

THE LINCOLN PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM NEWSLETTER

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Post Office Mural Set



Left section of the mural “Hauling in the Net”, created in 1940 by Cranbrook artist Zoltan Sepeshy; shown here on June 23, 2020 after its completed restoration in Detroit.

Last spring, the Historical Society initiated plans to bring the Zoltan Sepeshy mural “Hauling in the Net”, which once hung here in the historic post office building, back home – or rather, a replica of it. If you’ve been following our updates since that time, you’ll know that we had worked to raise needed funds to have the mural’s replica created. Money taken in at last fall’s flea market was set aside for this purpose. The Beaver Island Historical Society, which owns the original mural, had allowed us to have the copy made following its months-long restoration, recently completed at Detroit’s Conservation and Museum Services studio. The mural is now making its return trip home to the newly-renovated Beaver Island Historical Museum up north.

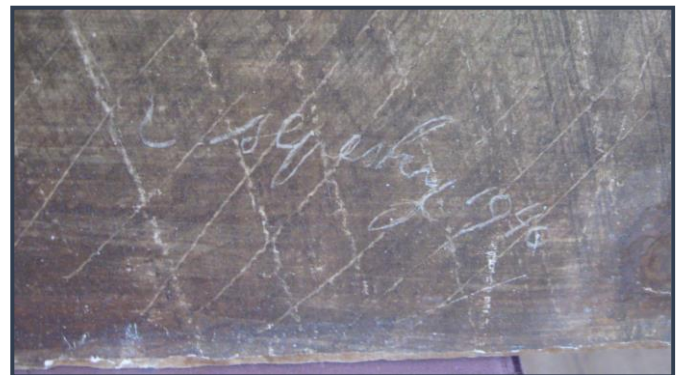
The latest step in our project was producing the digital hi-resolution photography – this took place at the studio on June 23 with photographer Tom Benjamin. The image files are now in the hands of designer Sinisa Nedelkoski, who will enlarge the color image to true-to-scale size (5’ 1 ¼” high by 13’ 7 ¼” wide) and install the mural replica on the wall here in our museum later on this summer.

for Installation (Replica that is...)



Right section of Zoltan Sepeshy’s “Hauling in the Net”; the Depression-era mural originally hung on the wall above the Lincoln Park postmaster’s office. [photos: Jeff Day]

We are excited to announce that a formal dedication of the new mural will be scheduled for a time in the fall, by invitation to historical society members and special guests. (Plans are for the original restored mural to be dedicated in its Beaver Island Museum home this summer.)



Artist Zoltan Sepeshy’s 1940 signature appears in the lower right corner of the mural.

Look for updates on the progress of the other projects underway – but currently on pause – in our Fall newsletter.

PANDEMIC NOTES & PROTOCOLS

Due to the pandemic and related public health issues, the historical society is not scheduling any events at this time. The museum remains closed to the public. In the adjacent article you'll see that we aim to slowly allow access to our members at first, by reservations only, with proper safety protocols in line with guidelines of the CDC and the State of Michigan to reduce the risks to visitors, staff and volunteers.

These include:

- *The sanitizing of any contact surfaces, restrooms, prior to any scheduled museum visits.**
- *Hand sanitizer for use upon entry**
- *Or, if preferred, single-use gloves will be offered upon entry.**
- *Face masks must be brought and worn while inside the building. Members without masks will not be admitted.**

Appointments needed

Member access is available beginning Tuesday, July 14th. Reservations should be made several days in advance by calling or emailing. Please understand we cannot admit anyone without advance reservation. For convenience, there are many days and times available for your visit. All visits will be self-guided, for the time being.

We apologize for any inconvenience these changes might cause temporarily. We are hoping to re-open the museum to the general public in the fall - also by reservations only.

We're very sorry that activities which had been scheduled for earlier this spring needed to be cancelled:

◆“Incredible Journey to Midnight: Detroit and the Underground Railroad” - a presentation by Lincoln Park author and educator Karin Risko. TO BE RESCHEDULED

◆Antique Appraisal Clinic – TO BE RESCHEDULED FOR 2021

APPOINTMENTS & NEW POLICIES

First of all, we'd like to thank everyone for their patience. With the new world we are all adjusting to, it's time to bring you up to date on the Historical Society and Museum which suspended operations and programming in the middle of March. As many of the state-imposed restrictions have been gradually lifted, the Historical Society and the Historical Commission are working together to evaluate the challenges we face with a possible museum reopening. Together we're planning what we think is a way to move forward with the safety of our visitors, volunteers and staff in mind at all times.

To begin with, museum access will be **offered initially to our Historical Society members** and their guests - those who support us financially with their memberships. Access will begin on July 14th, with new safety protocols in place. (Note: Our outdoor signage will still say that we are closed.)

The decision has been made not to be open for the five hours a day on Wednesdays and Saturdays as we were previously. The museum will be accessible to members only for unguided visits (individuals, couples, or families of less than 10 people) **by advance reservations, possible for a variety of convenient days and times.** No other visitors will be on site during your appointed visit time. Staff will be available to answer questions. Appointments can be made by phoning us at **313-386-3137, or by emailing LPmuseum@gmail.com**. (Members can also make appointments by messaging us through the Lincoln Park Historical Museum page on Facebook.)

Reservations are taken on a first-come, first-served basis, and should be made at least three days prior to your planned visit. Our regular days/hours often proved inconvenient for our out-of-town members making visits to the area; we hope this appointment policy will be more helpful for them. Please make sure your membership for 2020 is up to date.

Single - \$15

Couple/Family - \$20

Life member - \$200

Newly joining members will be included in this new policy. Historical Society memberships can be purchased on arrival by cash or check.

In Memorium

Wanda Jean (Shadrick) Wallace
April 18, 2020

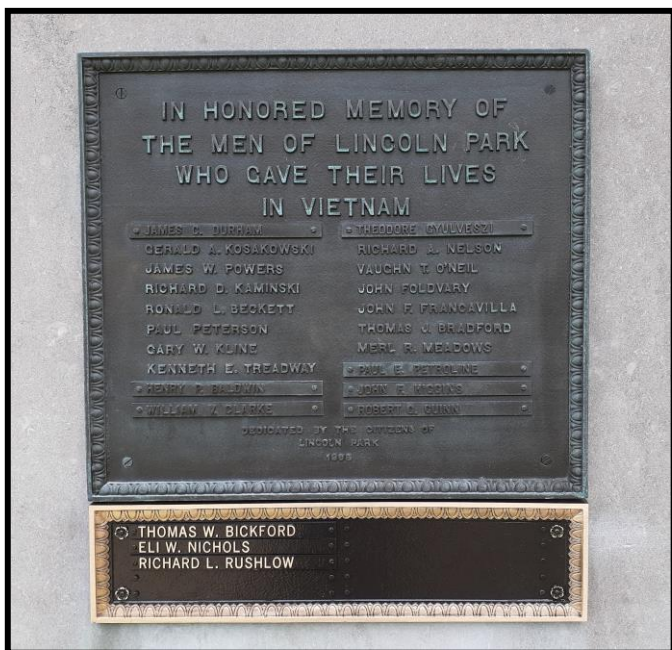
Our deepest sympathies to member Don Wallace and his family on the passing of his wife of 65 years, **Wanda Wallace**, following a lengthy illness. Don and Wanda are long time Lincoln Park residents who became members of the historical society when they returned to this area from retirement in Tennessee.

Celebrating 100 Years!

Our congratulations and Happy Birthday to long time society member and Lincoln Park resident **Lindley Hogan** who celebrated his 100th birthday on June 1st. We are thrilled to add Lin to our list of distinguished local centenarians.

MEMORIAL DEDICATION

On Memorial Day, Monday May 25, the City of Lincoln Park broadcast over its YouTube page and its city access channel a previously recorded memorial ceremony held at Memorial Park and led by Mayor Tom Karnes. The new war memorial plaques were dedicated at this time. Our thanks to Michigan Memorial Park for their help with the new plaques and name plates and the installation. We especially thank those who donated to the Mayor's Memorial Challenge which raised the funds needed to cover this project and the upkeep of the memorial. (see adjacent photos)



WELCOME

Welcome to the historical society's new Life Member (No. 168) **Nancy Goodell**. Nancy is married to member and Chair of the Historical Commission, Jim Goodell.

We are happy to have Nancy join us!

Funding Update

Funding of the museum operations for fiscal year 2020-2021 is falling short with the City of LP unable to provide its support this year due to the economic recession caused by the pandemic. We are grateful for the support from the LP Downtown Development Authority and from the LP Historical Society itself; however, we still have close to a \$6,000 projected shortage for this year. Any contributions from our members to help with this are gratefully appreciated.

Thank You

Through the diligent work of veteran and Lincoln Park resident Aaron Bartal, three names were added to the Vietnam memorial:

Thomas W. Bickford

Eli W. Nichols

Richard L. Rushlow

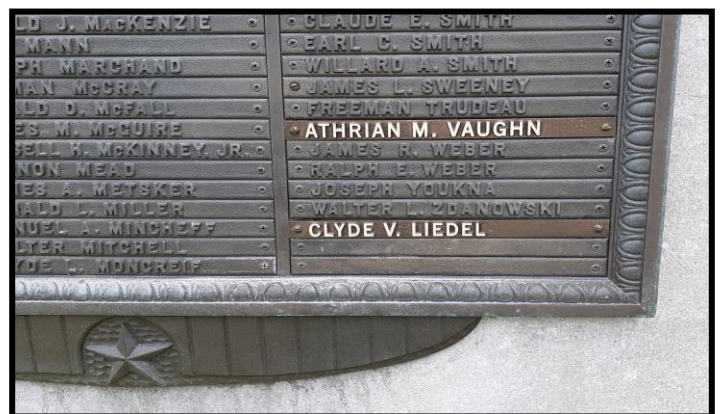
Through the efforts of the Liedel family, one name was added to the World War II memorial:

Clyde V. Liedel

And one name on the WWII memorial was corrected:

Athrian M. Vaughan

The City of Lincoln Park has plans to hold a public dedication for these added names later in the year.



Lincoln Park World War II Memorial

Emil Bacilla
R.I.P. April 25, 2020

Emil Bacilla, who died on April 25 at age 75 at his home in Sebastopol, California, was a close friend of Lincoln Park High School mates and fellow artists Gary Grimshaw and Bob Derminer in the '50s and early '60s; Derminer would become famous as Rob Tyner the lead singer of the pioneering MC5 rock group. Bacilla was the first photographer to document the group's beginning years. Grimshaw's career blossomed as the Grande Ballroom's first poster illustrator in the fall of 1966.

"Bob Derminer was one of my best friends in high school in Lincoln Park, a bedroom community west of Detroit... I had a VW Bus and became the "road crew" on a lot of their early gigs...We were all beatniks back in the day and were attracted to the Wayne State neighborhood, John Sinclair and The Artist's Workshop. As the guys got to know John; he became their manager, The Grande opened, and things took off." — emilbacilla.com

When the Lincoln Park Museum held a MC50th anniversary exhibit with live events in the summer of 2015 to celebrate the MC5's five decades, Emil Bacilla was gracious to share his photography of the band with us. Emil's historic photographs continue to be seen in the museum's permanent MC5 exhibit, which now shares the old postmaster's office space with the "Gary Grimshaw: The Artist's Studio" exhibit currently on view.



Emil Bacilla photo: Lincoln Park rock group MC5, in the summer of 1966.



Opening Night at Detroit's famed Grande Ballroom concert hall featuring The MC5 and The Chosen Few, October 7, 1966; photo by Emil Bacilla

Lincoln Park Historical Society Board 2019-2020

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Board meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 1:30 P.M. The Society Newsletter is published quarterly. To be added to our email list and help save on postage costs, send us your email at: lpmuseum@gmail.com

The Volunteer Painting (and prepping) Crew recently freshened up all the black iron railings around the museum's parameter while social distancing.
Thanks to Sandi, Jackie, Larry, and Robert!

