



News and Accomplishments for 2019

We hope this newsletter finds you and your loved ones safe and healthy. We recognize everyone is facing challenges and uncertainties at this time. We look forward to inviting you to the King House for an archaeological dig or an open house when we are able to do so safely. Until that time, we invite you to watch our website and our Facebook page for updates. Stay well!

Mathilda's Plaque

In keeping with a promise made to the King family when the house was purchased, the Board installed a wall plaque in honor of King family descendant Mathilda Marie Allison who financed critically needed repairs to the house in 1980. Mathilda (Tilly) was the daughter of Isabelle King Ramage and granddaughter of Tom and Elisa King, who lived in the King House for many years. Mathilda grew up in California with her father Carl Ramage but spent summers at



the King House in Middle Village with her mother and her King grandparents. As she explains in a video that's posted on our website, the house is where her grandmother Eliza taught her how to make the elaborate quill boxes for which she became so well known. The Smithsonian Museum of the American Indian owns examples of Mathilda's work. We are privileged to be part of her legacy!

Archaeological Digs

Board member Kerri Finlayson gave a sold-out presentation on the annual archaeological digs at the King House at the Harbor Springs Area Historical Society in September 2019. (Her presentation is available on our website.) Some of the most significant 2019 finds included a musket ball mold, some lead shot and a small porcelain hand from a doll. Kerri's talk also recruited enthusiastic new volunteers for the September 20-21, 2019 dig, pictured below.



Fall Open House

We held our annual Fall Open House on Sunday, October 6, 2019. An estimated 35 people attended to learn more about the restoration of the house and its history. We had posted notes around the walls to indicate where the proposed timeline would be installed and some of the likely topics. Visitors were interested in the project and several offered pictures and artifacts that might be included.

News...

Pot-Bellied Stove Returns to Middle Village

Jim and Grace Adrianse of Rockford, Michigan, pictured below, donated a pot-bellied stove to the King House in June 2019. The stove originally came from a now-demolished Middle Village house and is similar to the one that family and neighbors remember sat in the center of the King House one hundred years ago. We thank the Adrianse family for their generosity.



Historic Restoration Designation

The County Planning Commission approved KHA's application for a "change of use" in the zoning site plan for 144 N. Lamkin Road (the King House) from residential to historical restoration at its meeting on October 3, 2019. The designation clarifies the use of the house as a historic restoration and allows for "displays of artifacts related to the premises."

Approval to use the Middle Village Park lot

In conjunction with the application, KHA asked the Middle Village Park Board to allow King House visitors to use the parking lot across from St. Ignatius Church to avoid parking along Lamkin Road. The Park Board approved our request in September 2019.

Friends of the King House

Treasurer Susan Sparrow Carson took the lead in launching the Friends of the King House, an annual fundraising effort to cover the ongoing operating

costs of the King House Association. The goal is to raise \$4,000 a year to pay for insurance, printing, accounting services, fees (IRS, State, webhosting, memberships), and maintenance. The first letter of invitation to join the annual Friends campaign went out in November 2019 and met its fundraising goal by January 2020. Look for a letter next fall to renew your membership in the Friends and keep the King House going strong!

Timeline Display Project Planning

Now that the core structure of the King House has been restored, we have turned to the task of using the house as a site for telling the story of Middle Village/Good Hart as envisioned in our mission statement. The Timeline Display committee has proposed installing a series of museum-quality panels inside the house that tell the story of Middle Village/Good Hart from prehistory to the present day. The plan is to install the display during the summer/fall of 2021.

Board welcomes new directors

Bill Kico is a Lamkin Road neighbor and co-director of the Good Hart Artist Residency. Bill is serving as Vice-Chair of the board, administering the website and social media presence, and is a member of the Timeline Display Committee.

Jim Morris is also a Lamkin Road neighbor and owner of J. W. Morris Kitchen North in Harbor Springs. Jim is a licensed contractor and is looking after the well-being of the house, shoveling the snow, and serving on the newly formed Master Plan Committee.

Phil Deloria is the owner of the local organic Fiddlehead Farm and a professional archivist who works with several museums in our region. Phil's research and collection experience make him an invaluable member of the Timeline Display Committee.

Tom Shehigian lives on the bluff in Good Hart and is a regional insurance executive. Tom has extensive experience and many family connections with historic preservation efforts in Michigan. He is serving on the Master Plan Committee and assisting with period furnishings as needed.



Tribute to Outgoing Chair James T. Clarke

The King House Association Board of Directors salutes our outgoing chair James T. Clarke. We thank him for his leadership, generosity and commitment to the King House and its mission. As the first chair of King House Association, Jim led the way in raising the funds and overseeing the detail of the restoration of the King House. He also played a key role in building a strong organizational foundation for governance, public awareness and financial support that will make our future successes possible. We plan to hold him to his promise to remain involved with the work of the King House and will continue to count on him for advice and guidance. A heartfelt thanks to our fearless leader for setting a true and steady course for the King House Association.

Jim Clarke took on all manner of tasks (including raking) in order to assure the King House story will be told for generations to come. Jim (right) is pictured here at the pre-restoration King House with Keith Lamkin, who contributed the ten-foot yellow birch timbers used in the restoration and also served as a KHA director before his death in 2017.

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This list reflects donations received between January 1 and December 31, 2019.

King House Association

Statement of Activities

as of December 31, 2019

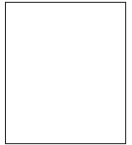
Cash on Hand Jan. 1, 2019	\$ 13,694.11
Income	
Cash Contributions	<u>\$ 9,361.03</u>
Total Income	\$ 9,361.03
Disbursements	
Administrative & Promotion	1,959.13
Insurance	1,877.00
King House Restoration	<u>12,500.00</u>
Total Disbursements	\$ 16,336.13
Cash on Hand Dec. 31, 2019	\$ 6,719.01



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King House Association 2020 Goals

- Set a schedule of times the King House will be open to visitors during the summer months
- Update the website and Facebook page with news and announcements
- Complete grant funding requests and begin collecting materials for the timeline display project
- Organize a committee to develop a master plan for the site
- Sponsor a fall archaeological dig and a fall open house
- Send our annual Friends of the King House fundraising letter in late fall



The mission of the King House Association is to purchase, restore, and maintain the mid-1800's King home in Middle Village/Good Hart in tribute to the rich cultural history of this beautiful place.