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## **Property After Death Presentation: Cook County Recorder of Deeds** Tom McMahon

The Honorable Karen A. Yarbrough's Office, the Cook County Recorder of Deeds, will present their "Property After Death" program on March 8, 2018 at the Historic Pullman Visitor's Center at 7:00 PM. This two-hour program is extremely informative in the process of transferring our real property to those we want to receive it without going through the complex, expensive, and exhausting Probate Court process. The Cook County Recorder of Deeds has put together a free and easy program that will allow you to transfer your property upon your passing to your love ones. This presentation is co-sponsored with our neighbors, The Rosemoor Community Association and the 005th District CAPS Office.

Mark you calendar for this important and informative meeting, March 8, 2018 at 7:00 PM.

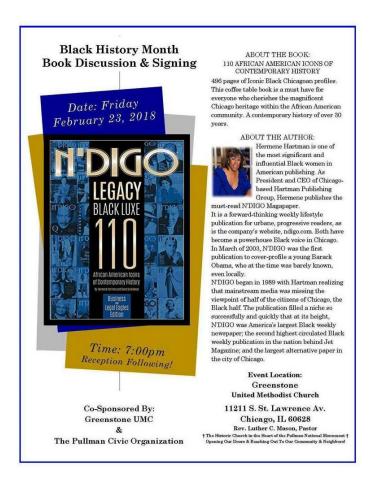
### **Beman Committee**

John Christie & Wyatt Ollestad, Email: pcobemancommittee@gmail.com

Congratulations to the recipients of this year's Stewardship Awards! We saw a lot of impressive preservation work being completed in 2017, and we're looking forward to another year of great improvements!

The deadline for the 2018 Façade Reimbursement Program Applications is fast approaching! Be sure to pick up your copies of the Application and Guidelines from the front door of 11307 S. Saint Lawrence, and mail or deliver your completed Application to 645 E. 111th St. by March 1. As a reminder, detailed drawings of porches, windows, doors and facades can be found at www.pullman-museum.org/facades, and can be used both as part of your Application and to help price out bids from contractors. If you have any questions, feel free to contact either of the Co-Chairs. And be sure to join us at the March PCO General Membership meeting, where we'll be announcing the recipients of this year's Reimbursements.

The PCO Beman Committee is hard at work on a lot of new projects in 2018, and we're always looking for new members to join us in our efforts. Feel free to reach out to either of the Co-Chairs if you're interested in what we're all about, or attend one of our monthly meetings (typically the fourth Wednesday of each month).



#### February PCO Meeting Tom McMahon

All aboard!! The February General Meeting of the PCO will have Mike Abernathy, a train aficionado from the Zephyr Route Train Company, present a number of train routes his company has available for one day trips or overnight stays. This is a great opportunity to explore a different type of excursion. Mike will present a power point on the trips and cars his company runs over Amtrak Rails. Come out for this presentation and think spring.

#### Garden Club Mike McMahon

Thank you to everyone who battled the weather to attend our membership dinner. New officers were introduced and some new members were welcomed. Many thanks to retiring Garden Club president Susan James for her years of dedicated service to the club. Thank you to everyone who attended our first Winter Lecture by guest Robert Nevel of the KAM Isaiah Israel Food Justice and Sustainability program. We hope to see everyone at our next winter lecture, GMOs What You Need to Know by Terri Reardon, on Feb 25th 3:00 p.m. at 614 E 113th. We are replacing our next regular membership meeting with a plant propagation workshop on March 7th 7:00pm at 614 E 113th St. We will be repurposing plastic bottles into household planters. See you then!

#### Friends of the Pullman State Historic Site **Andy Bullen**

The Pullman State Historic Site -- the Hotel Florence and most of the Pullman Factory Complex -- now has an official support group, a 501(c)(3) organization. This designation means that any contributions to the Friends group are tax deductible. We have recently signed a memorandum of understanding with the state agency that manages the Pullman State Historic Site, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources -- Division of Historic Preservation.

We have three main initiatives besides generally supporting the site. The three initiatives can be summed up neatly in three words each.

- 1.) SAVE THE RES. There are actually two buildings on the Pullman Factory Complex, the Clock Tower/Administration Building and what's come to be known as the Rear Erecting Shops (the RES). This is the roofless building to the south and east of the clock tower. It was heavily damaged in the 1998 fire, and steps were taken at that time to prevent any future damage to it. Those preservation measures were only intended to last for a few years; it has been more than 10 years since the state has done anything with the building and it is dire straits. We have contracted with the firm of Wiss, Janney, Elstner to conduct a study and needs assessment of the structure for \$30,000. We have secured funding for this study; once we have the study in hand, we can begin the daunting process of actually raising the capital to save the structure.
- 2.) GET THE CAR. The second president of the Pullman Company was Robert Todd Lincoln. The state of Illinois owns his private heavyweight rail car, the Advance. There has been money in the state budget for several years for the restoration and transportation of the car to the Pullman neighborhood. We need to help the state get this project moving; it would be a perfect fit into a newly renovated RES building, the structure where it was originally built.
- 3.) BUILD AN ARCHIVE. There are several substantial collections of Pullman, Roseland, and greater Calumet Area industrial archives in Pullman. A purpose-modified room or rooms at the Pullman Factory Complex could house the collections in proper environmental conditions. We are actively working on creating such a space.

We are a membership organization. You can be a part of our story and help the Pullman State Historic Site; you can help with these main initiatives, benefiting us all. Find out more at http://www.pullman-museum.org/ fpshs/.





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#### Pullman National Monument Preservation Society Georgia Vroman

On February 19, 2015, in the parking lot of the House of Hope, three dark green Boeing MV-22 Ospreys touched down. One carried the 44th President of the United States and the nation's first African American President, Barack Obama. His motorcade whisked him to Gwendolyn Brooks Preparatory Academy. There while I watched, President Obama declared the Pullman National Monument. With the stroke of a pen, change had once again come to Pullman.

Presidential Proclamation 9233 is the monument's establishing legislation. In it, President Obama reaffirms Pullman's national significance "based on its importance in social history, architecture, and urban planning." He seamlessly weaves together the threads of the Pullman story. He recounts the rise and fall of George Pullman and his model Town of Pullman (1880-1907). He lauds its architect Solon S. Beman and its landscape architect Nathan F. Barrett. He describes the Pullman Palace Car Company's role in industrial and labor history, including the "Pullman strike of 1894." He reminds us how the American Railway Union led by Eugene Debs brought the nation's railroads to a screeching halt with a boycott of Pullman cars. He tells the story of the Pullman Porters and their half-century of struggle for better wages and working conditions. In 1937, supported by the leadership of A. Philip Randolph, the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters successfully secured the "first major labor agreement between a union led by African Americans" and a major corporation. This was both a milestone and fuel for the escalating civil rights movement in the United States.

But Proclamation 9233 does more than commemorate: it's a binding legal document with long-lasting implications for our community. It granted "fee title" ownership of the "Administration Clock Tower Building" to the federal government (.2397 acres). It also made Pullman a new unit of the National Park System. As reported in Washington Monthly, "Kathy Schneider" is "the National Park Service superintendent for the Pullman National Monument—203 acres covering the factory site, the historic town center, and adjacent worker housing." Additionally, in accordance with the 1906 Antiquities Act, it established a "National Monument Boundary" that is "confined to the smallest area compatible with the proper care and management of the objects to be protected within those boundaries."

Proclamation 9233 also directs the National Park Service to prepare a "management plan for the monument" by February 19, 2018. The planning process has begun, but is unfinished. Today, the management of the Pullman National Monument is guided by the June 2017 Foundation Document (https://tinyurl.com/PNMFD). A more comprehensive and detailed General Management Plan (GMP) is supposed to follow. The GMP "clearly defines the desired natural and cultural resource conditions to be achieved and maintained over time." These could include plans for the restoration of Market Hall, the Firehouse, or Barrett's Victorian landscapes, such as that of Arcade Park. The GMP was formally started in February 2017. But since that time, updates have been scant and next steps undefined. The National Park Service webpage "Plan Process" for Pullman's management plan reads, "The plan process for this project will be posted here." With the three-year anniversary of the Pullman National Monument upon us, the time is ripe for the National Park Service to update the community about the status of the monument's General Manage-



#### PullmanArts Ann M. Alspaugh

Pullman Artspace Lofts project; Continuing the Section 106 process to approve rental assistance to six units (targeted for artists that are veterans and/ or disabled) of the planned 38-units.

The City of Chicago Department of Fleet and Facility Management (2FM) is continuing with its environmental review of the Pullman Artspace Lofts redevelopment, including the assumption of responsibilities for carrying out and completing required Section 106 consultation.

- 2FM sent follow up letters to consulting parties on February 6, 2018 notifying them of their role as a consulting party and providing a Public Participation Plan which identified the history of public outreach on the project.
- 2FM plans to issue a preliminary review, of eligible resources and potential effects that could result from the proposed project, to consulting parties in February 2018.
- Near the end of February, 2FM intends to host a consultation meeting to discuss the preliminary eligibility and effects. 2FM will review and develop responses to comments received and determine next steps.

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

# Considering Stems: Growing Shrubs for the Year Round Interest Green Spaces and Places Lynn Smith

As we go from late winter into early Spring, there are few groups of midsize plants which offer as much interest as the Cornus (Dogwood) or Osier (Willow-Salix) Genus. The reason for the above is their colorful stems (often in shades of red/yellow/black and olive green), architectural form (straight and curving--the latter in curly willow), and three season interest involving white/ dark blue berries, and colorful leaves in fall. Willow in particular likes water, so one needs to be careful to both give it enough water that it can prosper and also not site near major plumbing--it will aggressively seek water. They can often be kept in good control by cutting back to within a foot in the early spring – as these shrubs can grow 4 to 10 feet in one year. Having given all the latter qualifications, there are few deciduous plants which offer as much winter interest as Cornus and Osier. In view of the latter, I offer up some of the following noteworthy selections for your Pullman garden:

- 1) Cornus Sanguniea 'Midwinter Fire' -- a variety of Bloodtwing Dogwood -- this is one of the prettiest selections in the winter. This variety is planted on the border of the Chicago Botanic Garden in Highland Park, visible from 1-94 as you go to Milwaukee. It has stems which start out yellow at the base of the plant and turn bright orange to crimson toward the tip of the plant and has dark purple berries and yellow leaves in fall. Spectacular!
- 2) Salix alba var 'Britzensis' (Scarlet Willow) multi-stemmed shrub with red to orange red stems which intensify as Spring approaches. Both of the latter shrubs need partial to full sun and are hardy to zone 4.
- 3) Though not either in the Willow or Dogwood family, few gardens would be complete without Corylus 'arellana' Harry Lauders Walking Stick a shrub in the nut family whose twisted -- "contorted" shape adds interest to the winter garden.

And we'll keep talking . . .



## The Pullman Flyer

## Ladies Luncheon Group

**Beverly Ash-Larson** 

Street, Bridgeview, on Wednesday, February 28. This Middle Eastern restau-

man at 12:00 noon. All Pullman ladies are invited. To RSVP and to arrange

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Join the Ladies Luncheon Group for lunch at Al Bawadi, 7216 W 87th

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#### From the Dining Car Patti Lawson

When you do something in a timely manner, it will invariably come back to bite you. And that's exactly what happened to me. I wrote this month's Valentine's Day column immediately after I finished January's, feeling so proud of myself for getting ahead of the game. And then I lost it. Somewhere in the house is a very funny and timely piece of literary hilarity and I can't remember a word of it. You'd have loved it, though. But I didn't lose the tasty part! Save your money on half-priced after-Valentine's Day candy and recreate this piece of heaven instead. You'll want me for your Valentine next year (when I've probably found this year's column).

#### **TURTLE CAKE**

Your favorite devil's food cake mix 14 oz. bag of caramels 1 cup chopped walnuts or pecans 1/2 cup evaporated milk 1 cup semisweet chocolate chips

Pre-heat oven to 350°. Butter or spray 13x9 pan and slightly flour. Make the cake according to directions on the box. Pour half the batter in the pan and bake for 25 minutes.

Heat caramels and milk in a saucepan over medium heat until melted. Stir frequently. Pour and spread melted caramel over warm cake. Sprinkle on chocolate chips and nuts, top with remaining batter and bake for 30 minutes. Cool completely. Cover and store at room temperature.

#### TIP OF THE MONTH

Don't burn yourself trying to light those hard to reach wicks in those romantically scented candles I know you got for Valentine's Day. Light a stick of spaghetti and light the wick with that.

'Sales Ad at a Store: 'You are my one and only' valentine cards, now on sale: 4 for \$5.'

-- Anonymous

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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Pullman Calendar for February-March 2018 **WEEKLY ACTIVITIES** 

Walking Group - meet at Arcade Park Group email list: astrid@uchicago.edu

Pullman National Monument Visitor Information Center open to public 773-785-8901

Garden Club Winter Lecture Series (2 of 4) Historic Pullman Center 614 E 113th

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**MONTHLY MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS** 

Third Anniversary Celebration of the Pullman National Monument

Historic Organ Concert Series returns! Celebrating Black History Month with pipe organ and songs

Thur 2/22 6pm-7pm State of the District with Cmdr. Douglas 5th District Auditorium 727 E 111th St

"GMO's -What You Need to Know!" with Floriculturalist Terri Reardon - Everyone is welcome!

Presented by the Cook County Recorder of Deeds office - For anyone with a vehicle, bank account or property

"Saving our Monarchs" with Kay MacNeil - Everyone is welcome!

Submit your Pullman / local community event details to pullmancalendar@gmail.com

Pullman Morris and Sword Practice

9th Ward Residents Night w/ Ald. Beale

Beginners bridge class

Pullman Choir - new voices always welcome

Tiger & Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts

Event (\$ if charge)

"Songs of A People III: Stand by Me"

PCO General Meeting (3rd Wed)

Book Discussion and Signing with reception

5th District Court Advocacy Program/Meeting

9th Ward Community Mtg w/ Ald. Beale

Ladies Luncheon at Al Bawadi in Bridgeview

PCO Beman Committee Meeting (4th Wed)

Garden Club Workshop -Plant Propagation

"Property After Death" program

PCO Exec Board Meeting (2nd Wed)

PCO General Meeting (3rd Wed)

5th District Court Advocacy Program/Meeting

PCO Beman Committee Meeting (4th Wed)

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Sun 7 pm

Sun 7-9 pm

Mon 4-7 pm

Wed 8 pm

Tue 7:30pm-9pm

Sat 10:30am-12:30pm Email to arrange

Day

Sun 2/18 3pm

Sun 2/18 4pm

Wed 2/21 7:30 pm

Sun 2/25 3pm-5pm

Tue 2/27 10am

Wed 2/28 Noon

Wed 2/28 7:30 pm

Wed 3/7 7:00 pm

Thurs 3/8 7pm-9pm

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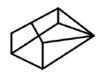
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