

HYDE PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY BULLETIN



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Nancy Hays Exhibit Open House – Saturday, January 25, 2-4pm at HPHS.

Nancy Hays Exhibit Open House – Sunday, January 26, 2-4pm at HPHS.

Hyde Park Folk Festival Program – Date Saturday, February 1, 2-4pm at HPHS. Contact Dottie Jeffries, dottiejeffries@gmail.com.

Hyde Park Book Club – Monday, February 17, 7:30pm at HPHS. Lee Bey, Author of *Southern Exposure: The Overlooked Architecture of Chicago's South Side*

Nancy Hays Exhibit Open House – Saturday, February 29, 2-4pm at HPHS.

Nancy Hays Exhibit Open House – Sunday, March 1, 2-4pm at HPHS.

The Housewife Loved a Bandit – Saturday, March 7 from 2-4pm. Author Larry Baran will discuss his mother's escape from Hyde Park into a life of crime.

Hyde Park Book Club – Monday, March 16, 7:30pm at HPHS. Author Carlo Rotella, *The World is Always Coming to an End: Pulling Together and Apart in a Chicago Neighborhood*.

Lee Botts in Hyde Park – Saturday, April 4 from 2-4pm at HPHS. Presented by Lee Botts' daughter, Beth Botts. Contact Dottie Jeffries, dottiejeffries@gmail.com.

Hyde Park Book Club – Monday, April 20, 7:30pm at HPHS. Author Keith M. Stolte, *Chicago Artist Colonies*.

Hyde Park Book Club – Monday, May 18, 7:30pm at HPHS. John Mark Hansen, *The City in a Garden: A Guide to the History of Hyde Park and Kenwood*.

Hyde Park Book Club – Monday, July 20, 7:30pm at HPHS. The featured book will be the recently republished *W-3* by Bette Howland. Her sons, Frank and Jacob Howland will be present to discuss the book. Brigid Hughes, representing the publisher, A Public Space, will join the conversation.

Book Club Contacts: Carol Vieth, ultra5300@earthlink.net; Michal Safar, msafar@ameritech.net

PRESERVATION NEWS – WATCH LIST

63rd and Cottage Grove, Washington Park National Bank building – Teardown Planned

1448 E 53rd, United Church of Hyde Park – Future Uncertain. No Chicago Landmark designation. A community meeting to discuss ideas for alternative uses for the building is scheduled for February 20, 2020.

For more information contact Jack Spicer, jackspicer@earthlink.net

BEA LUMPKIN AND JACKIE GRIMSHAW AT THE HYDE PARK BOOK CLUB, JANUARY 20, 2020



The Hyde Park Book Club hosted a very lively discussion with Jackie Grimshaw, aide and campaign manager for Mayor Harold Washington, and Bea Lumpkin, labor activist, technical writer and mathematics professor. Jackie spoke at length of the strategies and tactics during Harold's election runs for U.S. Congress Representative and Mayor. She shared many personal details of the mayor and his background. Bea Lumpkin gave a moving endorsement of Tom Geoghegan and his support for the steelworkers in *Always Bring a Crowd*. She also spoke of her experiences teaching at Crane High School and Crane Junior College, eventually Malcolm X, and the movement for black studies programs in the schools in *Joy in the Struggle*.

EDGAR MILLER LEGACY

Edgar Miller Legacy Executive Director Zac Bleicher and Director of Operations Jeff Kruse visited HPHS on December 20 to view the Nancy Hays Exhibit. While in Hyde Prk, Zac and Jeff stopped by 5132-36 S. Blackstone to view the apartment remodeled by Edgar Miller. The Edgar Miller Legacy is a non-profit organization that works to preserve the art and "handmade homes" created by artist Edgar Miller.

Zac will be participating in the April 20th Book Club meeting along with Keith Stolte, author of *Chicago Artist Colonies*.

LAB SCHOOL PRESCHOOLERS AT HPHS



On January 9, 2020 the Hyde Park Historical Society welcomed 22 budding historians and their teachers from the Lab School. Of particular interest to the preschoolers was the pot-bellied stove that graces the east wall of the building.