



From the President  
Wyatt Ollestad

Happy New Year, Pullman!

As we enter 2020, now’s a great time to take stock of all that’s been accomplished and all we that have to look forward to in the year ahead. We’ve seen some tremendous milestones been met this past year, and plenty of new faces given a warm welcome, as the future of Pullman has started to take shape. We’ve seen a revitalized Clock Tower emerge from a cocoon of scaffolding, new housing nestled into our historic streetscape, and numerous Pullman homes continue to be lovingly restored. We’ve also welcomed new community events into the fold, supported the successes of our treasured stalwart ones, and witnessed a few unique spins on some tried and trusted activities. Thanks to the hardworking efforts of both our community members and friends from outside the neighborhood, we’ve been given glimpses of what the Pullman of tomorrow might look like. In keeping with our tradition of community strength and commitment, we’ve played a pivotal part in honing that vision, and there are certainly no signs that we’ll ever do anything but. As has been the case throughout the years, is now, and will be into the future, it is the solidarity of the residents that gives Pullman its strength and makes it such a unique and important place.

If you need an example of just what we as community members are capable of doing when we put our minds together, look no further than the series of great programs celebrating Black History Month our Committee has scheduled throughout the month of February. See elsewhere in these pages for details, and be sure to mark your calendars for these important events. There will be plenty more opportunities to get involved in all sorts of other ways now and in the weeks and months to come, so as you’re going through your list of New Year’s resolutions, consider adding one more by supporting our community and taking an active role in its course for the future. Not only do our PCO Membership cards look way better than those pesky gym membership ones, but for the same price you get all of the sense of accomplishment and none of the potential guilt!

Nominating Committee

The PCO is currently looking for two individuals to join the Nominating Committee for its Executive Board elections this year. This is a great opportunity to play an integral part in the future of the organization, and volunteers are very much welcome. If interested, please email [pcopres@gmail.com](mailto:pcopres@gmail.com).

2019 Candelight Tour  
Cindy McMahan

We just finished the last of the turkey leftovers from Thanksgiving and WHAM...along came Christmas and the Historic Pullman Foundation sponsored Candelight Christmas House Walk. Homeowners quickly put up their best decorations inside and out, volunteers decorated the Visitors Center, the buffet was made ready and Christmas 2019 was off and running. The weather was awesome allowing our visitors to walk through the neighborhood with light coats.

They visited the home of new residents, the Cabanas Family, all decked out in holiday splendor. After that it was off the 112th block of St. Lawrence to visit the Reno and Burback-Baltes residents, a quick stop at the beautifully decorated Greenstone Church, a quick warm-up at the Florence Lowden Miller Center where an array of Lionel Trains (courtesy of Mike McMahan) brought back fond memories of Christmas’ past, and lastly down to 111th St to visit the Dunbar House and one of the tour highlights, the Bullen residence were every floor was decorated and on display.

Our guests then returned to the HPF Visitor Center for a lite buffet and holiday songs provided by the Traverso Singers.

Thank you to our volunteer house docents, the volunteers manning their stations at the buffet table, and to our gracious homeowners and their Christmas spirit. This event was another Pullman success showing off a unique neighborhood with unique spirit.

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH  
2020 Presentations**

**Sunday  
FEB.  
2**

**Traditions in African  
American Cuisine**  
At the 5th District Police Station  
Community Room  
727 E. 111th St. at 3:00 pm  
Bring a dish and the recipe

**Sunday  
FEB.  
9**

**The Underground Railroad  
South of Chicago  
with Professor Larry McClellan**  
Co-sponsored by the  
National Park Service  
at the Visitor Center at 3:00 pm

**Sunday  
FEB.  
16**

**Black Cowboys  
and the Wild West  
with Art T. Burton**  
Co-sponsored by the  
National Park Service  
at the Visitor Center at 3:00 pm



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The Historic Pullman Garden Club  
and the Historic Pullman Foundation present

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**The  
Perennial  
Garden**



**Sunday  
January 26  
3:00 pm**



at the Pullman National Monument  
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11141 S. Cottage Grove  
Chicago



Solon Says: A Report of the Beman Committee

Co-Chairs: John Christie and Ann Alspaugh  
pcobemancommittee@gmail.com

The application period for the 2020 Façade Reimbursement Program is approaching. Completed application will be due March 1st. Qualified projects will be announced or selected by drawing (in the case of more demand than supply) at the March PCO meeting.

How does a project qualify? The property must be an original contributing Pullman structure, the project must encompass the protected front façade and involve restoration of existing original material or replacement of missing elements with historically accurate replacement elements appropriate to your particular façade type. You must own the property; you DO NOT have to be an active member of the Civic Organization or the Historic Pullman Foundation. You have to have filled a volunteer shift on the 2019 House Tour.

If you had your house on House Tour in the past 5 years, your qualified project will automatically be accepted.

Physical copies of the 2020 guidelines and applications will be available at 645 E 111th. Digital files will be available for download from the PCO website.

Beman Committee volunteers are here to help, please feel free to reach out with any questions or join us at our monthly meeting.

PCO Welcoming Committee

Lisa Burback

Some friendly reminders from the welcome wagon: please email welcometopullman@gmail.com any new residents with the following information: name, address and contact info (an email is preferred). You can also email us there to purchase a copy of our new resident booklet for \$5.

It’s compiled of the best of where to shop, eat and play locally - even long standing Pullmanites may find a new treasure to patron! The book is updated once a year, so make sure to let us know of any new discoveries you make, and we’ll add them to the list.

January Ladies Luncheon

Beverly Ash Larson

The Pullman Ladies Lunch Group will begin the New Year enjoying authentic Southern style dining at Dixie Kitchen and Bait Shop. Dixie Kitchen features a menu of fresh, homestyle Cajun and Creole dishes, soul food, and Southern eats. The folks at Dixie Kitchen strive to provide generous meals at affordable prices in a fun environment. Among the most popular menu items are gumbo, jambalaya, fried green tomatoes, oysters, okra, catfish, smothered pork chops, jerk chicken, po’ boys, fried jumbo shrimp, macaroni and cheese and barbecued ribs. For those who may be looking for something other than southern cuisine, the menu includes broiled salmon, pastas, and fresh, handformed burgers. Meals can be finished off with such scrumptious treats as peach cobbler, key lime pie, pecan pie, sweet potato pie, and a bread pudding with a homemade whiskey sauce.

When & Where:  
Wednesday, January 22, 2020  
Dixie Kitchen and Bait Shop (no bait sold)  
17940 Torrence Avenue, Lansing, IL (a new location)  
708-474-1378

We will carpool and depart Pullman at noon. For more information and to RSVP contact Beverly at bashlarson@gmail.com or 773-568-5690.

February is Black History Month: 3 Events

Tom Shepherd

The Pullman Civic Organization, Historic Pullman Foundation, National A. Philip Randolph Pullman Porters Museum and the National Park Service have teamed up to present three Black History Month events during the month of February

1) Sunday, February 2, 2020; 3 to 5 pm - Site: at the 5th District Police Station Community Room. 727 E. 111th Street

“Traditions in African-American Cuisine” - Participants will be chosen to bring samplings of recipes handed down from our Black ancestors; down home cooking. Honorable entrants will be awarded small prizes or blue ribbons to participants whose recipe will be assessed by “honorary judges,” and our audience. Participants will be expected to provide the recipe, ingredients, and be willing to talk a little bit about the food item, and any special personal stories associated with their entry. Categories for the entries are 1) a meat dish of some sort, 2) a veggie, or vegetable-related dish, 3) baked dish / dessert.

We also will have featured speaker(s) and students to talk about African-American cooking traditions. Please contact Patty Lawson to enter your dish: 773-785-0031

2) Sunday, Feb. 9, 2020; 3 to 5 pm - Location: Pullman National Monument Visitor Center; 11141 S. Cottage Grove Ave.

“The Underground Railroad South of Chicago” by Prof. Larry McClellan Noted author and foremost authority on the Underground Railroad in Northern Illinois will present a power point presentation of his decades of research on the journeys of “Freedom Seekers” who traveled through our region in the years prior to Emancipation.

Followed by q & a and book signing. Refreshments will be served.

3) Sunday, Feb 16; 3-5 pm - Location: Pullman National Monument Visitor Center; 11141 S. Cottage Grove Ave.

“Black Cowboys and the Wild West” with author and retired professor Art T. Burton. The author of three critically acclaimed books, Art T. Burton has spent the better part of twenty years reclaiming the heritage of African Americans in the American West.

His PowerPoint presentation will be followed by a question and answer period and book signing Refreshments will be served.

THE HISTORIC PULLMAN GARDEN CLUB  
WILL PRESENT THE

2020 WINTER LECTURES



Sunday, January 26 at 3:00 pm

Sunday, February 23 at 3:00 pm

Sunday, March 22 at 3:00 pm



At the National Monument Shared Visitor Information Center  
11141 S Cottage Grove, Chicago





Green Spaces and Places:  
Bamboo, A Somtimes Taboo Plant  
Lynn Smith

There is a reason that gardeners are wary of bamboo. It has a reputation for steadily taking over gardens. Indeed, many non – clumping, “ running “ bamboos should be avoided.

However, there is one variety of bamboo, called, “ Fagesia “ (of which there are several varieties, among them nitida, growing up to eight feet, F. robusta, Pingwu, “ green screen, “ growing to ten feet, and F. Demudata, growing to 10-15 feet) , that could be considered. These bamboos are native to the forests of China where they evolved on the sides of mountains, interspersed with rhododendron and hydrangea, along with mahonia.

So, while exercising caution with bamboos is always a good idea, there are some varieties of bamboo that are winter hardy in Pullman and could be considered for an accent plant or screening – provided that you recognize that even clumping bamboo will need to be cut back. Also these plants can grow relatively quickly and need to be kept watered well. They will grow in sun to part shade. Like grasses they are normally cut back in late winter.

And we’ll keep talking....

5th District Police Department Suggestions  
Things You Can Do To Help Protect Your Car From Theft

1. Don't Leave Your Car Unlocked, or Running Especially While It Is Unattended
2. Do Not Leave A Spare Key Near Your Vehicle - Many people keep a spare key under the car, just in case they get locked out and thieves know exactly where to check for an extra key. While getting locked out of your car is a pain, think about the potential hassle of your car getting stolen.
3. Never Leave Your Windows Open - Even during the summer when it is scorching hot, don't leave your windows open or slightly cracked when you are not in the vehicle.
4. Park In Well-Lit, Public Areas - Avoid parking in areas that are poorly lit or places that are not immediately seen by the public. This will not only keep you safe when you exit the car, it will also help keep your car safe because thieves tend to avoid areas that are highly visible.
5. Install An Audible Alarm System And A Visible Anti-Theft Device - Car thieves tend to avoid cars with alarms or anti-theft devices because they attract attention when they go off. These devices are well worth the investment.
6. Install A Vehicle Immobilizer System - Thieves can bypass your ignition by "hotwiring" your car. You can prevent this by using a vehicle mobilizer system such as fuel cut-offs and smart keys.
7. Consider Installing A GPS Tracking System - When your car is stolen, this tracking system will emit a signal to the police of your vehicle's location. This may help the police recover your vehicle faster and may minimize the damage tb your car. This may be a good investment if you live in an area with high auto theft rates.
8. Don't Leave Valuable Personal Property In Your Car - The best way to attract a thief is to leave your purse or another high-value item in a highly visible area of your car. If you must put something of value in your car, keep it in the trunk or under the seats, where it is not visible to others.
9. Be Alert - If you are wary of the safety of your car or see someone loitering around the parking lot, it's best to park somewhere else. It's better to walk a few extra steps than to have your car stolen because you ignored your instincts.

If your car is stolen, it is recommended that you give the following information to the police:

- The year, make, model and color of the car and the license plate number
- Approximate time the car was stolen
- Description of anyone you saw loitering around your car before it was stolen
- Description of suspect who stole your vehicle ex. Tattoos, bright color shoes, certain hairstyle, height, anything that may stand out about the subject
- Names of witnesses

Pullman Calendar for January-February 2020				
WEEKLY ACTIVITIES				
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	SATURDAY
Morris Dancing 7pm Scrabble 7pm	Ald. Beale Resident Night (office) 4-6:30pm	Choir 7:30pm	Walking Group 8pm Arcade Pk	Tiger & Boy Scouts 10:30am
Email to arrange		Beginners bridge class		kristoferthomsen@aol.com
12/19/19 - 2/18/20 Pullman National Monument Visitor Information Center Closed (except for special events)				
MONTHLY MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS				
Day	Event (\$ if charge)		Place/Contact	
Wed 1/8 7-7:30pm	Garden Club Monthly Membership meeting		Lowden Miller Center 614 E 113th St	
Wed 1/8 7:30 pm	PCO Executive Board Meeting (2nd Wed)		Lowden Miller Center 614 E 113th St	
Wed 1/15 7:30pm	PCO General Membership Meeting (3rd Wed)		Visitor Center 112th St	
Wed 1/22 Noon	Ladies Luncheon - Dixie Kitchen (Lansing)		RSVP to Beverly 773-568-5690	
Wed 1/22 7:30pm	PCO Beman Committee Meeting		pcobemancommittee@gmail.com	
Sun 1/26 3pm-5pm	Garden Club Winter Lecture Series (1 of 3) Roy Diblik of Northwind Perennial Farm, Author and Plant Expert		Visitor Center 112th St	
Sun 2/2 3pm-5pm	Black History Month event (1 of 3) "Traditions in African-American Cuisine" with a tasting of dishes (see article for details)		5th District Station 727 E 111th St	
Wed 2/5 9am-12pm	Tabitha's Closet Clothing Give-A-Way		Greenstone Church	
Wed 2/5 6:30 pm	Garden Club Membership Drive Dinner All are welcome - bring a dish to share and enjoy a meal with Pullman neighbors		Lowden Miller Center 614 E 113th St	
Sun 2/9 3pm-5pm	Black History Month event (2 of 3) "The Underground Railroad South of Chicago" by Prof. Larry McClellan Question & Answer session and book signing to follow, with refreshments served		Visitor Center 112th St	
Wed 2/12 7:30 pm	PCO Executive Board Meeting (2nd Wed)		Lowden Miller Center 614 E 113th St	
Sun 2/16 3pm-5pm	Black History Month event (3 of 3) "Black Cowboys and the Wild West" with author Art T. Burton Question & Answer session and book signing to follow, with refreshments served		Visitor Center 112th St	
FEBRUARY 19 - 5TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PULLMAN NATIONAL MONUMENT DESIGNATION				
Wed 2/19 7:30pm	PCO General Membership Meeting (3rd Wed)		Visitor Center 112th St	
Sun 2/23 3pm-5pm	Garden Club Winter Lecture Series (2 of 3) Laura Milkert, Ecological Stewardship Manager at the Field Museum		Visitor Center 112th St	
Wed 2/26 7:30pm	PCO Beman Committee Meeting		pcobemancommittee@gmail.com	
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