

THE LINCOLN PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM

NEWSLETTER

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FROM MURIEL'S DESK

Greetings Everyone! We start the club year with Society President, Jim Nelson, leading the Historical Society and a new schedule for the museum. Jeff will open Wednesday and Saturday and I will open Thursday. The Saturday opening should help students and weekend visitors to access the museum without special request.

Quilt Appraisal Clinic on May 5th: March is "Quilt Month", and our main case will hold several of our most valuable quilts. This is a prelude to a larger exhibit scheduled for the month of May. The activities are still being planned, but on Saturday, May 5 from 1:00 to 5:00 P.M. we will have **Velia Lauerman** at the museum to appraise quilts, photograph them and issue a certificate of value. That, plus a record of your quilt history that you supply, is needed for insurance. **So register early**, as Mrs. Lauerman does a thorough inspection of each quilt, and we must limit the number we can schedule. When you call to register, we can give you the cost of the appraisal and answer any other questions you might have.



Beginning

last summer, a group of quilters from Lincoln Park Presbyterian Church (see photo) has been meeting to complete the quilt to be raffled at our May 5 Quilt



Show, a benefit for the Historical Society. The 1930s-era material used for this "Dresden Plate" patterned quilt was donated to the museum by the family of Mary and Eugene Sutton. This is a beautiful quilt for your own use or

as a gift. Five tickets for the raffle are enclosed with members' newsletters -- for a \$1 per ticket donation. **Please remit your stubs with payment** either by mail or drop off at the museum. Raffle tickets may also be obtained at the museum.

Memberships

Membership Chair Grace Wangbickler reports we have two new members: **Sylvia Convery** of Lincoln Park, and Lincoln Park Councilwoman **Tracy Bush** -- welcome to these new friends!

PARK BENCH

This coming Spring we will be dedicating a new permanent park bench at Council Point Park, honoring LP on its 90th birthday over the last year (1921-2011). The bench was paid for with remaining funds collected for the "Lincoln Park at 90" celebration last summer. Ordered in the fall, the bench was delivered before the holidays, but installation at the park must wait until the winter season is over. When we do know the date we will email everyone we have addresses for.

OUR NEW DAYS



WITH 2012, we have changed our days of operation as follows: Beginning in February, the museum will now be open **Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays**, with regular hours, from 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. (By adding Saturday we will no longer have Tuesday hours.) Muriel will continue to staff the museum on Thursdays, and Jeff will staff on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Our first Saturday open to the public is February 4. We need Society volunteers to help welcome visitors, and we are hoping for more family and young people visits during the Saturday hours. Please call us if you can help out; even one day a month is fine.

IN MEMORIAM

We are deeply saddened to report the death of Society members **Lois Lyons** and **Gloria Bradley** in January, and **John Irving** last December.

All three have been long time members. Life member 153, Lois was currently serving her third year as a member of the Lincoln Park Historical Commission, for which she served as Treasurer.

Gloria, life member 135, has been a dedicated supporter of the museum since we were in our first location.

John and his wife Doris championed the museum's efforts to grow from our earliest years, and have generously contributed a number of items to our historic collections over the years.

We will miss these dear friends.



STAIR LIFT UPDATE

The new motorized stair lift for the museum is moving toward realization. After visiting an installed working demonstration of the style that we wanted for our stairway to the lower level (one that will *curve around* the landing midway down), we can report that we were very pleased with what we saw firsthand. We have placed an order for the installation of a Bruno CRE 2110 custom stair lift, including the stairwell modifications, with Adaptive Environments, Inc. of Sterling Heights. The project should be completed in approximately three months, including the order, manufacture and installation times. We older folks are looking forward to having an easier time of getting down the stairs - and back up again.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Wednesday, March 7 - 7:00 P.M.

Historical Society Meeting:
"The Civil War and Michigan"
with authors Marty Bertera and Kim Crawford

Wednesday, April 4 - 7:00 P.M.

Historical Society Meeting - Program TBA

Saturday, May 5 - 1:00 to 5:00 P.M.

"Quilt Show and Appraisal"

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Call for appraisal reservation: 313-386-3137

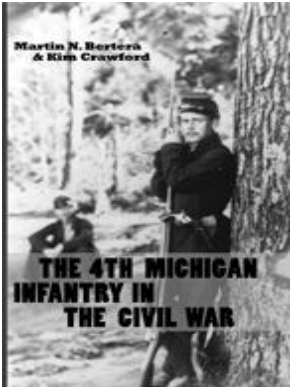
Saturday Film Series - Free Admission

February 11, 5:00 p.m. - "Abe Lincoln of Illinois"

March 10, 5:00 p.m. - "Tucker: The Man and His Dream"

April 14, 5:00 p.m. - "A Night to Remember"

THE CIVIL WAR - MARCH 7



was a finalist for the 2010 U.S. Army Historical Foundation Distinguished Writing Award.

Please join us for our first program of 2012, to be held on Wednesday, March 7 at 7:00 p.m. Marty Bertera and Kim Crawford, the co-authors of "The 4th Michigan Infantry in the Civil War" (Michigan State University Press, 2010) will be with us to talk about Michigan's role in the Civil War. The 4th Michigan included troops from the downriver area. Their book



Historical Society Board members at January meeting

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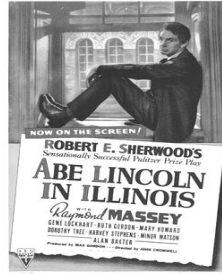
The Historical Society continues its quarterly newsletter publication with this February 2012 issue. We are hoping to deliver our newsletters by email as well as snail mail. If you'd like receiving newsletters and special announcements via email, please send your address to curator@lphistorical.org.

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PRESIDENTS DAY

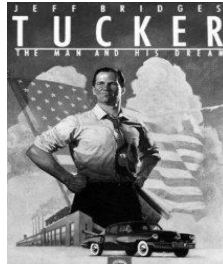
Our February Special Exhibit will feature "U.S. Presidents" with an emphasis on Abraham Lincoln. The film "Abe Lincoln in Illinois" will show here at the museum on Saturday, February 11 to help commemorate Lincoln's birthday (see below).

SATURDAY SHOWS @ THE MUSEUM



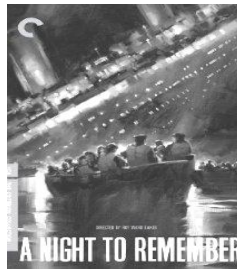
"Abe Lincoln in Illinois" (1940), will play Saturday February 11; starring Raymond Massey and Ruth Gordon, directed by John Cromwell, the film covers the period from Lincoln's early years as a Kentucky woodsman until his election to the Presidency in

1860. Included are his first love, Ann Rutledge; his marriage to Mary Todd; the Illinois law practice; and his debates with Stephen Douglas. (110 minutes). Massey received an Academy Award nomination for his performance. One show time at 5:00 p.m.



"Tucker: The Man and His Dream" (1988) will play Saturday March 10; the story of one time Lincoln Park resident and motorcycle cop Preston Tucker, the maverick car designer and his ill-fated challenge to the auto industry with his revolutionary car concept, starring Jeff Bridges, Joan Allen, and Martin Landau; directed by Francis Ford Coppola. (110 minutes) One show time at 5:00 p.m.

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"A Night to Remember" (1958) will play on Saturday, April 14, the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic. (The ship struck an iceberg on the 14th and sank early on the 15th.) The movie features an all-British cast led by Kenneth More, and co-starring a very young David McCallum ("NCIS"), directed by Roy Ward Baker (123 minutes). One show time at 5:00 p.m. Bring your own life preservers.

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Later this season, we will honor the Girl Scouts on the occasion of their Centennial Anniversary in 2012 with a special exhibit and programs. If we have any timely details before the May Newsletter comes out, we will send those to you via email.

We would like to hear from any member who may have been a Girl Scout, or Brownie, or Blue Bird. Also, if you have a personal item you might care to loan to us for this exhibit, we will take good care of any items and return them to you after the exhibit closes.

