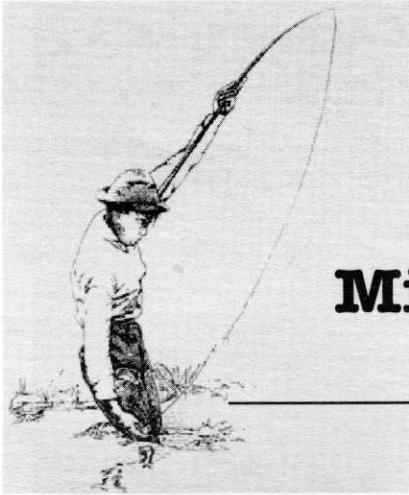


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MHS president-elect Mike Federspiel and past president Charlotte Ponder pose for a changing of the guard photo.

Charlotte has guided MHS for ten years, following the terms of founding president Joe Waldmeir. She remains on the MHS board of directors. She and her husband, Cecil ("The First Gentleman"), live in Decatur, AL. Their Southern hospitality has set the welcoming, friendly tone for which MHS events are known.

Mike is a school administrator in Midland, Michigan. His contributions have been pivotal in creating a visionary relationship between MHS and the Clarke Historical Library at Central Michigan University.

We thank both of these leaders for their able and willing service.

"Hemingway and Film" is theme for *Up in Michigan ...next year!*

Hemingway always had a love / hate relationship with Hollywood. He loved the income it provided him and hated that anyone tampered with his sacred text and characters. At its next annual gathering, the MHS will look at the films associated with Hemingway and the stories on which they are based.

There will be a great deal for us to discuss. Twenty-three of Hemingway's novels and stories were made into feature films. Additionally, two major films based on Hemingway's own life have reached the silver screen (*In Love and War* and *Hemingway* starring Stacey Keach) and there are currently two more major movie projects in production – one starring Anthony Hopkins as Hemingway; the other James Gandolfini (of *The Sopranos* fame).

**Up in Michigan, 2005
October 28 - 30
Stafford's Perry Hotel**

**Keynote speaker:
Academy Award-winning
filmmaker DeWitt Sage**

We are also honored and excited to announce that **our keynote speaker will be DeWitt Sage, an Academy Award winning director whose own Hemingway documentary will have its world premiere on PBS next September.** He's tracked Hemingway around the world (including in northern Michigan!) and will offer a filmmaker's perspective on the author's life.

Stay tuned to our website for details as the board continues to put the program together, and don't miss the opportunity to hear first-hand about the challenges of being a filmmaker-biographer.

--Mike Federspiel

