



From the President
PCO President, Rachel Kovarsky Smith

“In every community, there is work to be done. In every nation, there are wounds to heal. In every heart, there is the power to do it”. ~M Williamson

When I read this quote, I immediately thought of Pullman. Our past, our present and our future. So much has been accomplished yet there is so much more to do. We need steady hands and open hearts and strong backs and clear eyes. Pullman is growing into becoming a place where everyone’s ideas and perspectives and experience are included, and hopefully respected. I believe that everyone has something to offer.

To this end, I would invite everyone who is interested to join the PCO, attend the meetings and get involved. Your contributions are welcome.

We are looking for volunteers to join the PCO bylaws committee as we conduct a much needed review of our current guidelines. If interested, please feel free to contact me at the following email address: rsmith0210@hotmail.com.

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

Happy New Year Pullman! We hope everyone had a great holiday season and we’re looking forward to another great year in our beautiful town!

As a reminder, applications and guidelines for the 2017 Façade Reimbursement Program are available at the front door of 11307 S. St. Lawrence until the end of February. All applications must be received no later than March 1. Be sure to start planning those projects! The Façade Legacy Project at www.pullman-museum.org/facades has drawings of each façade and its elements including doors, windows, and porches to help with your planning/bidding process and application. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the PCO Beman Committee co-chairs.

Be sure to attend this month’s PCO General Membership meeting where we will be presenting Certificates of Stewardship to homeowners who have made significant improvements to the facades of their homes in 2016. The presentation will include a series of before and after photos of each of the projects, which is a great way to inspire undertaking a project of your own!

We will resume our regular fourth Wednesday meeting schedule this month, meeting at 7:30PM at 614 E. 113th St. on January 25. If you’re interested in learning more about architectural preservation of your own home and our community, and the new projects we’ll be exploring in 2017, be sure to stop by. Here’s a salute to the start of a great new year!

Ladies Luncheon Group

On Monday, January 23, the Ladies Luncheon Group will go to The Cottage on Dixie (Farm to Table Dining), 18849 Dixie Hwy, Homewood. This restaurant features gourmet dining using locally sourced foods. We will leave Pullman at 12:00 noon. All Pullman ladies are invited. To RSVP and for carpooling arrangements please call Norma at 773-568-244

House Pullman Foundation: Candlelight Tour
Cindy McMahon

On December 11, the Historic Pullman Foundation hosted our 21st Annual Candlelight Home Tour. This sold out event spotlighted five quaintly decorated homes, the Greenstone Church, a Lionel Holiday train display at the Pullman Community Center, and finished with the festively decorated Visitor Center. Mother Nature blanketed the community with a challenging coat of snow that did not dampen the spirit of the season.

Easy to say when you have team Brian McCarrin clearing the snow on the streets of Pullman for the event. Many thanks to the homeowners who graciously decorated and opened their homes during a very busy time of year: Bob and Anna Madison, Ben Kocolowski and Judith Kubida, Alison Anastasio and Rob Shymanski, Jacob Hagan and James Gray, the Dunbar House and the gracious Rev. Luther Mason who opened the doors of the Greenstone Church to our visitors.

Thank you to the very generous sponsors, Pullman Bank and Trust, Beyond Shades, Gotham Greens, Method Soap, Eli’s Cheesecakes, Lagaunitas Brewery, Argus Brewery and Harborside International Golf Course for their support.

Thank you to all the volunteers who continue to make things happen: Mike and Pat Shymanski, Anne Lira, Tony Dzik, Marsha Adduci, Jim Badali, Carol and Larry Lagadinos, Billee Chiagouris, Luanne Wethington, Tom McMahon, Jane Bushwaller, Fernando Rosiques, Claudia Flores, Mike Hooker, Mike McMahon, Megan Pool, Hiola Aston, Mat Daniluk, Diane Daniluk, Maggie Daniluk, Sue James, Connie Lange, Beverly Ash-Larson, Judy Cashen, Linda Feitz, Emily Panozzo, Joyce Beer, Jamie Skaban, Norma Zarris, CJ Martello our own George Pullman, Brian McCarrin, Bob Balamut, MaryAnn Kopchek, Debbie Newman, Kevin Barry, Peter Conrad, and The Treverso Singers. Last but not least Charles Livingstone, who entertained the cleanup crew. The net proceeds from this event supports the utility expenses of Pullman National Monument Visitor Center and the Historic Pullman Center.

Pullman Arts
Ann M. Alspaugh

Happy New Year!

Earlier this month, the Pullman community received the 2016 Burnham Award for Excellence in Planning and Development at the Metropolitan Planning Council 2016 Annual Luncheon with Pullman National Monument Superintendent Kathy Schneider accepting the award on behalf of the community.

The luncheon had over 1,000 attendees and raised over \$1 million for the MPC. Guest speakers Darren Walker of the Ford Foundation and Julia Stasch of the McArthur Foundation, discussed the economic implications of segregation and how to challenge inequality while driving growth in affordable housing. King Harris, chairman of Harris Holdings, Inc. and board member of the Illinois Housing Development Authority, received the Champion Fighter Award for his lifelong dedication to affordable housing.

PullmanArts was honored to have received an invite to attend the MPC luncheon along with a number of other Pullmanites. The curved crystal award will soon be on display at the Pullman National Monument Visitor Information Center. Congratulations to all in the Pullman community that continue to work tirelessly to support, promote, and maintain our historic community.

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



Historic Pullman Garden Club

Susan James

New Year’s Greetings to all our members and friends in Pullman.

We are looking forward to a great Lecture Series this year.

So please save these dates on Sundays at 2pm at the Hotel Florence:

January 22nd: Building Garden Communities with Christopher Weber, who will share his insights on urban agriculture, and why the community is as important as the plants.

February 26th: Kayaking on Calumet Waterways with Gary Kuzminski, with remarkable views taken from the water.

March 26th: Our Tree Canopy in the Chicago Region with Lydia Scott, from Morton Arboretum, following up on her Tree ID walk when she visited us last September.

Also mark your calendars for our Annual Membership Dinner on February 1st. All our neighbors are welcome to this potluck event, membership not required. Everyone brings a side dish to share (please consider salads or other veggies, as we often overdo the desserts!) Come and share a meal with friends. Gathering at 6pm, Dinner at 6:30.

CAPS

Carol Lagadinos

What is the Court Advocacy Program about?

Court Advocacy is a program through which residents, working with the police, track court cases and attend court sessions and trials that are identified as important to the safety of the community. The group strives to gain a sense of control over crime by becoming a part of the judicial process. Additionally, participants accompany crime victims to court, standing in support of victims and their families by letting them know that they are not alone in their struggle. The ultimate goal is to bring closure, and provide safe communities for all.

The types of cases followed will depend on the concerns of community members in a given police district. Less than one year old, the Court Advocacy Sub-committee in the 5th District is comprised of several concerned citizens dedicated to making a difference in our community and the City of Chicago. Because it is a citywide concern, the 5th District Court Advocates have chosen to focus on gun offenders, particularly repeat gun offenders. Their presence has already proven to have a profound effect. The continued presence of advocates in the courtroom is an alert to the State’s Attorneys and judges that the community expects and wants offenders to serve an appropriate sentence for the crime(s) they have committed. An additional goal of the group is to have an influential role concerning new and existing responsible gun laws that would hold offenders accountable for their actions and behavior.

Why bother? Involvement shows support for the police, victims and witnesses of crime as well as letting everyone involved in the judicial process know that the community is concerned about the outcome of the case. By these efforts, residents can greatly enhance the effectiveness of the criminal justice system for the entire community and city.

What do you have to do? For the program to succeed, it needs volunteers to attend court sessions. This doesn’t necessarily require a lot of time. It could be as little as a few hours two or three times a year. When the case you are interested in is called, as many people from the district as possible will attend the session.

What are the benefits? Experience has shown that participation in court by community residents can have an impact in obtaining stiffer sentences and sending a message to defendants that this is a neighborhood that gets tough on criminals.

How do you get involved? Contact Carol White, Chairperson 5th District Court Advocacy at BCAROLB01@msn.com or Carol Lagadinos South Pullman Beat (531) Facilitator at carollagadinos@att.net

From the Dining Car: Hail to the Chili

Patty Lawson

No matter your political leaning, President Barack Obama will certainly leave the White House having impacted on all our lives like no other chief executive. And as a “last act of Congress”, I’d like to pass along the Obama family chili recipe. (Serves 4)

Ingredients

- 1 tbsp. olive oil
- 6 slices thick bacon, roughly chopped
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1 green bell pepper, chopped
- Several cloves garlic, chopped
- 1 pound ground beef or ground turkey
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/4 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1/4 teaspoon turmeric
- 4 fresh basil leaves, chopped
- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- 3 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 1 14-ounce can red kidney beans, drained
- 6 roma tomatoes, roughly chopped
- Shredded cheddar cheese (for garnish)
- Sour cream (for garnish)
- Fritos (for garnish)

Directions

Heat oil over medium heat in a 5-quart Dutch oven. Cook bacon until crisp, remove with a slotted spoon, and drain on paper towels.

Add onion, bell pepper, and garlic to the remaining oil and fat, and cook until soft, about 10 minutes. Add ground meat to pot and brown.

Add spices and herbs, toss with meat and vegetables, then add red wine vinegar and tomatoes. Simmer, stirring occasionally, until the tomatoes break down, about 10 minutes. Add kidney beans and cook

Serve with white or brown rice, and top with cheese, sour cream, and crumbled Fritos corn chips.

TIP OF THE MONTH

When buying a romantic card this Valentine’s Day, buy two. Write the message from Card A into Card B and let your honey think you can write sweet sentiments. “Don’t cry because it’s over, smile because it happened.” - Dr. Seuss

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.

The Historic Pullman Garden Club
The Pullman State Historic Site
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Present

BUILDING GARDEN COMMUNITIES:

Thoughts on how to do it, and why it's as important as the plants.

By Christopher Weber
ENVIRONMENTALIST AND JOURNALIST

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Sunday January 22nd 2:00pm



This n’ That
Patty Overyvides

Birthday Greetings for a great 2017 beginning to all Capricorns and Aquarians: Fred Fallon, MaryAnn Morandi-Davis, Colleen Crowley-Lira, Howard Pence, Julia Savaglio, Debra Serrano, and Ceclia Swiontek.

Pullman Companions: If you’ve been to Lorraine Brochu and John Cwenkala’s home you’ve meet their 13 year old Chessie, a true treasure. Not a goodbye but sweet memories.

Magnolias for a Pullman Garden:
Green Spaces and Places
Lynn Smith


Now that the holidays are behind us and winter is upon us, it can be useful to think of – Spring, and blooming things. There are many beautiful Spring flowering trees, but one of the most beautiful in habit, flower, and foliage is the Magnolia. I recently came upon a book totally devoted to Magnolias and was amazed to know that there are as many as 142 varieties. Some of these would not be a good fit for our area due to the size, zone, and cultivation needs i.e. full sun only for example. Here are some examples of Magnolias which will do well in partial shade, not get as big, and are grown in our zone--Chicago now officially being zone 6.

Magnolia “Golden Gift” with yellow flowers and flowering occurring for up to four weeks, and grows 12-15 feet tall, 8 feet wide and it is hardy to zone 5. Magnolia Sunsation, another yellow flowering variety good in colder climates, grows 19-20 feet and is 8-10 feet wide. It is hardy to zone 4 and blooms mid to late Spring.

Magnolia Macrophylla (big leaf magnolia), hardy to zone 5, is a native Magnolia with large tropic leaves, fragrant flowers and large fruits and white flowers. It also grows in partial sun to full sun and likes ample moisture. A smaller variety of this is Magnolia Macrophylla subsp ashei.

Finally, a red flowered magnolia can be found in a “March till frost” variety which again can grow in partial shade to sun, and can get 20 feet high by 18 feet wide, and is hardy to zone 5. And we’ll keep talking . . .

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Tues 7:30pm	Walking Group - meet at Arcade Park	Group email list with astrid@uchicago.edu
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Sat 10:30am-12:30pn	Tiger & Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts	Greenstone Fellowship Hall
Day/time TBD	Pullman Knit & Crochet Circle *Confirm day & place	christinasprayberry@gmail.com
Email to arrange	Beginners bridge class	kristoferthomsen@aol.com
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