

# THE LINCOLN PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM

## NEWSLETTER

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### FLEA MARKET FUNDRAISER

#### SATURDAY APRIL 22<sup>nd</sup> \*\*

The Lincoln Park Historical Society will be holding its first flea market in many years, an event designed to raise funds for the Historical Museum. It is hoped that, if successful, this fundraiser could become an annual community event. The date is set for **Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> \*\*, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** inside the Band Shell building at Kennedy Memorial Center. While the Historical Society will itself have a couple of tables of specialty items for sale, we are expecting that many others will be interested in taking part that day.

Tables are available for a cost of \$30 for the day. Sellers will need to provide their own table coverings. There is a maximum of 40 tables available, on a first-come first-served basis. **Registration** is available by calling the museum at 313-386-3137 or by email at [lpmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:lpmuseum@gmail.com). **The deadline for registering is Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>.**

*Let's come together  
to make this a fun  
- and rewarding  
- event!*



**\*\* Please note the date change from April 29<sup>th</sup>**

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Member **Paul Zatyko** stopped by recently to donate a few items from Lincoln Park's past. He is not sure from what year or time period is this unique bracelet from Lincoln Park High School. It appears to be quite old. If any LP High School alumni out there might know, please contact us. Thank you.



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### SOCIETY NEWS

#### *"Welcome Back, Lucille!"*

Former Historical Society president **Lucille Stroh** has returned to the Board as a trustee. Lucille's appointment was approved by the Society Board at the January meeting. Lucille is replacing trustee Mary Meyer who retired from the board last fall. She will serve for the remainder of the term through April of this year. Elections for officers for 2017-2018 will take place at the Wednesday April 5<sup>th</sup> Society meeting. Nominations for the next term of board officers will begin March 1<sup>st</sup> and close at the April 5<sup>th</sup> meeting before the vote.

We concluded the year 2016 with a very successful run of **"The Art of Bill Morrison"** exhibit, which closed on December 30<sup>th</sup>. Much of January was spent uninstalling the exhibit and carefully packing the nearly 200 pieces to send back to Bill's home in California. Volunteers **Sandi Horst** and **Merritt Solomon** and **custodian Robert French** were a big help assisting curator Jeff Day with that project, including help with the reinstallation of exhibits that were removed temporarily. One very nice outcome of the exhibit is that Bill graciously offered a number of his pieces to the museum for a permanent exhibit. We are extremely grateful for his donation. The new pieces will fill our main case for the next month or so before finding a permanent display home.

Earlier in December we held our annual holiday Open House, which again this year featured Society member and printer **Garry Summers** producing holiday greeting cards with assistance from his grandkids. Garry is pictured below with granddaughter **Mya Summers** at the vintage Chandler & Price printing press.



[For a video of the above printing press in action see the Lincoln Park Historical Museum Facebook page.]

## MICHIGAN'S FIRST ROAD

**What began** as one of the well-worn pathways established by the Native Americans from across the region – this one traveling south from Detroit into northern Ohio – later took on military importance with the onset of war with the British in 1812. The roadway was improved as a plank road – or corduroy road – built by U.S. troops under Commander William Hull (the Territorial Governor at the time) who marched his men north from Urbana along the route to Fort Detroit in June of that year. Remnants of the old road, known as “Hull’s Trace”, are still extant, and can be seen near the Huron River in Brownstown Township.

The campaign for “Michigan’s First Road” came out of a project **Bill Saul** and **Rusty Davis** embarked on to travel to Washington D.C. and retrieve good copies of maps that have hung in the Monroe County Historical Museum for years. After starting to assemble the maps in chronological order, what became evident was that the road known by many people as Hull's Road is still there. The old road is driven over each day by hundreds of people without them realizing it. The two men subsequently prepared a power point presentation to share what they had found. The program on April 5<sup>th</sup> will follow the historical progress of Hull's Road and explain the efforts to have the road recognized by the Michigan Department of Transportation as a Historic Pure Michigan Byway.

Rusty and Bill are Monroe-based historians and research volunteers at the River Raisin National Battlefield Park.

Check this link for more of the story:

<http://www.freep.com/story/news/local/michigan/2016/10/05/pure-michigan-byways/91179384/>

## HERITAGE PLAZA

The **Lincoln Park Heritage Plaza** holds an annual installation and dedication of engraved bricks each year in May on the grounds of the museum. This May 20<sup>th</sup>'s event will include those bricks which are currently on order and all new orders received through April 22<sup>nd</sup>. (see back of newsletter for an order form). The engraved pavers are dedicated in honor and recognition of individuals, families, organizations, civic or community service, and military service, past or present.

Contact us if you'd like more information on the Heritage Plaza project. Order forms are also available at City Hall and the Lincoln Park Public Library.

## CALENDAR of EVENTS

The public is invited to all society events.

**Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 p.m.** The first society program of 2017 will feature speaker **Jim Magyari**, of Taylor, offering an informative presentation on naturist customs and lore of the Native Americans of this area. Jim is the author of “Hey, Dave! You’re standing on our lunch.” Also at the meeting, nominations for 2017-2018 Board members will begin being accepted.

### **Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.**

Society program: “**Michigan’s First Road**” presentation by Rusty Davis and Bill Saul, (see article). The April meeting will also include the election of new Board members.

### **Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

**FLEA MARKET** to be held at the Kennedy Memorial Band Shell building. Vendor registration is available by stopping at the museum, or calling or emailing us. **Registration deadline is Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>.**

**Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> is also the deadline** for submitting new orders for engraved bricks. These will be installed in the Heritage Plaza in May.

### **Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

The HISTORICAL SOCIETY’S ANNUAL DINNER: “**Preston Tucker and the Tucker ‘48**”, with Tucker’s grandson **John Tucker**, author **Steve Lehto**, and Tucker collector and scholar **Mark Lieberman**. (See article); evening includes the formal installation of Board officers; held at the Lincoln Park High School cafeteria. Invitations will be sent to members in April. The dinner is open to the public. Contact us for tickets and reservations.

### **Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> 12 noon**

**Dedication Ceremony** for the newly-installed Heritage Plaza bricks, and the **Annual Memorial Bell Ringing Ceremony**. Indoor reception follows.

## **GRIMSHAW & MC5 EXHIBITS**

The museum’s new long-term exhibits, “**Gary Grimshaw: The Master Artist’s Studio**” and “**MC5: Kids With a Dream**”, installed last year, continue to welcome a steady stream of rock music fans and interested visitors both far and near. We’ve enjoyed hearing from people who have been greatly affected by these ground-breaking artists who came out of Lincoln Park some 50 years ago and by their continuing legacies.

## PRESTON TUCKER & THE TUCKER '48

With the help and cooperation of the Tucker Automobile Club of America (TACA) and Ypsilanti's Automotive Heritage Museum, we will be mounting a new exhibit on **Preston Tucker** and his remarkable Tucker '48 automobile in the summer of 2017. (The exact dates and more information will be shared in our May newsletter.) Tucker's grandson, **John Tucker**, currently serves as president of the TACA and sits on the board of the Automotive Heritage Museum.



Preston Tucker shown in a publicity photo with his "Tucker '48"

John Tucker will be one of three speakers appearing at the Historical Society's Annual Dinner in May (see Calendar of Events), along with **Steve Lehto**, author of the book, "Preston Tucker and His Battle to Build the Car of Tomorrow", and Tucker scholar and collector **Mark Lieberman**.

The year 2017 marks the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of production of the Tucker car, popularly known as the "Tin Goose", which was unveiled to the world on June 19, 1947 at the automobile's Chicago manufacturing plant. Some thirty years earlier, as a young boy, Preston Tucker moved with his widowed mother and siblings to Lincoln Park. He later served the community as a Lincoln Park policeman during the prohibition years before moving to Ypsilanti with his family in the 1930s.

Society Members will receive their Annual Dinner invitation in the mail in April. The public is also invited to attend. Information available at the museum.

### MUSEUM HONORED

The **Lincoln Park Exchange Club** recently honored museum curator Jeff Day with its "Book of Golden Deeds" award for 2016. The recognition took place at the club's annual awards banquet in December. The Book of Golden Deeds award was presented to Jeff for his cumulative work as curator with the historical museum over the past 8 years. *Our congratulations to Jeff!*

### MEMBERSHIPS

**Thanks to everyone** for your membership renewals. We are starting 2017 with fewer members, and we appreciate your dues and your patronage. We look forward to receiving any suggestions for our meetings and programs.

## IN MEMORIAM

### Ken Mixer

1926-2016

In late October we lost one of our biggest supporters with the passing of our friend, **Ken Mixer**. Ken was hugely instrumental in the Historical Society's purchase of the old post office building in the early 1990s, which in turn allowed us to move into a new and permanent home. Those who knew Ken know that he was unassuming and preferred to decline any type of public recognition for his many good deeds, however deserving he was.

Ken not only lent to the society most of the initial funds for the purchase of the property, he then graciously returned the interest that was paid to him over the course of six years, as a gift to the Historical Society. Ken and his wife Charollet, who passed way earlier last year, were long-term supporters and life members of the Society to whom we will always be indebted. We are ever grateful for having had their encouraging support and enduring friendship for so many years.

## "Rouge Legacy Project"

Curator Jeff Day is looking for people whose family may have had a connection to the Ford Rouge factory over the years. A special exhibit is scheduled for next fall when the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Model A, which debuted in December 1927, is celebrated. An oral history project is also being initiated to coincide with the exhibit. The City of Lincoln Park's rapid growth in the 1920s was due in great part to the continuing expansion of Ford's nearby plant, where the Model A was produced. Please contact the museum at 313-386-3137 if you can help.

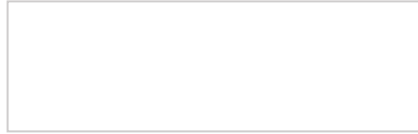
### *Lincoln Park Historical Society Board 2016-2017*

President/Secretary	Dolores Walker
Vice President	(vacant)
Treasurer	Jim Nelson
Trustee/Membership	Alyce Riggs
Trustee	Bea Partridge
Trustee	Lucille Stroh
Trustee	Grace Wangbickler

Board meetings are held monthly on the third Tuesday at 1:30 P.M. The Society Newsletter is published quarterly. To be added to the emailing list and receive a color version of the newsletter - and to help us save on postage costs - please send an email to [lpmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:lpmuseum@gmail.com).

Museum Curator: Jeff Day

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**LINCOLN PARK HERITAGE PLAZA ENGRAVED BRICK ORDER FORM**

Orders submitted by April 29, 2017 will be dedicated at 12 noon, Saturday May 20, 2017

Please submit your order for a 4"x8" brick (**3 lines of text**) or 8"x8" brick (**6 lines of text**);  
 Indicate one character per space = 14 characters maximum per line. (See sample below)

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Please include payment with your form

- 4"x8" engraved brick \$100
- 8"x8" engraved brick \$150

To "Lincoln Park Historical Museum"  
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