

THE LINCOLN PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM

NEWSLETTER

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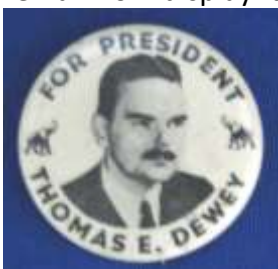
U.S. Presidential Campaign Exhibit

In May, the museum will open a special, timely exhibit of U.S. Presidential campaign memorabilia. The exhibit is highlighted by nearly 200 items from the private collection of **Morry Greener**, of West Bloomfield, who has been a lifetime collector. Among the items on display will be the exhibit's earliest piece, a campaign poster depicting Lewis Cass, Michigan Senator who ran for president in 1848 on the Democratic ticket with running mate, William Orlando Butler. (Sen. Cass lost that contest to Mexican-American War hero Zachary Taylor, the Whig Party candidate.)



Collector Morry Greener with a 1932 Franklin D. Roosevelt campaign poster, which features Michigan candidates of that election, including Congressman John D. Dingell, Sr. of the 15th District

Please join us on Saturday, May 28th at 5:00 p.m. for a special opening reception. The exhibit will remain on display through August 6, after which



much of Morry's private collection will be shown at MOCAD (Museum of Contemporary Art, Detroit)

GARY GRIMSHAW EXHIBIT to open in June

We are very pleased to announce that beginning on June 18th, the historical museum will present an exhibit of the late artist **Gary Grimshaw's** home studio. Gary, a native of Lincoln Park and a 1963 graduate of LP High School, was a renowned and highly-respected poster illustrator who got his start in the mid-1960s, at the same time the rock group, MC5, also from Lincoln Park, was spreading its wings. Gary was high school friends with Rob Tyner, lead singer for the MC5. The two friends were also fellow artists.

When Russ Gibb was starting up his incarnation of the Grande Ballroom as a rock and roll concert venue in the fall of 1966, he approached Rob to create poster designs for the new concerts. Rob, in turn, recommended his friend Gary. And the rest, as they say, is history.

We are very grateful to Gary's wife, Laura for generously agreeing to loan these pieces to the historical museum. Included in the exhibit - which shares space with the new permanent MC5 exhibit in the former Postmaster's Office - will be a number of Gary's personal items, drawing board, photographs, and a representation of Gary's creative output from his decades-long career.



The panel shown here, from the Detroit Historical Museum's 2014-15 Gary Grimshaw exhibit, is on temporary loan and will be included in our new exhibit.

CALENDAR of EVENTS

Wednesday May 11, 6:00 P.M. Historical Society Annual Dinner & Installation of Officers; guest speaker, Giles Tucker, Director, Lincoln Park DDA. Cost per person \$20; advance reservations required; held at Lincoln Park High School cafeteria.

Saturday May 14 starting at **12 noon**; Dedication of Heritage Plaza engraved pavers; followed by the Historical Society's Annual Memorial Bell Ringing Ceremony on the museum lawn; indoor reception

Saturday May 28: 5:00 P.M. Opening Reception for the U.S. Presidential Campaign Memorabilia exhibit; This special temporary exhibit from a private collection will run through August 6th (see article)

Saturday June 18 – Opening of the Gary Grimshaw Studio exhibit (see article)

OTHER DATES UPCOMING:

Saturday August 6, last day of the Presidential Campaign memorabilia exhibit.

Thursday, September 8, next deadline for Heritage Plaza brick orders (for an Oct 1st dedication).

Saturday October 1, Noon, next dedication of Heritage Plaza engraved bricks.

Saturday, October 15, opening reception for "Bill Morrison Retrospective Exhibit" (more information in the upcoming August newsletter).

IN MEMORIAM



Erlene Sibley

We extend our heartfelt condolences to the Sibley family on the recent passing of Erlene Sibley. Erlene and her late husband Austin were both long time members and good friends of the historical society and, interestingly, both were employed here at the old post office in earlier years, Austin working as a mail carrier until his retirement.

ANNUAL DINNER TO BE HELD MAY 11TH

Our Historical Society members who reside locally should have received their annual dinner announcement in the mail. Please remit your reservations **by May 7th**. This year the annual dinner is to be held at the Lincoln Park High School cafeteria (1701 Champaign Rd.). The cost of the dinner remains at \$20 per person. Non-members are also invited to attend, call 313-386-3137 for information. Doors open at 6:00 P.M., with buffet dinner at 6:30 P.M. Dinner is followed by the Installation of Board Members for 2016-2017. Our featured speaker for the evening is **Giles Tucker**, Director of the Lincoln Park Downtown Development Authority.

HERITAGE PLAZA INSTALLATION

The Heritage Plaza project, which began last year as the city celebrated its 90th anniversary, will have its third installation of engraved pavers dedicated on **Saturday, May 14 at 12 noon**. At this time, we will be dedicating some 22 new pavers, including pavers for those public schools which have closed in past years.

We are especially seeking **former students of the following schools** to attend this dedication:

Goodell School, Strowig School (which closed in 1926! this means you, Muriel Lobb), **Horger School, Smith School, LeBlanc School, Crowley School, Finlay School, Hamilton School, and Huff Jr. High School.**

Our aim is to schedule two installations and dedications in the plaza each year, one in the spring and one in the fall.

Please contact us if you'd like an order form or more information on the Heritage Plaza project. Order forms are also available at city hall and the public library.

Following the Noon dedication, the historical society will observe its annual Memorial Bell Ringing Ceremony, with indoor reception held immediately afterward.

A GRATEFUL THANKS

We hope you were able to join us for the recent delicious spaghetti dinner & street clock fundraiser on April 16th.

Our great thanks to the **Lincoln Park Moose Lodge 1665**, Administrator Vinnie Bruzzese and the Moose staff for their gracious offer and their help, providing the hall space for the fundraising dinner, the food, and the food preparation and serving!

One hundred and fifty-five dinners were served. With added donations and ticket sales, over \$2,200 was raised toward the costs of the street clock repair.



*We thank all who contributed
for your support!*

Lincoln Park Historical Society Board 2016-2017

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Board meetings 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 up-to-date notifications - and to help us save on postage costs – please send an email to lpmuseum@gmail.com.

Museum Curator: Jeff Day

Bill Morrison Retrospective October 15 - December 30, 2016

This October the museum will mount a special exhibit, a retrospective on the career of Lincoln Park native son, **Bill Morrison**, award-winning cartoonist and illustrator. Bill is a grad of LPHS (1977) where he was mentored by art teacher Beverly “Boots” Grevengood, later attending Detroit’s College for Creative Studies and working as a technical illustrator. When Bill decided he had rendered his last diesel fuel pump, he moved to Southern California with his wife, Kayre.

With a career covering work in motion picture advertising, painting movie posters including *The Little Mermaid*, *Bambi*, *The Jungle Book* for Walt Disney Pictures among many others, Bill has more recently spent his time on projects related to *The Simpsons*. For that iconic property he has created



Bill Morrison is pictured here with his painting for Disney’s “The Little Mermaid” poster

thousands of drawings for T-shirts, video games, posters, toy packaging, books calendars, limited edition prints, etc.

When Simpsons creator Matt Groening founded Bongo comics, Bill was hired on as art director and realized his cartoonist dreams when he drew the very first Simpsons comic, leading to his eventual role as Creative Director for Bongo’s publications. Bill is honored to be serving as the current President of the National Cartoonists Society.

We’re very much looking forward to having Bill with us on October 15th for the exhibit’s opening day reception. Plan to join us for the celebration!

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