

# Newsletter

## Lincoln Park Historical Society & Museum

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### Founding Families Exhibit Continues

*The* Museum's exhibit on the "**Founding Families of Lincoln Park**" will remain in place as we move into the next year. The special exhibit opened on September 25 with a public reception attended by representatives of several of the early families, including the Goodell, Montie, Theeck, Pegouske, Schmidt (Smith) and Sabadash families. We also received a surprise visit from Mrs. Preston Tucker, Jr., (the former Shirley Meyer) who was in town for the LP High School 65 year reunion.



Shirley Tucker with museum director Muriel Lobb with the museum's Tucker exhibit

The Founding Families exhibit showcases many of the early settlers, their families, and the farming community from which Lincoln Park developed in the early years of the last century. A number of photographs and maps are included in the exhibit. Curator Jeff Day will speak on the Founding Families exhibit at the November 3 meeting, on Wednesday at 7:00 P.M. Light refreshments will be served.

The year 2011 will mark the 90th anniversary of Lincoln Park's incorporation. Beginning next spring, the historical society and museum will present a series of programs and exhibits centering on the year of our birth in 1921 and on Lincoln Park's explosive growth during the 1920s. Other city-wide plans for celebration will be announced

### Events & Activities

November 3, 7:00 P.M. General meeting program  
"Lincoln Park's Founding Families", curator Jeff Day

November 11, Thursday, 12 noon - 1 P.M.  
- **Veteran's Day Honors and Reception**

November 30-December 2, 1 P.M. - 5 P.M.  
- **Decorating museum for the holidays**

December 11, Saturday, 10 A.M. - 12 P.M.  
- **Children's old-fashioned ornament workshop**

December 12, Sunday, 1 P.M. - 5 P.M.  
- **Holiday Open House - Fun, Food, Music**



### **Preservation Report**

A team of three students from the University of Michigan Masters Program in Preservation paid us a visit on October 1. The purpose of their visit was to conduct a preservation survey of our museum and its collections. After a tour and a visit with our curator, the students completed a 13-page preservation assessment for their class project, a copy of which was sent along to us. The report addresses a number of areas that all museums must give attention to, and touches on areas that are unique to our own situation. A copy of their report is available for society members to look over at the museum. Implementing any recommended changes and updates to our systems and policies will be discussed by both the Historical Commission and the Society, within their areas of responsibility. As we move toward the 20th year in our "new" permanent home at the old post office, there are ways that we can modify in a positive manner our collections management and exhibition, and our continuing efforts at preservation.

### **Veterans Day**

### **Honors and Reception**

On Thursday, November 11, the museum will open at 11:30 a.m. for noon-time bell ringing ceremony. The old Goodell School bell on the museum's grounds will be rung to honor those veterans in our community who have served in the armed forces during all wars. Veterans Day originated with the Armistice Day declared in 1919, marking the end of World War I one year earlier, on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.

If you or someone in your family is a veteran, we hope you will join us for this time of recognition. A reception will follow inside the museum.

**VETERANS DAY**  
Arlington National Cemetery  
November 11, 1983- 11 A.M.



America is #1 Thanks to our Veterans



## President's Corner

Thanksgiving is at our door, and Christmas is not far behind. And so is our new store project and the changes that go with it. We are going to update our items and change the way we sell the merchandise. This must be accomplished if we want visitors to notice our Museum Store.

We are still carrying the LP History Book, and LP postcards, along with scarves, jewelry, ornaments, etc. I want to do this for us, and in memory of Kathy Dunlop, who help tend our store for many years. Let us start to be known as the place to go for unique items that can't be bought anywhere else. Much love and blessings for the holiday season.

*Your president, Lucille Stroh*

## *From Muriel's Desk:*

The Lincoln Park Woman's Club will be holding their regular meetings at the museum in the future. The Commission approved allowing the use for the Friday afternoon meetings for the nominal fee of \$50 per meeting. This group meets during the summer months. Many of the members are also Historical Society members, and some of them volunteer at the museum. The Woman's Club and the affiliated Garden Club have supported the museum since its inception. We welcome the new arrangement.

The Lincoln Park Exchange Club scheduled an evening meeting and tour here on September 22. During the meeting, attended by the curator and director, their President, Debbie Kitson, mentioned that the club had a Public Service Day coming up, and perhaps they could be of service to the museum in some way. On Saturday, October 16, eight members of the club showed up promptly at 9 A.M. with doughnuts and coffee. By ten minutes till noon, they had taken down curtains, washed the eight foot windows inside and out, had replaced a ceiling light in the stairwell we'd needed replaced for six months, had completely cleaned the country kitchen and moved a large storage cabinet from the conference room, and swept the Fort Street stairway from top to bottom. They made all that work seem like a lark! Do we thank them? You bet! [see photo on this page]

The Society is planning to decorate the museum with an old-fashioned Christmas theme this year. We are inviting members to bring some of the older Christmas tree balls they are no longer using to decorate our big tree in the center of the museum. If you have some that are lounging in your storage space, we would love to have up to a half-dozen. If you want them returned, please put your marking on the bottom. Our traditional ornaments are showing wear, so we welcome some fresh ones, but not newly purchased ones, for this year's tree.



## Thank you, Exchange Club !



Exchange Club Service Day work crew, here on October 16

*Remember* to renew your membership, if you haven't done so already, for the current year. Tell your friends about the importance of supporting the museum and its collections and preservation efforts. Member dues remain at the low cost of \$10 per individual, \$15 per couple, \$35 for a business; while students are only \$5. A lifetime membership is \$200.

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*We have added* a morning Christmas ornament craft workshop on Saturday, December 11, from 10:00 A.M. to 12 noon. Dee Walker will be here with other Society volunteers to show visitors how to make an ornament to take home. This project is offered to children accompanied by an adult. If this is as much fun as we anticipate, we would like to make this an annual affair.



Our newest Society members include

- Carole Holdridge of L.P.
- Clark DuBois of Newport. Mr. DuBois is a member of the longtime DuBois Plumbing family business, which started up in the 1940s. Grandfather, Joseph, was the first police chief in the Village of Lincoln Park.
- Busen Appliance, another long time LP business on Fort Street.
- Barbara Barker McGarry of Greenbush, Michigan. Barbara is the daughter of former Police Chief Charles Barker, who served in the 1930s and 40s.
- Marguerite Schwedler, of Eastpointe. Meg, President of the Detroit Historical Society Guild, was the "Toll House Cookie" lady for the October 3 Society program.

*Welcome to all - and thank you for your support!*

## In Memoriam



We are saddened to report that we have lost four dear members since the summer. In August, **Chester Sawicki** of Allen Park, and **Norma (Green) Mohr** of Taylor; **Kathy Dunlop** of Southgate, in September; and **John Blessing** of Allen Park, in October. Our thoughts are with each of their families.

Museum Hours  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday  
1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.  
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