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MONTHLY PROGRAMS

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THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM

Date / Time: Tuesday, August 2, 2022 | 9:30am - 10:45am (doors open at 9:00am)

Location: Jack H. Miller Center for Musical Arts, 221 Columbia Ave, Holland, MI, 49423 (in-person)
HASP@Hope YouTube Page, www.youtube.com/HASPHope (virtual)

“Exploring Ottawa County Parks”

Presented by JASON D. SHAMBLIN, Ottawa County Parks and Recreation Commission Director

After two unprecedented years, parks, trails, and open spaces are more important than ever. Join us to discover how the Ottawa County Parks and Recreation Commission enhances the lives of residents and visitors by preserving public lands, maintaining facilities, and providing outdoor recreational and educational experiences.

Jason Shamblin's passion for the outdoors developed during his youth while growing up on a farm in the hills of rural Ohio. Prior to his arrival in Ottawa County, Jason was the Assistant Director of MetroParks of Butler County Ohio for over six years. He has also worked at the municipal level as the Director of Parks and Recreation for Reynoldsburg, Ohio. Jason is a proud graduate of Ohio University and Hocking College.

UPCOMING MONTHLY PROGRAMS

Tuesday, September 6, 2022, ***“Reimagining America's Schools”*** presented by RON BOGLE, President & CEO, National Design Alliance

Tuesday, October 4, 2022, ***“Saving Journalism and Democracy Even As Newspapers Die”*** presented by TOM STITES, Founder of the Banyan Project, SARAH LEACH, and BEN BEAVERSLUIS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sharon Arendshorst, *HASP President*

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Asking good questions often leads to new insights and understandings. I have a friend who asks the most interesting questions at dinner parties. His questions are often disarming or provocative, but they always lead to fascinating conversations. During our HASP classes, the most interesting questions from our members often lead to a deeper understanding of the topic, correcting misperceptions, or even to paradigm shifts in our thinking. Good questions. Attentive listening to one another. New understanding.

In this year of many HASP transitions, it is appropriate to engage in asking good questions to better understand our history, to reflect on our present, and to reimagine our future. With other HASP leaders, I'm developing a process based on the Appreciative Inquiry method of assessment to shape questions for us to consider in the coming months. All HASP members will be invited into this process as we ask good questions and listen to one another in order to reflect on important questions together. If you have questions or topics that you believe are important for us to consider in the coming months, please email them to me at snarendshorst@gmail.com in early August. Watch for invitations to participate in our HASP self-assessment process as we frame discerning questions and reflect together on our answers.

MEMBERSHIP

Doug Walvoord, *Membership Chair*

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Membership renewal for 2022-2023 officially closed on July 25, 2022, but renewals, reinstatements, and new applications are now accepted on a rolling basis. A new HASP membership directory will be shared in the coming weeks.

Looking to get involved? Please contact Doug Walvoord if you are interested in welcoming new members by serving as a mentor.

Please join me in welcoming our newest HASP members!

JAN CLARK

Profession: Critical Care Nurse, Healthcare Attorney

Education: University of Detroit Mercy, Michigan State University College of Law

Hobbies: Golf, tennis, skiing, boating, exercise, reading, ESL and SAT-prep tutoring

Mentor: Ann and Scott Siakel

JANEEN JUDAH

Profession: Engineering Management, Corporate Director

Education: Texas A&M University, University of Texas Permian Basin, University of Houston

Hobbies: Reading, cooking, travel, scuba diving, golf, and pickleball

LISA ROBINSON

Profession: Office and Business Management, Project Management
Education: Virginia Western Community College, Radford University, Rio Salado College, Central Piedmont Community College, North Carolina State University
Hobbies: Floral design, sewing, reading, event management, gardening, and traveling
Mentor: Joan Maes

TOM ROBINSON

Profession: Chief Information Officer
Education: University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Hobbies: Woodworking, motorcycles, and exercise
Mentor: Joan Maes

BARBARA SPRINGER-SELIG

Profession: College Professor, Tax Preparation
Education: Hope College, Indiana University
Hobbies: Naturalist, outdoor activities, gardening, writing, sewing
Mentor: Ann Weller

DAVID TENHOOR

Profession: Finance, Supply Management, Consulting
Education: Hope College, Michigan State University
Hobbies: Reading, travel, golf, and pickleball

CURRICULUM

Helen Klein, *Curriculum Chair*

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I have a minor confession to make. Over the course of the last year, there have been several HASP courses that I have attended because I was forced to. Not forced at gunpoint, you understand, but rather, by the dint of circumstances or to keep friends happy. These were not courses I would have ever chosen on my own. In the end, these courses surprised and excited me; they were two of the best HASP courses I have ever taken. Now why am I telling you this? Here's why: As we finish up the Summer 2022 term and head into Fall (my apologies, I know no one wants to think about the summer ending), I want to encourage you all to consider taking courses outside of your usual areas of interest. If you are a science geek, take a fine arts course - one on music or architecture; if you are a social science geek, consider taking a humanities course - one on religion or books. Mix it up, expand your horizons, and be pleasantly surprised. That, after all, is what we at HASP are all about: expanding our horizons, and increasing our understanding and enjoyment of the world around us.

Those of us on the Curriculum Committee are now into the intense process of assembling the Fall 2022 course lineup. This is my first time coordinating the development and scheduling of courses, and to be honest, there has been some sweat falling from my brow. It is not what I would call an "easy job." It has been challenging, but really, a lot of fun. It has also given me insider information and intimate knowledge

of our upcoming offerings. We have developed a total of 56 courses spread over 95 course sessions. Kudos to our Subcommittee members and their Chairpersons as they have developed many very interesting and relevant courses. Sometime in August we will be publishing our Course Catalog and distributing it to you in various ways. Be sure to look it over carefully. Then, on or around September 1, make your gleeful choices and register! It has become our new practice to hold two registration periods: one for the first half of the Fall 2022 term (Fall I), and one for the second half (Fall II). We will continue that practice this year with registration for Fall II occurring sometime in late October.

COVID-19 GUIDELINES

Seven (7) of our Fall 2022 courses will be strictly virtual, available only on the HASP Virtual Classroom supported by Zoom. Although this modality affords us an opportunity for safe distance learning, it means the remaining 49 of the 56 will involve meeting in-person. Per the decision of the HASP COVID-19 Task Force, HASP will continue to adopt policies outlined by Hope College.

- Face coverings are *optional* throughout indoor facilities (including the HASP Office, Classroom, and the Jack H. Miller Center for Musical Arts)
 - Presenters reserve the right to mandate face coverings, and in these rare cases, it will be communicated to attendees prior to the beginning of the course
- Social distancing measures are still in place to limit HASP Classroom capacity to 50 persons
- Offsite courses are subject to the policies of their hosting venues

The decision to resume the service of coffee and cookies prior to Fall 2022 courses will be determined by the HASP COVID-19 Task Force by September 15, 2022.

Your health, and the health of our presenters, guests, and colleagues, is of the utmost importance. Recognizing that HASP members may be more susceptible to viral infections, we kindly ask you to consult the current CDC isolation and quarantine recommendations in the event you are exposed to, experience symptoms of, or test positive for COVID-19.

COURSE SUGGESTIONS

If you have an idea for a course, know someone who is passionate and knowledgeable about a topic, or if you yourself have the desire to present, contact any member of the Curriculum Committee to share your thoughts.

2022 - 2023 CURRICULUM SUBCOMMITTEE LEADERSHIP

Fine Arts: Sarah Briggs (sarahbriggs969@gmail.com) and Lynne Williams (d.lwilliams@sbcglobal.net)

Humanities: Tom Arendshorst (trshorts@gmail.com)

Science, Medicine, and Technology (SMT): Susan Couch (couch.sm@gmail.com)

Social Sciences: Larry Lynn (oldrun09@gmail.com)

SERVICE

Gloria Goodwin, *Service Chair*
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NEW VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Mediation Services is a non-profit organization serving our lakeshore counties for almost thirty years. They provide a safe, neutral environment where trained mediators lead people through discussions to assist them in resolving their differences. Several current HASP members serve as mediators, and Mediation Services was featured as our Service Spotlight in the March 2022 newsletter. A 48-hour Domestic Mediator Training will be offered in late August at their office in Holland. **NOTE:** The training fee will be waived for HASP members!

For more information, contact the Mediation Services office at 616-399-1600, or contact Executive Director Elizabeth Scott at elizabethscott@mediationservices.works.

THE HASP OFFICE WANTS YOU!

Front Desk Volunteers work 2-hour shifts as office greeters and are asked to support the Professional Staff with administrative work, program preparation, and phone reception. Options are now available through Labor Day. Contact Ian MacNeil (macneil@hope.edu) to sign up.

Course Technicians help support our virtual and hybrid course offerings. They are responsible for hosting Zoom meetings, monitoring the presenter camera and screen, and recording sessions for later uploading to our YouTube channel. Course technicians receive free admission to the sessions they support. We guarantee, the system is much easier than you may think! Contact Ian MacNeil (macneil@hope.edu) to start the training process and support the HASP Virtual Classroom.

COMMUNICATIONS

Ralph Fairbanks, *Communications Chair*
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The Communications Monthly Report Subcommittee recently met to discuss the development of a new digital format for the HASP Monthly Newsletter. Herb Dershem, Barbara Webber, Sandra Buller, and Ralph Fairbanks met with HASP President Sharon Arendshorst, HASP Director Ian MacNeil, and Hope's Web Content Manager (and HASP Staff Liaison) Josh Bishop, to lay out plans for the new format. There was great discussion on the attributes and benefits of the current format as well as general brainstorming on how to make the newsletter a really good communication tool and artistic showcase for HASP members. Specific plans were laid out to have the new digital format go live in October. Be on the lookout for more information as the new format is rolled out. There will be a hard copy for those who still prefer paper and ink.

We are already soliciting submissions for the 2023 edition of the *HASP Review* by connecting with new members. Ed Schierbeek, HASP Communications Committee member, sent this message out to our HASP friends: "Dear new HASP member, We want to welcome you to HASP and inform you about an artistic opportunity. If you have any interest in writing short stories, poetry, original artwork, or

photography, HASP offers an opportunity for you to be published. It's called the *HASP Review*. You can pick up a copy of the 2022 *HASP Review* at the HASP office or view it online. If you have a passion for this, the HASP Review committee would love to have your submissions. If you have further questions, contact Ralph Fairbanks, Communications Committee chair at rfairban@prodigy.net. We hope you enjoy your membership and all that HASP has to offer.”

HASP SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIGs)

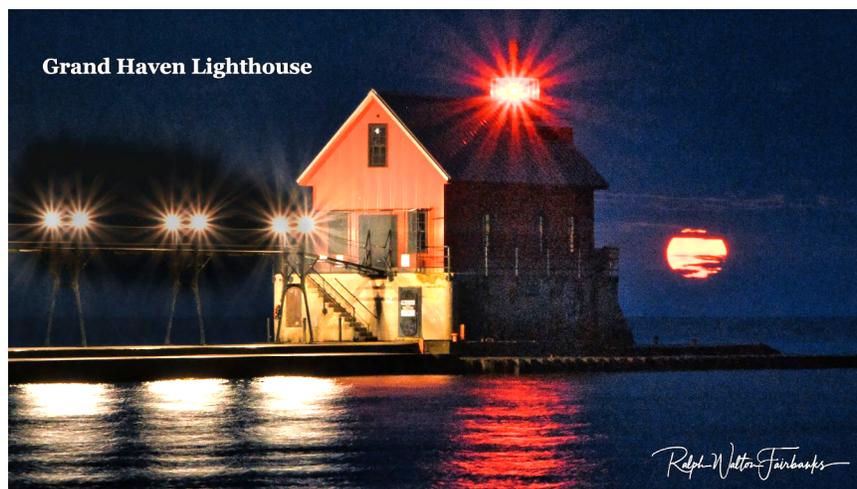
Special Interest Groups (SIGs) are member-initiated and group-directed. In a large organization such as HASP, they provide opportunities for our members to meet each other to learn, explore, and experience activities of a common interest.

SAY CHEESE: NEW PHOTOGRAPHY SIG

There's an old saying that goes, “The best camera is the one you have with you.” In this day and age, nearly everyone has a camera - it's just disguised as a phone. But it takes more than a camera to be a good photographer. There are many facets to photography, for example, composition, light, exposure, focal point, and depth of field, to name just a few.

Want to learn more? Join the new HASP Photography special interest group. If you're new to the subject, come and learn from the ‘Pros’. If you're already a Pro, come and share your photos with the group and receive those "Ahhhhhs!" we all like to hear. It doesn't matter what kind of camera you have. Come join the fun and learn how to improve your creativity!

Discover where to be and when if you want to capture the full moon over a lighthouse in HASP's new Photography SIG! Contact Ralph Fairbanks (rfairban@prodigy.net) to join.



Below are existing SIGs currently hosting events and seeking new members. Contact the leaders below for more information.

HASP GARDENERS: Susan Miller (semiller976@hotmail.com)

HASP HIKERS: Rick Bosch (rjbppstl@aol.com)

HASP LIBRARIANS: Terri Holden (holdthr@comcast.net)

SPECIAL EVENTS

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UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11 | 2:00pm - 8:45pm | 24 ATTENDEES REGISTERED

Music in the Vineyard

Fenn Valley Vineyard - Fennville, Michigan

CANCELED SPECIAL EVENTS

STRIKEOUT! Understandably reflective of the Detroit Tigers' 2022 season, the response to our Comerica Park special event left much to be desired. Unfortunately, the event has been canceled. We appreciate those who expressed interest, and all registrants will be refunded as soon as possible. However, hope remains for another opportunity with a recharged dugout in the 2023 season. Stay tuned!

COMING SOON!

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 | DETAILS AND REGISTRATION COMING SOON!

ArtPrize 2022

Grand Rapids, Michigan

TBD OCTOBER | DETAILS AND REGISTRATION COMING SOON!

Murals of Holland Tour

Holland, Michigan

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Ian MacNeil, *Director*
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I recently sat down with the members of my onboarding team to discuss the progress I've made in my new role and the progress we've made as an organization over the last two months. That conversation re-emphasized what really makes HASP unique: YOU! I may be scrambling at times to learn the day-to-day operations of HASP (and your patience remains appreciated), but my growing confidence is credited to our wonderful course coordinators, engaging presenters, experienced committee members, dedicated volunteers, supportive colleagues, and committed HASP leaders. Together, we've kept the trains running during this time of transition, and I enthusiastically look forward to what I learn next!

Here are some highlights from the last month:

- Attending the eye-opening July Monthly Program presented by Justin Roebuck, Ottawa County Clerk and Register of Deeds
- Riding along with Carol Crawford and Pat Eldean on a mobile tour of Holland
- Kicking off the search process for new HASP professional staff (more about this below)
- Adding another Dutch feather to my cap with my first taste of (and immediate addiction to) Krakelingen cookies, courtesy of Anita Brooks

READS AND SCREENS

My hobbies include reading and watching movies, so I plan to use the monthly newsletter to share what content I am consuming in the hope that the next time you see me, you can share your own recent "Reads and Screens".

Recent Read: ***Isaac's Storm: A Man, a Time, and the Deadliest Hurricane in History (2000)***
Written by Erik Larson. 273 pages.
★★★★

Recent Screen: ***Cha Cha Real Smooth (2022)***
Directed by Cooper Raiff. 108 minutes. *Available on AppleTV+.*
★★★★★

FORGET YOUR TROUBLES, C'MON GET HASPY!



It has been so much fun connecting with HASP members at our weekly HASPY Hour events. I've learned about Barbara Webber's feline foster parenting, Marie Hamilton's Readers' Theatre group, Al and Carla Ver Schure's recent trip to Seattle, Mary Voss's Canadian sister, Marilyn Torborg's cycling hobby, and Gordon Stegink's participation in multiple book and talking clubs. I would love to get to know you, too! HASPY Hour continues through the summer. Come chat, and enjoy a cookie... or two!

HASP IS HIRING!

For the past two months as the new Director of HASP, I have had the pleasure of meeting HASP leadership and many of our members as we work together to build our vision for the future of our program.

In order to best serve you, HASP is currently hiring for two (2) part-time support positions:

1. ***Program Coordinator*** (18 hours / 3 days per week)
The primary role of the Program Coordinator is to oversee all technical elements needed for in-person, virtual, and hybrid course delivery, specifically providing technical support for the HASP Virtual Classroom.
2. ***Office and Project Manager*** (24 hours / 4 days per week)
The Office and Project Manager serves as key administrative liaison to standing HASP committees, assists with membership inquiries and renewals, and manages payments, communications, reservations, and print services.

If you or someone you know might be interested in either position, please visit www.hope.edu/jobs. We invite you to share these opportunities with your friends and family.

Though we proudly partner with Hope College, all HASP expenses, including staff, are covered by membership and course fees.

We remain committed to our mission of providing peer-led, lifelong learning in retirement. Your patience is appreciated as Professional Staff resources will be limited in the coming weeks as we continue our official candidate search.

HASP Professional Staff Search Committee:

Sharon Arendshorst, President, HASP Board of Directors

Kim Buckley, Member-at-Large, HASP Board of Directors

Reagan Chesnut, Hope College Computing and Information Technology

Jonathan Fegel, Hope College Events and Conferences Office

Ian MacNeil, HASP Director (Hiring Manager)

Please stay tuned to “HASP Happenings” emails for updates throughout the search process. If you have any questions about these positions, please contact me at macneil@hope.edu or 616.395.6250.

Take care,



HASP SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY — THURSDAY, 9:00am — 3:00pm

NOW through Labor Day

CLOSED FRIDAYS and Labor Day (September 5)