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MONTHLY PROGRAM *Monthly Program Chair: Dave Vanderwel, dvanderwel@chartermi.net, 616.738.9471*

Date: **Tuesday, April 2, 2019**

Time: **9:00 AM refreshments, 9:30 AM program**
(We will be around tables for the program and coffee may be taken to your table.)

Place: **Holland Civic Center Place**, 150 West 8th Street, Holland.
(NOTE: change in meeting location!)

Program: **Gwen Auwerda, Executive Director of Tulip Time, “Tulip Time through the Years”**

2019 marks the 90th anniversary of Tulip Time, the annual spring festival which has put Holland, Michigan, on the map for many around the world. 5 million tulips planted along Tulip Lane and throughout the city are the focal point, but Tulip Time has become so much more than flowers.

Join us for the April monthly program when Tulip Time’s executive director, Gwen Auwerda, takes us behind the scenes and shares with us some of the history of Tulip Time, how the organization functions, the strategic partners who make it all possible (including our very own HASP tour guides!), and some of the new initiatives created to expand the festival. You’ll hear stories from entertainers, celebrate the growth of its scope, and better understand what it takes to produce the festival that so significantly impacts our community every May.

Gwen Auwerda assumed responsibility as the Executive Director of Tulip Time in March of 2011. She is responsible for planning and executing this internationally recognized festival celebrating tulips, Dutch Heritage, and community. The festival has been recognized as one of the top 100 events in North America by the American Bus Association for over 30 years & named the Best Flower Festival by USA Today. In 2011 she joined the World Tulip Summit Society and accepted the award as the World Tulip Festival of the year in 2017.

Prior to joining Tulip Time, Gwen graduated from Hope College and enjoyed a long-standing career in Human Resources at Johnson Controls responsible for employee relations, mergers & acquisitions planning and leadership development.

Auwerda has been actively involved in the Holland community for a number of years. She is currently serving on the Holland Hospital and Holland Visitor’s Bureau board of directors and is the chair of the Lakeshore Non-profit Alliance. Gwen supports additional committees, Dutch Heritage Coordinating Council and Holland in Bloom through the City of Holland.

Coming Next:

May 7: (at the Knickerbocker Theatre) Ben Kant, Master Grower at Revolution Farms, on the process of growing produce through aquaponic farming.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership Chair: Carla Ver Schure, verschure@sbcglobal.net, 616.392.5666

We welcome the following new members:

DAVID COUCH

Profession: Computer Information Systems
Education: University of Arizona
Hobbies: Golf, bicycle riding, computer technology, fly drones, electronics
Mentor: Susan Couch

LOUIS MOREL

Profession: Food Scientist
Education: Mc Gill University (Montreal), Michigan State
Hobbies: Philately, jazz and its history
Mentor: Peter and Ellie Vance

BRIDGET MOREL

Profession: Food Scientist, Consumer Affairs, Management
Education: Purdue University
Hobbies: Sewing, quilting, needle arts, cooking, travel and foods, reading, casual sports fan
Mentor: Peter and Ellie Vance

GAIL WEIGEL

Profession: High School Teacher of Psychology and Life Skills
Education: Rowen University, Hope College
Hobbies: Socializing, cooking, sewing
Mentor: Janet Hagel

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of the following HASP members:

Margarette Lawson Hann –Margarette joined HASP in October of 2017 after working in many capacities in volunteer organizations. She passed away on January 28, 2019.

Clifford Owen – Cliff joined HASP in February of 2016 after a career in photo advertising and cost accounting. He passed away on March 5, 2019.

New Member Orientation

The next New Member Orientation will be held **Tuesday, May 7**, in the HASP classroom, immediately following the monthly meeting. If you joined HASP since November you will be receiving an email invitation and details. If you became a member previously but have not had the opportunity to attend an orientation, we encourage you to join us as well. This informal gathering is a time to meet other new members, enjoy a light brunch, and learn more details about all the opportunities available through HASP membership.

Our May monthly meeting will be held in the Knickerbocker Theater and the classroom is upstairs in the same building, suite 270. For those unsure of location, there will be a member of the Membership Committee in the lobby after the meeting to escort you. Please remember to make your reservation with Kim or Amy so we can plan to include you.

CURRICULUM

Curriculum Chair: Marshall Elzinga, marshall_elzinga@comcast.net, 616.662.2314

Artwork in the classroom: The featured artist for April will be Mary Porter. She will adorn our classroom walls with her paintings.

Note from the Curriculum Chair

The Curriculum Committee recently hosted two tutorials for prospective speakers, in which we tried to inform HASP members about the steps one takes to present a HASP course. Several members attended and we anticipate some of them will present courses in the near future that will be of interest to you. Even if you were unable to attend one of the tutorials please be assured that the Curriculum Committee welcomes course proposals at any time. The paper-work can be obtained from the HASP office, and the proposals can be e-mailed or given to the HASP office or to members of the various curriculum Sub-committees.

The Curriculum Committee will meet during April to review proposals that have been submitted for the Summer term, and to set the schedule. The term will run from June 17 through August 15.

Curriculum Committee:

Curriculum Chair: Marshall Elzinga – marshall_elzinga@comcast.net 616-662-2314

Fine Arts: Sarah Briggs – sarahbriggs969@gmail.com 517-449-5818

Humanities: Co-Chairs David Brower – davidangusbrower@hotmail.com 616-688-7356 and Judy Parr – parr.judyandbill@gmail.com 616-546-3424

Science, Technology & Medicine: Thom Coney - 2atthebeach@sbcglobal.net 616-399-0269

Social Sciences: Mike Economos – mikeeconomos@gmail.com 269-857-1248

SIG (Special Interest Groups)

Four Spring Hikes Planned by HASP Hikers

The HASP Hikers special interest group met on March 5 to plan four hikes in Ottawa County parks for several Friday and Saturday mornings in April, May, and June. To receive details about when and where these hikes will take place and become a HASP hiker, send an email message to parr.judyandbill@gmail.com. There are no fees other than some park entrance fees. Most hikes are led by group founder David Brower, who knows plants and birds. — Judy Parr, scribe for the HASP Hikers

NOONTIME/Brown Bag SERIES on Friday, April 12, 12noon-1pm ~ HASP Classroom

This is a 1x month, free HASP event – no registration required

Note Change of Date: *The HASP Brown Bag session for April will be held on the 2nd Friday in April, April 12, from 12 noon to 1 pm, rather than the usual 3rd Friday due to Easter Good Friday.*

It is a pleasure to hear often from speakers for HASP events that HASP members are keenly interested in issues that are likely to impact the quality of life in Holland and articulate their questions and interest about these in their dialogue with presenters. The April Brown Bag offers one such opportunity for HASP members, particularly important because of a May 7 election.

Since 1968, the Holland community has relied on Holland Community Aquatic Center (HCAC) for access to high-quality natatorium facilities for swimming instruction, competitive swimming, community wellness, and access for leisure swimming and play.

Over the past decade, steady growth across all of HCAC's programs has brought the facility to capacity, making it

difficult to balance simultaneous uses. An expansion and renovation are necessary to ensure everyday access for all ages and families. Working with experts in community-based aquatics programming, HCAC has identified several critical opportunities for improvement, and has developed a practical and strategic plan for expansion and renovation. HCAC is looking to add warm-water leisure access and a lap pool, updated wellness spaces, increased spectator seating and mechanical improvements to meet these strategic needs.

Holland has a reputation for doing things the right way. This expansion and renovation is a sustainable, long term solution to meet the needs of our rapidly growing community for the next 20 years. Jack Huisingh , Executive Director for HCAC, will expand on these points and more during his presentation to HASP.

Jack Huisingh joined HCAC in 2013 after 15 years with Johnson Controls. He's active in our community, and served on the Holland Public School Board from 2006 through 2015. Jack is passionate about swimming and community wellness. He is a former competitive swimmer, and became connected to the pool early on as a student at Holland Public Schools.

Please join us in the HASP classroom on Friday, April 12 at noon to hear about HCAC.

COMMUNICATIONS

Communications Chair: Donna Bogle, donna_bogle@hotmail.com

Spring is the season when nature is at her creative best. Join the trend and create for the HASP Review!! There is still time to submit your poem, story, memoir, or art work. How about this week? In Word format, if you can, with a photo and your name. Email your submissions to robertgodfrey7@gmail.com. Many of you have unique abilities, please take the plunge and share them with your fellow HASP members. We are ready and waiting to see what you have on your mind. All submissions for the 2019 HASP Review are due April 15th.



SERVICE

Service Chair: Maura Reynolds, mreynolds@hope.edu, 616.392.2874

Help feed hungry kids



Every week day, Kids' Food Basket provides a "sack supper" to over 960 local low-income elementary school kids. The absence of snow birds has impacted their ranks, so they're looking for volunteers. To read more about their work, check their site www.kidsfoodbasket.org . To volunteer, click <https://hollandkfb.volunteerhub.com> . There you can create an account and select a time to help—for as little as one hour—at 389 James St. (back half of Peace Lutheran Church). Please email Jane Berkey with questions or help with registering at jane@kidsfoodbasket.org.

Volunteers are needed to provide companionship and bereavement support and to work directly with patients and families. Volunteers receive orientation through our Hospice Orientation Program. Especially needed are those who can help with visiting, caregiver relief, errands, transportation, providing music, creating artistic remembrances (scrapbook, memory box, etc.). Read more and volunteer here: <https://www.hollandhospice.org/volunteer-opportunities/>.



Volunteering for Tulip Time

Volunteers are needed to help the Tulip Time festival bloom! There are opportunities every day and in many different areas. Please visit the website for more information: www.tuliptime.com/volunteers

SPECIAL EVENTS

Special Events Chair: Judie Zylman, jazie3@gmail.com, 616.566.0412

REGISTRATION FORMS FOR EVENTS ARE NEAR THE BACK OF THE NEWSLETTER

To sign up- Please fill out and return to office with cash or check payment (made out to Hope College)
Special Events registration cannot be done online at this time

All of our trips leave from the Ray & Sue Smith Stadium parking lot (13th & Fairbanks) unless otherwise noted
Please put your HASP parking tag in your vehicle when parked for a Special Event

We view your registration for a HASP Special Event as a commitment to attend and we purchase tickets/hotel rooms, etc based on that commitment. Please review our HASP Special Events Operational Guidelines on the Cancellation Policy:

NEW: HASP Special Events Cancellation Policy

As a result of the August 2013 audit, and due to an increase in cancellations, the HASP audit committee recommended to the Board of Directors and Special Events Committee that a cancellation policy be adopted. After discussion within the committee and approval by the Board of Directors (in December) the following cancellation policy took effect **January 1, 2014**:

Special Event cancellation fee is \$5.00 or 10% (whichever is greater) of the event per registration, regardless of the reason or timing of the cancellation.

The Special Events Committee and HASP office will do their best to refund remaining money to members working with the following established policy:

- 1) Substitutions will be taken in order from the 'wait list' if one exists.
- 2) If no wait list exists, upon completion of the activity, any contractual costs we were not able to get refunded will be subtracted from the base price, along with the cancellation fee, and the remainder (if any) will be refunded.
- 3) No refunds will be made to 'no shows' or cancellation within 24 hours of departure.

May ~ Annual Spring Fling at Grace Episcopal Church

Thursday, May 16, 2019

5:30 pm- 7:30 pm

Cost: free

What's new about the HASP Spring Fling? First, it will be in May this year not April so we can include ALL of the snow birds! Second, the venue will not be Macatawa Bank, as they are no longer able to allow outside groups to use the "community room" for security reasons. Fortunately, we have found a great new venue at Grace Episcopal Church, 555 Michigan Ave. Third, the committee has planned some fun new surprises to help us mix and mingle. If you have never attended before, we hope you will join us for the first time!

The purpose of Spring Fling has always been to enjoy a relaxing time of fellowship with HASP members and get to know members you have not yet met. We ask that you bring either an appetizer or finger dessert to share (homemade or store bought). This results in a very delightful cocktail hour with a glass of wine, punch or coffee provided by HASP.

The email containing your online invitation was sent out on February 28. Space is limited to 150. Please call the office if you can't find the invite to RSVP so that we can plan accordingly. If you have further questions you can contact Judie Zylman at 616.566.0412 or jazie3@gmail.com.

June ~ Rock 'N Roll Museum in Cleveland, OH & Detroit Institute of Art

Wednesday June 26 – Thursday, June 27, 2019

Depart 7:00 am, Return approx. 8:30 pm

Cost: \$159 pp (double occupancy) \$219 pp (single occupancy)

Register by May 20, 2019

Please join fellow members for a visit this summer to the Rock N Roll Museum in Cleveland, Ohio with an overnight stay at the Cambria Hotel in Avon, OH, and The Detroit Institute of Art in Detroit, Michigan.

The Rock N Roll Museum is alive with energy, passion and the spirit of music we celebrate. The 150,000 square-foot museum features seven floors, four theatres for films and ever-changing exhibits. The Detroit Institute of Art has one of the largest and most significant art collections in the United States. With more than 65,000 artworks the museum offers visitors an encounter with human creativity from all over the world.

Rolls, coffee and a box lunch on Wednesday are included in the cost above; other meals are on your own. Please contact Larry Lynn at oldrun09@gmail.com or 616-617-8944 if any questions.

July ~ Chicago Botanic Gardens

Wednesday July 10, 2019

Depart 8:10 am, Return approx. 9:30 pm

Cost: \$100 pp

Register by June 24, 2019

HASP members are invited to spend a day enjoying the Chicago Botanic Gardens in Glencoe, IL. We will start the day with the Grand Tram tour which will guide us around the entire Garden grounds, including such highlights as 81 acres of lakes, nine islands, and panoramic view of beautiful gardens. In all there are 27 gardens and four natural areas which include a Japanese Garden, an English Walled Garden, rose gardens, waterfalls, farm gardens, natural prairie and more. This will give you ideas of what you would like to view during your free time in the

afternoon. In addition, you will have a choice of viewing either the Butterflies and Blooms exhibit located in a 2,800 square foot enclosure on the learning campus filled with 500 butterflies native to North and South America and Africa as well as Illinois OR the Model Train Garden (7,500 square feet including 1,600 feet of track) which highlights Chicago sights and major landmarks in America during your visit. You will enjoy lunch at the garden and dinner at Hackney's, a favorite Chicago restaurant near the garden. Depart Holland at 8:10 am and return to Holland around 9:30 pm. This event involves lots of walking. This is not an appropriate trip for anyone who is not able to walk 1-2 miles during the day.

Please contact event coordinator Sue Bohlander at hiker4625@gmail.com or 616.335.3175 if any questions.

Future HASP Special Events

The Special Events Committee would like to make you aware of the trips that they are planning in addition to the ones listed above. Registration and details for these trips will be available in future newsletters. But for now, pencil them in on your calendar!

September 7, 2019~ Marshall Historic Home Tour

October 8-9, 2019~ Tour of Trees in Northern Michigan

The Global Travel Program *Pat Van Wylen, vanwylenp@hope.edu, 616.395.6856*

For questions or information visit the website at <https://hope.edu/alumni/resources-services/global-travel/> or contact Pat, at phone number or email listed above.

Office/Director News *Kim Mendels, mendels@hope.edu, 616.395.7919*

- **Office Hours:** Monday – Thursday 9:00am-4:00pm, Fridays 9:00am-noon

Special Events Registration Forms:

Rock N Roll Museum/Detroit Institute of Art
Wednesday, June 26 and Thursday, June 27, 2019
Cost: \$159 Double Occupancy, \$219 Single Occupancy
Register by May 20, 2019

Name #1 _____ Cell phone #: _____

Name #2 _____ Cell phone #: _____

Emergency contact name _____ Phone # _____

Box Lunch Selections: (Please initial your choice)

_____ **Chicken Caesar Wrap:** Grilled chicken breast diced and tossed with romaine, black olives, red onion and a zesty Caesar dressing on a whole wheat wrap

_____ **Haworth Club Sandwich:** Thinly sliced Virginia smoked ham, roasted turkey breast, bacon, leaf lettuce, sliced tomato and creamy Dijon mayonnaise served on grilled focaccia bread

_____ **Vegetarian Whole Grain Wrap:** Whole grain wrap with black beans, tomatoes, shredded carrots, cucumbers, romaine lettuce, herbed alouette cheese and red pepper hummus

All lunches come with seasonal fruit, kettle chips and bottled water.

Special Dietary Requests: _____

Chicago Botanic
Wednesday, July 10, 2019
Cost: \$100
Register by June 24, 2019

Name #1 _____ Cell phone #: _____

Name #2 _____ Cell phone #: _____

Emergency contact name _____ Phone # _____

Choose one special exhibit to visit (cost included for the day)

Model Railroad Garden Exhibit

Butterflies and Blooms Exhibit

Lunch choices include a seasonal side salad and a chocolate chunk cookie along with Starbucks coffee, regular or decaffeinated, tea or iced tea. Soft drinks will have an additional \$3.00 charge on your own.

Napa chicken salad with celery, red grapes, and apples on a croissant

Grilled flank steak, horseradish mayo, red onion jam, lettuce and a French roll

Grilled portobello mushroom, lettuce, tomato, and red pepper hummus on tomato focaccia

Dinner choices include beverage of coffee, tea, or soft drink, french fries on a platter, and a hot fudge sundae

Hackney burger 8 oz burger served on dark rye (special recipe ground for Hackney's)

Reuben sandwich corned beef w/ swiss cheese, thousand island dressing and sauerkraut on dark rye

Grilled chicken caesar salad

Spinach and mushroom quesadillas with sour cream, pico de gallo, and guacamole

Special Dietary Requests: _____