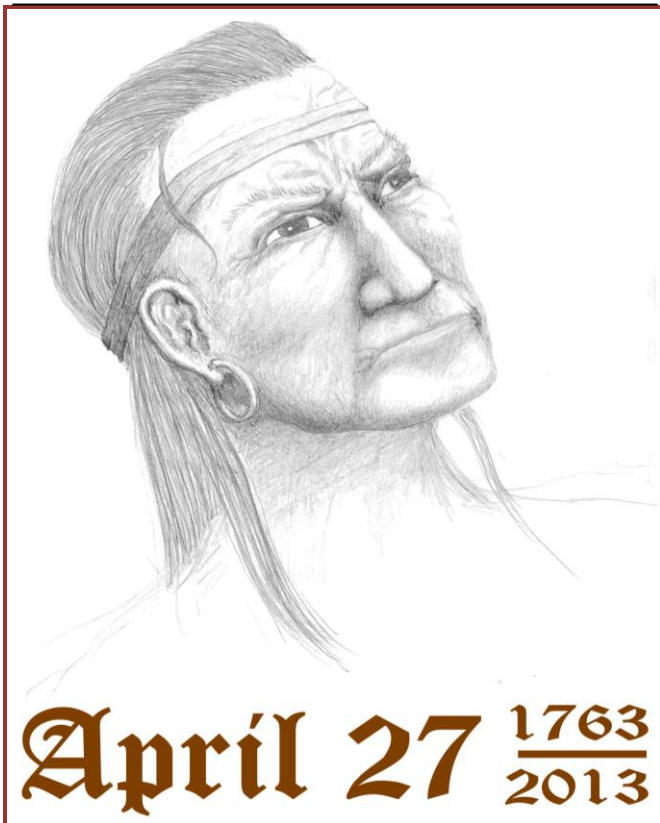


# THE LINCOLN PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM

## NEWSLETTER

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The official poster for the Pontiac commemoration, by Detroit artist **Judy Gould**, and the American Indian Movement. The poster will soon be available for purchase at the museum with funds going to support the commemoration activities.

### **NEW HISTORICAL MARKER**

We are delighted to report that on January 9, 2013 the Michigan Historical Commission formally approved Lincoln Park's application for a State of Michigan Historical Site designation for the Pontiac Council at Council Point along the Ecorse River. The application was submitted in June upon a Resolution of the City Council in support of the historical marker. The marker has been ordered and delivery will take place before the **official dedication on Saturday April 27** at Council Point as part of the Council's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary ceremony. We are seeking contributions to help pay for the cost of the marker: Members and friends, please see the enclosed letter and form with your newsletter. We welcome contributions from anyone who wishes to support this project. All contributors will be recognized on a permanent list of names posted on the wall of the Museum along with a photo of the new marker taken at its dedication. Please contact the museum for more information: 313-386-3137.

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**WEDNESDAY DAY, MARCH 6 7:00 P.M.**

**Historical Society Meeting & Program**

**"WHAT THE HECK IS IT?"** **Bob Wittersheim** will present an evening of curious objects and items from the past – you get to guess what they are!

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**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3 7:00 P.M.**

**Historical Society Meeting & Program / Election**

**Historian Gerry Wykes** will speak on the progress and research of his upcoming book, entitled, *"The Detroit River: A Crooked Strait"* - be one of the first to hear about Gerry's new book.

Also at the April 3 meeting, members will elect new Board officers for 2013-2014 – Nominations need to be received at the museum by March 31. The newly-elected officers will be installed at the annual dinner meeting in May -- date to be announced soon.

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**SATURDAY, APRIL 6 4:00 P.M.**

**LECTURE: "Chief Pontiac's Council- 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration"** This power point program will serve as a prelude to the upcoming April 27<sup>th</sup> commemoration of Pontiac's War Council. Presentation by curator Jeff Day at the Museum.

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**SATURDAY, APRIL 27 The 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**Commemoration of Chief Pontiac's Council, held at Council Point Park** – Organized by the **American Indian Movement – Michigan Chapter (AIM-Mi)**, with support from the LP Historical Museum and the City of Lincoln Park, the commemoration will feature a weekend Pow Wow on April 26 to 28. At 5:00 P.M. on the 27<sup>th</sup> the council ceremony will be held, and will include the dedication of the new State of Michigan Historical Site Marker. Many representatives of Great Lakes tribal communities, officials of the Michigan Historical Commission, and other dignitaries and government officials will be in attendance.

During the week of April 22 to 26, daytime educational events at the park will be reserved for local school classes, with *public events*, including concerts, being planned for each evening – all programs will be held at the park location. A full listing of the commemoration's programs and activities will be updated at the museum's website, [www.lphistorical.org](http://www.lphistorical.org).

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**We welcome Tom Karnes**, retired Chief of Police, as the newest Commissioner on the LP Historical Commission. Tom's appointment was approved by City Council in November, 2012. Welcome aboard, Tom!

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## FROM MURIEL'S DESK :

The end of January and we just put away the Memorial Tree honoring members lost in the last two years. I hope we don't have to add many more names to the bird ornaments we hang on the tree for 2013. That tree brings back so many memories --- 2013 will bring many more changes for our city and the museum; funding for one thing. We will have our operating budget, formerly provided by the city, transferred to the Downtown Development Authority (DDA), which has tax money set to promote the central business area. It's a logical move for all of us at this time. Our new days of operation seem to be working out. Dropping Tuesday and adding Saturday this past year has brought more visitors who cannot schedule week days for a museum stop.

## MEMBERSHIP

The Historical Society has a new Membership Chair. After 18 years, **Grace Wangbickler** has decided to hand over her records to friend **Alyce Riggs**. (Alyce has served as Corresponding Secretary on the Society's Board for the past several years.) This position is so important to the society that we are all aware of how well Grace filled that position, and every past President thanks her. **We welcome two new members to the Historical Society: Bev Vincent and Jim Watts, both of Lincoln Park.**

## MEMORIALS

We are saddened to report the passing of two of our long-time society members and supporters. **Lester Pegouske** passed away on January 26. We also learned that **Adeline Drouillard** had passed away in December. Both Lester and Adeline were members of pioneer downriver families that date back many, many generations. We extend our deepest sympathies to their families and friends.

**The December Holiday Open House** was a great success – our first time having it on a Saturday evening, in conjunction with the City of LP's tree lighting ceremony. The annual event promises to be bigger and better next year, with the combined efforts of the Mayor's office, the Downtown Development Authority, led by **Madhu Oberoi**, and the Historical Society.

**Jeff makes the rounds:** In addition to the April museum program, curator Jeff Day will be participating in the **Historical Society of Michigan's Local History Conference** on March 22 in Livonia. He will be one of three presenters speaking on the upcoming 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Pontiac Uprising, along with **Eric Hemenway**, historian and Director of Repatriation with the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa, and **Craig Wilson**, Museum Historian with the Mackinac State Historic Parks. On February 6, Jeff will speak to the Exchange Club here in Lincoln Park on the plans for the Pontiac anniversary.

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## UPDATES

We have been very fortunate to have the help of volunteer **Barbara McShane**, a computer graphics design student enrolled at Henry Ford Community College. Barbara has spent the past several months working on the website design as part of her class project and has also been updating the page information. This is an important step in the ongoing effort to keep our museum & society website current and relevant - - and flexible, to be easily updated. We greatly appreciate the many hours of time and expertise that Barbara has contributed to this project.

**RECENT ACQUISITIONS** The photo here shows three items we were thrilled to receive this past fall from Austin and Erlene Sibley, of Wyandotte - items from Austin's boyhood Lincoln Park home that had been saved by his mother. All are in excellent condition, including the doll stroller, on the left, that belonged to his mother as a girl (and which dates to about 1909).



The baby doll stroller, rocking horse, and doll buggy from Austin & Erlene Sibley and family.

### Society Officers 2012-2013

President	Jim Nelson
Vice President	Dolores Walker
Recording Secretary	Mary Cibor
Corresponding Secretary & Membership Chair	Alyce Riggs
Treasurer	Mary Meyer
Trustees: Grace Agnello, Bea Partridge, Grace Wangbickler	
Museum Director	Muriel Lobb
Museum Curator	Jeff Day

**The Lincoln Park Historical Society** continues its quarterly newsletter publications with this February 2013 issue. We are hoping to deliver our newsletters by email as well as snail mail. If you'd like to receive newsletters and special announcements via email, **please send your email address to [curator@lphistorical.org](mailto:curator@lphistorical.org)**. Our regular hours are 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.