



From the President
PCO President, Rachel Smith Kovarsky

“Winter is the time for comfort,
for good food and warmth,
for the touch of a friendly hand
and for a talk beside the fire:
it is the time for home.” – Edith Sitwell

As the weather grows colder, I invite everyone to be mindful of each other. To make time to check on our more senior neighbors as some may have difficulty navigating the snow and ice. Please be aware of our four-legged loved ones as it can be painful to walk on sidewalks covered with harsh salt. Please be compassionate with each other as parking (especially directly in front of our homes) gets more challenging, especially for those with small children. Reach out to new (or new to you) neighbors and share a smile or a kind word. Don’t allow the cold to keep us from staying connected and engaged in our community. Our inter-connectedness is one of the best reasons for living in Pullman.

Don’t forget – the December PCO meeting will be shortened to accommodate our annual holiday party. We would LOVE for all to bring your favorite dish to share – the one that you’re most famous for. I hope that everyone will come to break bread and fellowship with one another during this holiday time. As a reminder, PCO meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm at the Visitor Center. I hope to see you all there!

Pullman Arts
Ann M. Alspaugh

The board of PullmanArts would like to wish the entire Pullman community a holiday season filled with happiness & joy, and a prosperous & healthy New Year!

Earlier this month, PullmanArts board members and neighbors traveled to Michigan City, IN for the grand opening of the fully occupied Artspace Uptown Lofts. It was inspiring to hear the development team’s stories of hard work and perseverance paying off with such a great asset for their community and its artist residents. The management team there would be more than happy to give anyone interested a tour of this up and running Artspace artist community and we encourage you to check them out.

Regarding our Pullman Artspace Lofts project, the following is the future project time line as of January 2017:

- § April 2017: Close financing
- § May 2017– May 2018: Construction Phase
- § January/February 2018: Pre-leasing
- § March – May 2018: Leasing
- § May 2018: Project Completion

For the full project timeline from inception, please visit www.artspace.org/pullman for more Pullman Artspace Lofts project info, plans and renderings of the proposed project, F.A.Q. sheet, project history timeline and artist survey / feasibility reports.

PullmanArts can be contacted through our email: info@pullmanarts.org for questions, additional information or to be added to our email list.

Solon Says...A Report of the PCO Beman Committee
John Christie & Wyatt Ollestad, Email: pcobemancommittee@gmail.com

Winter is certainly here, and that means it’s time to get ready for the 2017 cycle of the Façade Reimbursement Program! Start thinking about any façade restoration projects you’d like to take on in 2017, and be sure to visit the Façade Legacy Project at www.pullman-museum.org/facades for detailed drawings of doors, porches, windows, and more: specific to your façade. This is a great resource for planning your project and getting quotes from contractors.

Additionally, a newly updated Pullman Homeowner Guide will be available soon at www.pullmancivic.org The Guide provides invaluable information regarding the permit process, recommended procedures for restoring and maintaining your historic home, and much more including a list of resources ranging from national preservation agencies to local service providers. If you’re a new resident, or just haven’t taken a look at the Guide for a while, there’s no better time than these chilly winter evenings to get yourself (re-) acquainted with one of Pullman’s most valuable resources for homeowners.

Make it a point to attend the December PCO General Membership meeting for your first opportunity to pick up the 2017 Façade Reimbursement Guidelines and Application! After that evening, they’ll be available at the front door of 11307 S. St. Lawrence Ave until the end of February. As an early notice, the Applications will be due back by March 1, 2017. Start planning those projects and let’s make 2017 another standout year for improvements in Pullman!

REMINDER:
PCO HOLIDAY PARTY

Dec. 21 at 7:30 pm
all are invited to come to
Pullman’s Holiday Potluck
at the Visitors Center.

We’ll suspend business ASAP and
get on with the
important business of
socializing with
neighbors and friends.

Bring a neighbor,
a dish or beverage to share
if you can,
or just come by yourself!



Historic Pullman Garden Club
Susan James

Historic Pullman Garden Club announces our 2017 Winter Lecture Series.

Please Save the Dates on the 4th Sundays from 3 to 5pm at the Hotel Florence.

On January 22th, we will welcome Christopher Weber speaking about Urban Agriculture; Building Garden Communities, which are as important as the plants we choose.

On February 26th, a special slide program about Kayaking in the Calumet area, by Gary Kuzminski, with some exceptional views from the water, including photos taken in all seasons.

On March 26, Lydia Scott from Morton Arboretum returns to Pullman, following up after her Tree ID lecture in September. This visit, we hear about the importance of Chicago’s Tree Canopy – not only in providing oxygen but also capturing the fine particles of air pollution. Our trees deserve our respect and caring for them benefits all of us!

Another event of note is our Annual Membership Dinner, on February 1st, when all are invited to bring a dish to share – all Pullmanites are welcome.

“The Holly and the Ivy”
Lynn Smith

At our wonderful recent Christmas Concert at the Greenstone Church, the song “The Holly and the Ivy” was performed. An old English folk carol, the music was collected and published by Cecil Sharp (1859-1924), but an earlier song, which it refers to, dates back to 1710.

The origins of the use of evergreens, such as holly and ivy, relate back to Roman times when holly and ivy was used to celebrate Saturnalia, a feast in honor of the “God” Saturn, at about the same approximate time that Christmas is held, also occurring around the Winter Solstice. During Roman times, ivy was used to make garlands with holly with the likely reminder of new life in Spring after the ending of the harvest. The Celts used Holly and Ivy to celebrate their summer and winter celebrations.

Later, in Christian celebrations, the holly came to be seen as “holy” with the red holly berries signifying the blood that Christ bore on the cross and the evergreen nature of the leaves signifying everlasting life. The first stanza of the song reads “The holly and the ivy, when they both are green. Of all the trees that are in the wood, the holly bears the crown”. So whatever meaning you might see in the use of these evergreen decorations during the holidays, have a happy holiday season, and we’ll keep talking...

From the Dining Car: Holiday Fruit Cake
Carol Lagadinos

A dear friend sent this traditional Christmas recipe to me. I am sure you will enjoy it.

Holiday Fruit Cake

- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 or 2 fifths of rum (light or dark, your choice)
- 1 cup dried mixed fruit
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar, packed
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 cup butter
- 2 large eggs
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 3 juiced lemons
- 1 cup of nuts (walnuts or pecans)

Before starting, sample rum to check quality. Good, isn’t it? Now proceed. Select large mixing bowl, measuring cups and spoons.

Check rum again. It must be just right. To be sure rum is of proper quality, pour one level cup of rum into a glass and drink it as fast as you can.

Repeat.

With electric mixer, beat 1 cup of butter in a large fluffy bowl.

Add 1 seaspoon of thusar and beat again.

Meanwhile, make sure rum is still alrighty. Try another cup. Open second fifth, if necessary.

Add leggs, 1 cup of fried druit and beat til high. If druit gets stuck in beaters, pry loose with drewscriber.

Sample rum again, checking for tonscisticity.

Next, sift 3 cups pepper or salt (really doesn’t matter).

Sample rum.

Sift 1/2 pint lemon juice. Fold in chopped butter and strained nuts. Add 1 bablespoon of brown sugar, or whatever color you can find. Wix mell. Grease oven. Turn cake pan to 350 gredees. Pour mess into boven and ake. Check run again and bo to ged.

HOLIDAY TIPS

Holly, mistletoe, and poinsettia plants are poisonous to dogs and cats. If you traditionally use these plants to decorate your home, invest in some nice, very authentic-looking artificial ones. Michael’s craft store has a wonderful assortment and there’s always something on sale. For more facts on keeping your fuzzy family members safe and sound for the holidays, or any day, google petMed and the ASPCA.

Make a New Year’s resolution to save up for next Christmas by buying a gift card every payday, or once a month, from January to November. It will be your personal “Christmas Club” account. (If you’re too young to remember what that is – google it! Ho! Ho! Ho!)

“My family always went overboard on holidays – like the Christmas my electrician father installed 200 red and green 100 watt light bulbs around our front porch. He thought it lent that special holiday magic. My mother said it made the house look like a damn tavern.” – The Ledger

Do you have a favorite recipe for the stove, oven, or microwave you would like to pass along? Got a useful kitchen or household tip? How about a quick fix for a cooking catastrophe? Simple email me at fromthediningcar@yahoo.com or place it in my mailbox at 11122 South Champlain. Please include your name, phone number, and/or email address. I may have questions.



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Candles and cakes and birthday wishes for: CJ Martello, Eileen Gahan, Carol Tome, Barbara Gregersen, Bruce Lang, Nico Lira-Luna, Alfonso Quiroz Jr., Kim Laskey, Rob Shymanski, and Tristan Wolf-Campagna.

Earlier this November, Sharon Campagna's mother, Dorothy J. Quattrin (Klun), passed. Our deepest sympathies to you and yours.

A great spirit remembered: this past October “Mario” Edward Mario Baldin, a good son, brother and friend, formerly of Roseland, was waked at St. Anthony’s Catholic Church. He and his late mother resided here in Pullman for countless years.

Pullman Companions: little Penelope was a delicate, yet feisty Chihuahua. She received comfort and loving attention from her adopted family: Susanne and Steve, and she will be missed. To Theresa and Mr.Kerr: their sweet Gus sleeps now; a protector and strong barker with kisses that lasted forever. Jamie Skraban's 11 year old kitty, Kilo had perfect moments to remember. A mermaid at heart, energetic, yet tranquil.

My apologies: due to last month's space limitations, much of last month's article which I had written was not able to be included in the November flyer.

Our Pullman Civic Organization Membership Committee is in the process of wrapping up the membership campaign for the 2016-2017 PCO year. To those of you who have already joined, THANK YOU! To those of you who have not yet taken advantage of all that the Pullman Civic Organization offers, we'll be contacting you soon to ask you to join with your neighbors in supporting the organization that provides so much for so little. We depend on ALL of you to help fund its many activities, outreach programs, holiday events and this Pullman Flyer that is delivered to you every month. The dues remain at \$10 per adult (18 and older) and remember that membership is open to renters as well as home owners. We need you!

Pullman Church & Community Wide

**Christmas
Eve Service**

Saturday, December 24th

At Greenstone UMC, 11211 S. St. Lawrence Ave.

*Fellowship, 9:30pm * Candlelight Worship Celebration, 10:45pm*

Rev. Michael Hooker, Guest Pastor & Rev. Luther C. Mason, Host Pastor

All are Invited, All Are Welcome!

The 9:30pm Fellowship, 10pm Food Served: Hors d'oeuvres & Desserts
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