

HYDE PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY BULLETIN



February 2020

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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 18 from 2-4pm at Augustana Lutheran Church. 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, June 15, 7:30pm at HPHS. Author Joseph Gustaitis, *Chicago's Greatest Year: 1893 – The White City and the Birth of a Modern Metropolis*.

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

Preservation News – ([Link to Preservation Chicago Newsletter for HP Township](#))

Jackson Park Section 106 Assessment of Effects – HPHS submitted a response to the latest version of this report. The response reiterated our concern for the alteration/destruction of Cornell Drive, the Women's Garden, the WCE archeological record and the 400 trees slated for removal. Our complete responses can be found at: ([Link to three letters](#))

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

UCHICAGO FOLK FESTIVAL: INFLUENCER FOR 60 YEARS, FEBRUARY 1, 2020



On Saturday, February 1, HPHS honored the origins and traditions of 60 years of the University of Chicago Folk Festival with a special program featuring three speakers and recorded music from the Folk Festival Archives. HPHS was packed with folks for this celebratory occasion

Marc Monaghan, local photo-journalist, wrote an excellent article for the Herald.

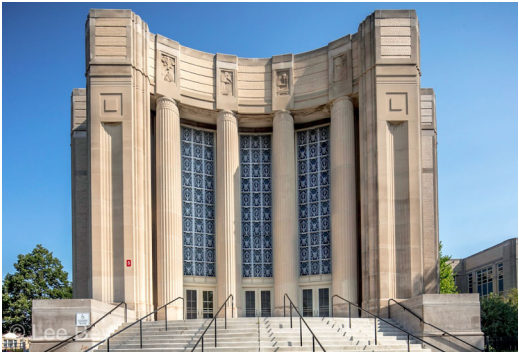
<https://hpherald.com/2020/02/04/honoring-the-origins-and-traditions-of-60-years-of-the-u-of-c-folk-festival/>

LEE BEY AT THE HYDE PARK BOOK CLUB



On Monday, February 17, 2020 author Lee Bey joined the Hyde Park Book Club in a discussion of his book, *Southern Exposure: The Overlooked Architecture of Chicago's South Side*. In addition to

specific examples from the book the discussion ranged over diverse architectural topics, including the Obama Presidential Center and newly erected bridges on South Lake Shore Drive.



Chicago Vocational School and Gary Comer Youth Center courtesy of Lee Bey

ARCHIVES NOTES

Barbara O'Connor Materials – In February 2020 the HPHS archives received a donation of materials from the estate of Barbara O'Connor. Barbara was an icon of independent politics in Hyde Park from the 1950s on.

Joyce Turner Hilkevitch Materials – The HPHS archives is in the process of receiving a donation of materials related to Joyce Turner Hilkevitch and her activities in Hyde Park. Joyce is best known as the founder of Mostly Music, which hosted musical concerts at many venues in Hyde Park, and later throughout the city.