

THE LINCOLN PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM NEWSLETTER

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OUR EARLY COLLECTIONS & A MEET & GREET WITH MUSEUM'S FIRST CURATOR JACK HINSKE

The first exhibit of the new year will feature a look at our historical museum's early collections, a wide variety of items donated by local residents to the newly-formed museum in 1972. Many of these items have not been on public view for some time.

Opening in May 1972 in a newly-built extension at the rear of the Lincoln Park Public Library, the Lincoln Park Historical Museum's early collections grew to where today we house over 10,000 pieces on the two floors of the (former) Depression-era post office building – itself a significant historic “artifact.”

Jack Hinske, who was a driving force behind the museum and served as its first curator, will be on hand for a Meet and Greet open house on Saturday, **March 9 from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.** Jack has mentioned how the idea for a historical museum came about from a need to create a place where Lincoln Park's young people could learn about their community's history. A long-time educator, Jack studied electronics at the University of Wisconsin in Menomonie, where he was recruited to teach in his specialty at the newly-built Lincoln Park High School in 1960. He taught electronics at the school for many years before he retired. Because of Jack's work schedule, the first museum originally had evening hours only.



The museum's first curator, Jack Hinske, is seen here with the Lincoln Park Historical Museum dedication plaque from May of 1972.

BOOK-SIGNING & LP CHOCOLATE WALK SATURDAY FEBRUARY 9th

Author **Karin Risko**, of Lincoln Park, will present a talk on her new book, “A History Lover's Guide to Detroit”, here at the museum on Saturday, **February 9th, at 2:00 p.m.**

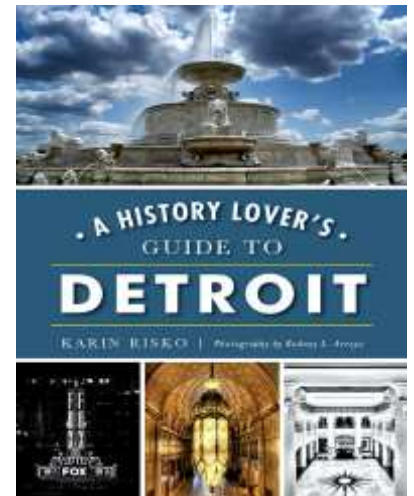
Karin Risko is the owner of City Tour Detroit. Karin estimates she has given over 1,000 tours of the city, yet she never tires of telling Detroit's story. She hopes the book will help new visitors and locals navigate the city and fully appreciate Detroit's notable past and present. The former history teacher earned a bachelor's degree in secondary education with a major in history from Central Michigan University. Karin is the coauthor of another History Press publication, *Michigan Civil War Landmarks*.

Learn more about
Karin's work at:
CityTourDetroit.com.

Photographer **Rod Arroyo**, whose photos appear in the book, will accompany Karin in her book-signing appearance here at the museum.

Books will be available for purchase at the museum.

The afternoon of February 9th is also the annual Lincoln Park “Chocolate Walk” celebration. The museum will be one of some twenty participating businesses providing chocolate treats to visitors. The walk (or drive) is held from **2pm-5pm** setting off from Park Restaurant Hall at 1681 Fort Street.





Museum custodian Robert French is shown with the four-sided clock which he helped remove from the ceiling of the Lincoln Park Sears store on January 8th two days after the store closed.

The long-time Sears clock, manufactured by Cincinnati Time Recorder Co., was relocated to the Lincoln Park store in 1994 after its original location - at the Highland Park Sears Store (built in 1938 on Woodward Avenue) closed its doors. The Lincoln Park Historical Society acquired the historic clock from Sears after the store closed on January 6th. The store's former maintenance technician, **Alan Villalta** of Allen Park, led the project to remove the clock from the store ceiling and transport to the museum. Plans are for the clock to be cleaned, repaired and installed on the museum ceiling over the winter. A special exhibit and open house at the museum are being scheduled for the summer.

The museum also received a large collection of the original blueprints of the store used for its construction in 1955-1956. At that time, it was announced as the largest Sears store in the world. Alan will also be helping us to organize those.

Receiving these artifacts from Sears comes as a decidedly mixed-blessing. It's been extremely sad to see the 62-year-old neighborhood business close to the public and to know so many employees have lost jobs as a result of Sears declaring bankruptcy in October.

The future use of the corner at Dix and Southfield is a question yet to be answered.



Shown here at the Lincoln Park Sears store on Monday, January 21 the last three employees: store manager Don Breslawski, center; with assistant managers Lidia Michalak, left, and Kim Williams, right.

Heritage Plaza paver orders for this year are due by Wednesday, April 17th. Dedication of new pavers will be held on Saturday, May 18th at the museum's annual Memorial Bell-ringing Ceremony. Order forms are available at the museum, at city hall, and at the LP library. The cost for a 4-inch by 8-inch engraved brick with three lines of text is \$100; the 8-inch by 8-inch engraved brick with six lines of text is \$150. **Proceeds from the project benefit the Historical Museum.**



Sharon Clarke, of Lincoln Park, niece of Lyn Osborn and his sister Maebeth Osborn Flood, is seen here with her family visiting the Lyn Osborn exhibit on December 9th.

"SMOKIN' ROCKETS!" EXHIBIT PROVES POPULAR

The Lyn 'Buddy' Osborn "Smokin' Rockets!" exhibit on display over the holidays was very popular with area visitors and even brought folks from out of state looking to pay tribute to 'Space Patrol' and Lyn's role as Cadet Happy on the early TV series. Most of the items displayed came from Lyn's sister's family, to whom we are very grateful. These were given as a gift to the museum and will remain in our collections; some will be on view permanently in a new display.

We have also appreciated the loan of items from local collectors, **Tesco Vee** and LP historical society member, **Tim Caldwell**. In addition, we have greatly benefited from the support of **Jean-Noel Bassior**, author of the book, *Space Patrol: Missions of Daring in the Name of Early Television* which offers a complete history of the series; the book is still available at the museum gift shop. The opening reception on December 9th was attended by members of Lyn's family (see photo above) and old friends of 'Buddy's' from the 1940s, **Joe Turinsky**, and high school classmate **Marylouise Blanco**. A good time was had by all.

IN MEMORIAM



Lucille Stroh

Past Board president and life member No. 139

January 18, 2019

Connie Hoy

December 2, 2018

Grace Kreuger

November 10, 2018

We have also learned of the deaths of these society members earlier last year

Alvin Turner

August 13, 2018

Robert Buckley

July 24, 2018

Ann Baker

June 20, 2018

We extend our deepest sympathies to the families of these good friends.

We are very pleased that **Ed Clemente** will be with us for the Historical Society's program on Wednesday, April 3rd at 7:00 p.m. Ed will present his power-point presentation on the story of Clemente's Restaurant, long a landmark institution in Lincoln Park. We expect this to be a popular program, so please plan to arrive early as seating is limited.

SEEKING OLD HIGH SCHOOL YEARBOOKS

The Museum is looking to complete our collection of Lincoln Park High School yearbooks. We are still in need of books from the years:

1953	1979
1955	1986
1956	2000
1962	2002-2005
1978	2007 to now

If you have any of the above that you'd be willing to donate to the museum, please contact us. We get many visitors who stop at the museum to search through yearbooks from years past for family research or just to reminisce.

CALENDAR of EVENTS

The public is invited to attend all Historical Society events.

Saturday, February 9th, 2:00 pm Program: "A History Lovers Guide to Detroit" book-signing and presentation by author, Karin Risko of Lincoln Park, and photographer Rod Arroyo. Held the same afternoon as the annual Lincoln Park Chocolate Walk. Stop in for a special treat from the Historical Society.

Saturday, March 9th, Exhibit Opening: "Museum's Early Collections", with a 2:00 p.m. meet & greet with the museum's first curator, Jack Hinske. The special exhibit will run through May 18th.

Wednesday, April 3rd, 7:00 p.m. Program: "Clemente's Restaurant" – a visual presentation by Ed Clemente.

**Wednesday, April 17th is the DEADLINE for new Heritage Plaza paver orders, dedicated on May 18th.

Wednesday, May 1st, 7:00 p.m. Program: "Yankee Air Museum at Willow Run" a presentation by museum board director Brian Higgins.

The Historical Society Annual Dinner in May, date and program TBA (invitations will be mailed in April)

Saturday, May 18th, 12 noon Annual Memorial Bell-ringing Ceremony and Dedication of the newly-installed Heritage Plaza bricks, held on the museum grounds.



Coming Summer, 2019 – A special exhibit on the Sears Store in Lincoln Park. The exhibit begins with a public program on June 5th on the Sears Catalog Kit homes, popular with middle class home owners from 1908 to 1940 – a number of these are located in Lincoln Park and downriver. The presentation is sponsored by the Lincoln Park Preservation Alliance and the LP Historical Society, and features historical preservationists and home researchers, **Andrew & Wendy Mutch**; the event is scheduled for Wednesday, June 5th at 7:00 p.m. More info coming in the May newsletter.

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