

# HYDE PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY BULLETIN



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Nancy Hays Exhibit Open House** – Sunday, December 8, 2-4pm at HPHS.

**HPHS Holiday Party** – Sunday, December 15, 2-4pm at HPHS.

**Nancy Hays Exhibit Open House** – Saturday, December 21, 2-4pm at HPHS.

**Hyde Park Book Club** – Monday, January 20, 7:30pm at HPHS. Author Bea Lumpkin, *Always Bring a Crowd* and *Joy in the Struggle*. Also, Jacky Grimshaw, former aide to Mayor Harold Washington

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

**Hyde Park Book Club** – Monday, March 19, 7:30pm at HPHS. Author Carlo Rotella, *The World is Always Coming to an End: Pulling Together and Apart in a Chicago Neighborhood*.

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

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## PRESERVATION NEWS – WATCH LIST

**5608 S Stony Island**, University of Chicago service warehouse (American Taxi Service building) – Teardown Complete.

**1448 E 53<sup>rd</sup>**, United Church of Hyde Park – Future Uncertain. No Chicago Landmark designation. For more information contact Jack Spicer, [jackspicer@earthlink.net](mailto:jackspicer@earthlink.net)

## NANCY HAYS EXHIBIT OPENING DAY!



Photographs courtesy of Michal Safar and Matthew Isoda

The Nancy Hays Exhibit opened October 27, 2019 to an enthusiastic audience. Curators Becca and Mik Major (and daughter Millie) were on hand to kick off the event. They gave an account of moving into Nancy's former condo and how they got deeply involved in Nancy's life and work. Francy Hays, Nancy's niece, was on hand and expressed the family's gratitude for this recognition of Nancy's work. Hyde Park Herald icon, Bruce Sagan, spoke about his 30-year working relationship with Nancy and how her photographs were all so good that he had difficulty choosing what to put in the Herald. Finally, Stephanie Franklin spoke of her long friendship with Nancy. HPHS will be open on the following dates for those who missed the opening:

Sunday, December 8, 2-4pm  
Saturday, December 21, 2-4pm

More details about the opening can be found in the Hyde Park Herald at:  
<https://hpherald.com/2019/10/30/nancy-hays-legacy-resurrected-with-new-photography-exhibit/>  
For more information go to [www.nancyhays.org](http://www.nancyhays.org).



Photographs courtesy of Marc Monaghan

### **A NEW BLUEPRINT: DISCUSSING THE IMPORTANCE OF DIVERSITY IN PRESERVATION**

On November 2, 2019 Lee Bey, photographer and author of *Southern Exposure: The Overlooked Architecture of Chicago's South Side*, gave a program on the subject of **A New Blueprint: Discussing the Importance of Diversity in Preservation**. The audience of 60 at Augustana Lutheran Church listened as Lee Bey spoke about the importance preserving the particular histories and places that tell the stories of African Americans, Latinos, Asian Americans, women, and the LGBTQ communities. He also pointed how valuable the stakeholders in these communities can be the preservation movement. As an example, Bey recounted his experience of the numerous times when taking photos for his new book, *Southern Exposure*, African American women came out of their houses to speak to him about the history of nearby buildings important to them. Bey commented that any local preservation effort would be well served by including these stakeholders because of their wealth of knowledge. Following the talk, Mr. Bey signed copies of his book for nearly half the audience, most of whom purchased their book at the event.



Photograph courtesy of Kathy Huff

### **A CONVERSATION WITH TIMUEL D. BLACK JR. & SUSAN KLONSKY**

On Sunday November 17, 2019 Jay Mulberry moderated a conversation with co-authors Timuel D. Black, Jr. and Susan Klonsky about Tim's life and book, *Sacred Ground: The Chicago Streets of Timuel Black* in front of an audience of 90 people at the Hyde Park Union Church. Tim spoke about his life including his experience of being a supply sergeant in the U. S. Army Quartermaster Corps in Europe during World War II. He talked about receiving the Croix de Guerre award from France. Tim, a noted educator, author, oral historian, civil rights activist, avid jazz fan also received the Presidential Medal of Freedom from President Obama. Susan recounted her experience of working with Tim on this book. Following the conversation, Tim signed copies of his book, available for sale at the event from the Seminary Co-op Bookstore.



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### **FAMILY OF LEE BOTTS VISITS HPHS**

The family of Lee Botts, noted Great Lakes preservationist, visited the photographic exhibit of Nancy Hays, another noted preservationist, on November 17, 2109. Nancy and Lee worked on many worthy projects together over the years.



Paul, Beth, Alan and Karl Botts - Photograph courtesy of Dottie Jeffries

## HPHS OPEN HOUSE CHICAGO, OCTOBER 19-20, 2019

The Hyde Park Historical Society historic cable car building was a featured stop on this year's Open House Chicago. Over 300 people visited our historic cable car building over the two-day event!



Photograph courtesy of Becca and Mik Major