hall. Neighbors are welcome to attend. If you would like an item placed on the Board agenda, please call the HHA office at 459-8950 before 4:00 p.m. of the second WEDNESDAY of the month. If you would like to address the Board regarding an agenda item, public comment is taken at the beginning of each meeting. For nonagenda items, public comment is taken at the end of each meeting. Typically, Board meetings run from 7:00 p.m. until 8:30.+



HHA ArtPrize Venue and Many More —



The welded steel sculpture Freedom was inspired by artist Viorel Lupu's memories of events in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, in 2000, when Serbian protesters demonstrated for the overthrow of Dictator Slobodan Milosevic. Lupu, currently of Ann Arbor Michigan, created *Freedom* to mark the tenth anniversary of those events in his country of birth. With its spread-winged figure suggesting upward flight, the sculpture represents the desire within all of humanity to rise above the shackles of totalitarian repression and realize the vision of free will and self-determination. While the sculpture commemorates the bravery and resolve of the Lupu's former countrymen, he dedicates his work to freedom-loving people everywhere. especially those who are actively engaged in struggles of liberation around the world.

Lupu is a self-taught artist learning his craft in Yugoslavia as a metalworker. At 50 years of age he began making sculpture after immigrating to the United States. His work has been shown in galleries and artist's markets throughout Michigan. The Heritage Hill Association is pleased to have Viorel Lupu present his work in Foster Park located at Cherry and State Streets SE. He will often be on hand at the park during ArtPrize meeting ArtPrize tourists and neighbors.

Check out all the art venues in Heritage Hill and enjoy the incredible array of art.

- Women's City Club -Exhibition Center 254 East Fulton Street
- 2. Central Reformed Church 10 College NE

- 3. Gateway Building 311 State Street
- 4. Grand Rapids Pizza and Delivery GRPD 340 State Street S.E
- 5. Hillmount Condominiums 134 College Ave
- 6. Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital 235 Wealthy SE
- 7. Peaches Bed & Breakfast 29 Gay Ave. SE
- 8. Foster Park 343 Cherry Street SE
- 9. WOOD TV 120 College Ave SE
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Art Appreciation 101



While all the buzz is appropriately on ArtPrize, there is a bit of art history in Heritage Hill that should be a part of the conversation. *The Hiker*, by American artist Theodore Alice Ruggles Kitson (1871-1932) stands on-guard at Foster Park. *The Hiker* is a commemorative work honoring those who served in the Spanish American War.

At the turn of the last century, "a hiker" was well known for long, arduous hikes through humid jungles and forests. Between 1921 and 1956, 52 casts of this sculpture were created and installed in communities across the US.

The statue commands the surrounding area. Two striking elements are the slightly tilted hat and the firmly-held rifle. These elements soften the rigid form and give it a horizontal element that engages the park space.

"The Hiker" is the most well-known sculpture of Ruggles Kitson. As a youth, the artist demonstrated great talent; however, she was told that women were not accepted when she tried to enroll at Boston's Museum of Fine Arts. During the span of the her life, the art world was moving from realism to more abstract expression. In this vein, Kitson was rather conservative. On a more profound note, Ruggles Kitson opened doors for women artists due to the public installations of The Hiker. Sculptors that came after Kitson were embraced on the merits of their work, regardless of their gender.

Taken from article by Joseph Antenucci Becherer, professor at Aquinas College and curator of sculpture at Meijer Gardens.





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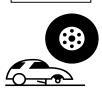
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Note 2010 Board Meetings are held the third WEDNESDAY of the month

Saturday and Sunday, October 2 and 3, 2010 2010 Heritage Hill Weekend Tour of Homes Tour 8 historic homes and St. Cecilia's. Hours: 11am to 5 pm on Saturday; Noon to 6 pm on Sunday.

> *****Wednesday, October 15th, 2010**** HHA Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

GRCC East Campus (Davenport) Robert Sneden Academic Building Lecture Hall - 415 East Fulton_

> *****Wednesday, November 17th, 2010**** HHA Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

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Annual Heritage Hill Association Events to Remember: Friday, December 3, 2010

Holiday Potluck and Annual Meeting

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Wednesday, Sept. 22, 7:30 am Common Ground on Fulton

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Thursday, Oct. 21, 4:30 pm **Vitale's Sports Bar** on Leonard

> Tuesday, Dec. 7, 5 p.m. Sazerac Lounge on Plainfield

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