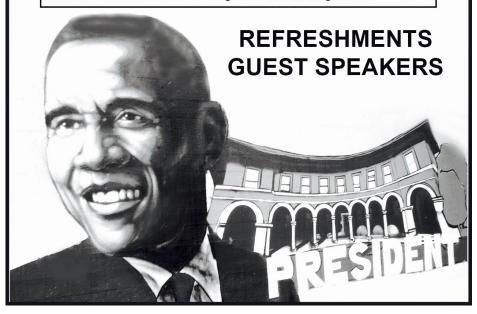
From the President

# The next PCO Meeting will be a Celebration **Party**

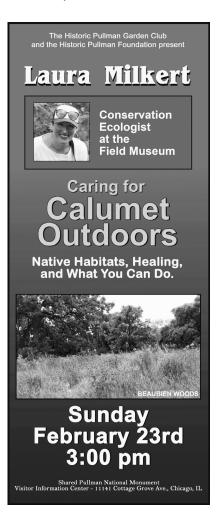
On the 5th anniversary of President Obama's coming to Chicago and proclaiming the establishment of the PULLMAN NATIONAL MONUMENT

PCO Meeting - Wednesday - February 19th - 7:30pm Pullman National Monument Shared Visitor Information Center 11141 S. Cottage Grove, Chicago



Happy 5th Anniversary, Pullman National Monument!

Join us on Wednesday, February 19 at 7:30PM at the Shared Visitor's Center for our monthly PCO General Membership meeting where we'll be celebrating the 5th Anniversary of Pullman's designation as a National Monument. Like for our holiday party, most of regular business will likely be suspended to allow for presentations from several guest speakers on the Pullman National Monument past, present, and future. And yes, there will be a cake.



## Wyatt Ollestad

Hard to believe it's already been five years. Five years since that momentous day when so much of what this community had been advocating for finally came to fruition. Five years since the President of the United States came back to the south side of Chicago and set the wheels in motion of what would be one of the most impactful, important, and transforming developments in Pullman's history – a history already full of national and global significance. Five years since the designation of the Pullman National Monument, Chicago's first unit of the National Park Service.

Do you remember that day? It seemed like it happened in an instant. As a newcomer to the neighborhood, I had only just become aware of the multitude of efforts that had already been made in the years prior in getting Pullman designated as a National Park. 'We Support Pullman' signs were peppered throughout the community. '402' buttons were worn proudly. There seemed to be rumblings – almost dared not to be spoken – of something big coming. That what so much of the community had been working hard for so long at was going to become a reality. And then – in a flash – it happened. Word spread that the President was coming, yet the reason remained unclear. I admittedly remained skeptical – was this just hopeful thinking? Would he be here on some other business, or was this really what we had been waiting for? And then all of sudden it was true: he was coming on February 19, a mere matter of days, to make Pullman a National Monument. Could this be real? With all of the work and rallying that had already gone into the campaign for Pullman, surely there'd be more hurdles to be overcome before the President could actually make us part of the National Park system? But then the day arrived, and there he was, surrounded by those who had advocated tirelessly for Pullman's future, speaking about the importance of this place and what it's meant in American history. The live feed from Gwendolyn Brooks projected onto the Visitor's Center screen did it justice, and a hush fell over those gathered as we watched Barack Obama sign the proclamation that made Pullman, our home, a place worthy of having its story told to the entire world. He may have been saying the same words we as residents already knew to be true, but there was still the feeling of justification and pride for those gathered there that frigid afternoon.

And as we departed for the day, a neighbor who knew I was a recent transplant told me I was lucky for moving in at the right time. I was, and I am, and so is everyone else who has made this neighborhood their home, whether it's been just in these last few years or many generations ago. This place is special, and unlike anywhere else. Some say it's the history, some say it's the architecture, but the real reason, throughout the years and in good times and bad, has been the people. So while there are many more milestones ahead, and a lot more changes coming, take pride in your accomplishments and have confidence in your abilities as a community – after all, that's what's made this place what is today, and what will guide it on its path toward ever greater things.

Happy 5th Anniversary, Pullman National Monument

#### A Note from the Editor

Many thanks to C.J. Martello for his many year's contributing to the Pullman Flyer as copyeditor! Thank you, C.J.!



## Historic Pullman Garden Club

The Historic Pullman Garden Club would like to extend our sincere thanks to those who participated in and contributed towards making the annual membership dinner on February 5th a smashing success. As seems usual for our annual dinner, the weather was inclement and snowy; however, it did not put on a damper on the festivities! Many club members participated with their presence and many delightful food offerings.

In particular, we would like to thank Cindy McMahon, Tom McMahon, Linda Bullen, Susan James, Annie Lira-Murillo, Mike McMahon, and Jim Badali for their help in setting up things; Spike Trombley and Andy Bullen for being co-leads for the event, keeping us organized, stocked with supplies and providing the entrée; and Debbie Newman for pitchhitting for Amy Lindner to collect dues, thus keeping our membership rolls current (we are 50 strong already!). As they say - It takes a village!

Hope to see those of you who didn't make it to the dinner at our March membership meeting on Wednesday March 4th, or at the next free Winter Lecture "Calumet Outdoors" with Laura Milkert on Sunday Feb 23rd. You can join or renew your membership at either, or email historicpullmangardens@gmail.com to arrange a drop-off or pick-up. Our annual dues remain

\$10 per person.

In January, we elected Officers for a two-year term, they are as follows:

President - Mike McMahon Vice President – Andy Bullen Secretary – Lorraine Brochu Treasurer – Debbie Newman

#### February Ladies Luncheon Carol Lagadinos

Join us for lunch in February when we will be going to Asian Harbor in Homewood, a stylish, low-lit spot serving a mix of Asian fare focusing on Thai and Japanese. The \$8.99 Thai lunch menu offers several entrees as well as a few Thai fried rice options. The \$8.99 Japanese lunch menu includes lunch boxes (bento boxes) and many sushi options. The full menu, including an extensive sushi list is also available at lunch. There is a full bar with reasonably priced wines by the bottle and also by the glass, as well as beer, sake and creative martinis. Presentations are beautiful, reviews are excellent.

Asian Harbor has even been featured on Check Please!

Please RSVP carollagadinos@att.net or 817-598-8570. We will carpool and depart Pullman at noon.

Where & When:

Wednesday February 26, 2020

Asian Harbor. 1930 Ridge Road in Homewood

#### PCO Welcoming Committee Lisa Burback

The Welcome Committee is in the process of updating our welcome booklet for 2020. Please send any new additions or changes to local businesses that should be featured to: welcometopullman@gmail.com by March 30th.

Condolences to the family of former Pullman resident Jacob Morandi.

Condolences are offered here for the passing of any current or former Pulman resident of which the Pullman Flyer is made aware.

To report a passing, email PullmanCivicOrganization@gmail.com or contact your Block Captain.

## The Pullman Flyer

#### From the Dining Car: Traditions in African American Cuisine Party Lawson

Pullman started Black History Month off on February 2 in a way we all know well -- with food! Neighbors and friends gathered in the 5th District Police Station Community Room and enjoyed sampling old home recipes, based on African American traditional foods, while regaling us with stories of family and home. We even had a junior chef among us with Zoy Francios, a 6th grader at Poe Classical School, who made a melt in your mouth sweet potato pie to complement the prizewinning essay he wrote on the topic.

A heartfelt thank you to the PCO and HPF for their sponsorship and to the hard-working, non-stop Black History Month Committee members: Cheryl Briscoe, Lynne Collins, Chairperson Tom Shepherd, and yours truly. (Now you know if baking was involved, I'd be "in the mix"!)

PEACH COBBLER JUST LIKE MAMA MADE - THE EASY WAY!

1 1/2 cups sugar

2-3 cups peaches, canned or frozen (but thawed)

1 stick butter

3/4 cup all-purpose flour

2 tsp. baking powder

Pinch of salt

3/4 cup of milk

#### Directions

Mix the peaches with 1 1/2 cups sugar and set aside.

Make a batter in another bowl of flour, baking powder, salt and milk. Stir together with a spoon and set aside.

Melt butter at 350 degrees in a conventional oven using a 2 qt. oblong baking dish that has been sprayed. When the butter starts to sizzle, pour the batter over the melted butter, covering the bottom of the dish with batter. Do not stir!

Drop peaches and sugar mixture evenly on the top of the batter/butter mixture by the tablespoonful. The fruit will sink to the bottom while a crust forms on top. When a cake tester (I use a toothpick) comes out clean, the cobbler is ready.

Baking time should be between 45-60 minutes or more, depending on your oven, the amount of fruit used and the amount of crust you decide to make. If it browns too quickly, place a foil tent on top for the last few minutes. I use whatever fruit I have on hand. You're only limited by your imagination and what's in the pantry. I even made a combo blueberry/fruit cocktail cobbler that was amazing! If you double the crust, you do not have to double the butter.

#### TIP OF THE MONTH

Donate to the pet rescuer in your neighborhood. Winter is a dangerous time of the year for our feral cats and runaway dogs and our Pullman pet guardian angels are trying to care for them all with limited funds and few supplies. Everything is needed: food, litter, blankets and, of course, cash for visits to the veterinarian's for necessary wellness care, vaccinations, and spay/neuter. Please give what you can when you can — all year long.

"I don't need a valentine. I need 8 million dollars and a fast metabolism! – Anon.

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? Simply 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 Pullman National Monument Preservation Society Mark Cassello

The Pullman National Monument Preservation Society (PNMPS) presented at the 53rd annual conference of the Society for Historical Archaeology in Boston, Massachusetts. The conference was sponsored by Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology at Harvard University. Mark Cassello, President of PNMPS, was invited to deliver his paper, "Forgetting and Remembering 'Poverty Row': A Case Study of the Pullman National Monument" as part of the symposium, "Monuments, Memory, and Commemoration." PNMPS's presentation discussed three topics: (1) the architectural and social history of the tenement block house complexes of Fulton Street—known historically as "Poverty Row"—and their role in the Pullman Strike of 1894, (2) the factors that led to their historical erasure, and (3) how conflict over the construction of a new apartment building that ultimately destroyed of the ruin of building "B" and its related archaeological site unexpectedly led to the recovery and commemoration of a key chapter of the Pullman story.

Other papers examined city officials' controversial removal of the "Fredericksburg Slave Auction Block" to make way for new real estate development in Virginia. Another paper examined the story of African American "Exodusters" who settled in Putnam County, Indiana during Reconstruction whose story had been erased from the county's historical narrative. Another presentation examined recent efforts to recover and interpret the lost history of the Tutelo Diaspora, Native Americans who had been forcibly displaced from Ithaca, New York. Other presenters described ways that communities have attempted to commemorate the painful and contested histories of civil wars. Overall, the symposium provided valuable insights into the forces that cause some sites to be protected and others to be lost, some stories to be commemorated and others to be forgotten. The symposium underscores the complexity of Pullman as a contested site of public memory and a sprawling cultural landscape. As we celebrate the fifth anniversary of the designation of the Pullman National Monument, we are reminded that fulfilling the monument's legislated purposes is going to be a difficult and ongoing challenge.

#### PullmanArts Erica Roewade

Last Friday evening, January 31st, PullmanArts presented the work of 22 Pullman area artists at Mayor Lightfoot's big rollout of the City's new Invest South \* West program. This exciting event filled the Pullman Community Center, and featured the Mayor herself, Alderman Beale, and other City reinvestment initiative representatives all presenting their plan to revitalize the Pullman and Roseland communities. Lexington BBQ, our newest One Eleven Food Hall business, served up free BBQ for all. PullmanArts displayed a broad range of artwork including paintings, textiles, sculpture, ceramics, photography, stained glass and film posters. Two workshops were also presented, one in clay and one in jewelry making, for those who wanted a handson experience. It was definitely a fun and informative evening and provided an opportunity for Pullman to celebrate its own artistic talent.

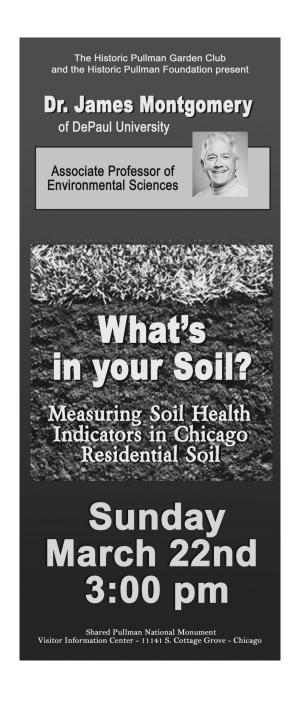
In other exciting news, PullmanArts is readying our new gallery and event space at the Artspace Lofts at 11137 S Langley. This unique and beautiful space will be used for cultural arts programming and classes but will also be available for rental, with affordable rates to be published soon. Watch this space! For more information, email info@pullmanarts.org.

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