

THE LINCOLN PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM

NEWSLETTER

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Hours: 1:00pm-6:00pm, Wednesday & Saturday

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“THE ART OF BILL MORRISON” EXHIBIT through December 30th



Mayor Tom Karnes presents Bill Morrison with the "Key to the City" at the exhibit's opening on October 15.
- photo courtesy of Dave Herndon

The museum's newest exhibit "**The Art of Bill Morrison**", which opened on October 15th, is a wide-ranging retrospective on the career of Lincoln Park native, **Bill Morrison**, an award-winning cartoonist and illustrator and the Creative Director for Bongo Comics. A few highlights among the nearly 200 pieces in the show are a drawing Bill made of his family at age 6; the Lincoln Park High School yearbook from 1977 for which Bill, a senior, designed the cover art work; limited edition prints created for Walt Disney Co. and *The Simpsons*; and Bill's most recent project, the publication this year of *Dead Vengeance* a graphic novel co-created by Bill and his wife Kayre.

Also included are a *Futurama* lunch box and a "The Birth of Marge" jigsaw puzzle (a take-off on Botticelli's "The Birth of Venus"); illustrations Bill created while a student at Detroit's College of Creative Studies; and three early drawings – James Taylor, David Bowie, and the New York Dolls' David Johansen – which Bill drew for the attending groomsmen in his wedding in 1982.

Bill and his wife Kayre were in town from their home in Simi Valley, California to attend the exhibit's opening reception. A special presentation of the "Key to the City" was made to Bill by Mayor Tom Karnes. During the evening, Bill signed copies of his exhibit poster and spoke about his career highlights accompanied by a slide-show presentation.

The special short-term exhibit is accompanied by a poster and T-shirt; both designed by Bill especially for the museum to help promote the exhibit with sales benefiting the Historical Society and Museum. These specialty items are beautiful and very colorful, and would make excellent gifts for the holiday season! [please see photos on back page]. We have men's and ladies' T-shirts at \$20 each. The posters signed by Bill are \$25; unsigned posters are \$20. In addition, Bill has donated signed prints of two of his pieces – "The Rocketeer" and "Roswell", both of which are available for purchase.

We are very grateful to Bill for his contributions and the temporary loan of his art work. Additional exhibit items are on loan from Sue Morrison Mann, Tom Karnes, Steve Colwell, Tony Resst, and River's Edge Gallery in Wyandotte.

The exhibit remains on display through the coming holiday period, closing on December 30th. Special holiday hours are Tuesday, December 27th through Friday, December 30th, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission is always free.



"Thank you, Mary!"

We are indebted to Society Board trustee and former treasurer, **Mary Meyer** for her many years of service as she retires from her position with the Board. Mary, a life-long resident of Lincoln Park, and husband Jerry, past Chairman of the Historical Commission, have been generous supporters and long-time members of the society and museum. We are grateful for having had their involvement and their leadership.

The Historical Society currently has two openings on its Board of Trustees; if you are interested in serving as an officer on the Board, please contact the Historical Society at 313-386-3137. Board membership is open to any active member of the Lincoln Park Historical Society.

CALENDAR of EVENTS

Wednesday, November 2nd, 7:00 p.m.

Evening program: **Leslie Lynch-Wilson**, President of the Lincoln Park Preservation Alliance, will present on the history of Downriver's Mellus Newspapers, which published out of their offices at 1661 Fort Street in Lincoln Park from 1941 to 1986.

Saturday, November 5th, 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

A SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER for the Historical Museum, advance tickets are \$8 for adults (or \$10 at the door); \$5 kids 12 y.o. and under. Moose Lodge, 1600 Fort Street, parking and entrance are at the rear of building.

Friday, November 11th at 11:00 a.m.

Veterans Day Commemoration Our annual veterans recognition and bell-ringing ceremony will be held on the museum lawn, with an indoor reception following.

Wednesday, December 7th, 7:00 p.m.

Evening Program: **Grand Chief Ted Roll** of the Wyandot of Anderdon will present on the Wyandot tribal nation's activities and future plans at both the local and national levels.

Sunday, December 11th, 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Historical Society's Annual **Holiday Open House**, decorations, music, refreshments. All are welcome!

Tuesday, December 27th through Friday,

December 30th, Special hours for "**The Art of Bill Morrison**" exhibit, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00p.m.

The Museum is closed for the month of January, and will re-open on Wednesday, February 1st.

IN MEMORIAM

Victor Bonora

1926-2016

We were saddened to hear of the passing of former Lincoln Park Mayor Vic Bonora, who served the city as councilman for eight years and as mayor from 1977-79. Mayor Bonora passed away on September 26th at age 90. Our deepest sympathies go out to Vic's family.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to our newest member, **Liselotte Rauch** of Lincoln Park.

Thank you, members, for sending in your renewals. We currently have 138 paid members, including 71 Life Memberships and 67 Renewing Memberships. If you have not yet returned your renewal form for the coming year, please do so before the end of the year.

*We **thank everyone** for your continuing support!*

FUNDRAISING PLANS

Saturday April 29th 2017

A Fundraising Project to help our museum.

Both the Historical Commission, which administers the museum, and the Historical Society which supports the museum, are looking at alternative sources of funding in moving the museum toward becoming more self-supporting. Our next **Spaghetti Dinner** on Saturday, November 5, held in conjunction with the **Lincoln Park Moose Lodge**, is one of these opportunities. Additionally, the Society is planning to hold a **Flea Market** in the spring, Saturday, April 29th is the date selected. We will have more information in the February newsletter, including ways in which you can be involved. Stay Tuned!



Remember the “Rouge Legacy Project”!

AS mentioned in our August newsletter, the museum is planning a special exhibit next year to coincide with the 90th anniversary of production of the Ford ‘Model A’ which made its debut in December 1927, at a time when our city’s development was at fever pitch. Lincoln Park’s growth in the 1920s was due largely to the continuing expansion of the nearby Ford Rouge plant, which produced the Model A. We are looking for area families who lived here at the time and had parents, grandparents, great-grandparents who worked at the Rouge plant.

If you have stories or information to share, we would love to hear from you - - please contact us at 313-386-3137, or by email at lpmuseum@gmail.com. Look for more information about the upcoming exhibit in our February 2017 newsletter.



1928 Model A Phaeton

HERITAGE PLAZA UPDATE

Beginning in 2017, the Historical Museum’s Heritage Plaza project will hold an annual dedication to be held each year in May, rather than a twice-a-year event. The May 2017 dedication will include all pavers currently on order and any additional orders received through next April. The engraved pavers are dedicated in honor and recognition of individuals, families, organizations, civic or community service, and military service - past or present.

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.

Veterans Day Commemoration

The Historical Society’s annual Veterans Day observation and bell-ringing ceremony will take place on the museum grounds at 11:00 A.M. on the 11th day of the 11th month, commemorating what was originally named **Armistice Day**, celebrating the end of World War I at 11:00 a.m. on November 11, 1918.

All area veterans and their families are invited to attend the ceremony here on Friday the 11th. The museum will be open that morning at 10:30 a.m. and afterward a reception with light refreshments will follow inside the museum.

Annual Holiday Open House

This year’s Historical Society Holiday Open House will be held on Sunday, December 11th from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. *Come join us for a cup of mulled cider!*



..... **and Tree Lighting**, the Downtown Development Authority’s Holiday Tree Lighting will be on Saturday, December 10th, on Southfield Rd in front of City Hall, the historical museum will remain open that day for refreshments following the 6:00 p.m. lighting ceremony.

Lincoln Park Historical Society Board 2016-2017

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

Museum Curator: Jeff Day



Both the exhibit poster, left, and T-shirt, were designed by Bill Morrison, and are currently available for purchase at the museum gift shop. All proceeds benefit the Lincoln Park Museum and Historical Society.

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