



# THE SPIRIT

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## Celebrate Our Volunteers November 15, 2015



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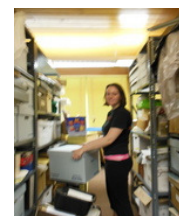
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### Be sure to join us Sunday, November 15, 2015, 2:30 p.m. to Celebrate our Volunteers.

We are an all-Volunteer not for profit. The hours donated to us, and the work accomplished during those hours is what keeps us preserving Park Forest's unique history, diversity and achievements. We invite all volunteers to attend so we can celebrate you and thank you for helping to Save Park Forest History! The rest of us need to attend to demonstrate our appreciation. Open to the general public. Park Forest Village Hall, 350 Victory Drive, Park Forest, IL 60466.

Carla Dinnocenzo  
shifting collection  
to new cartons.



### Interested in helping preserve Park Forest History?

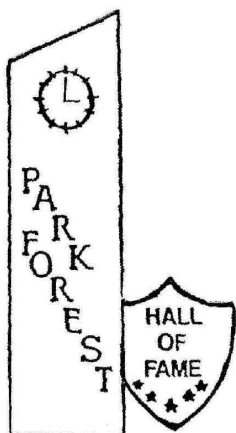
We are looking for  
new board members.  
Contact Jane Nicoll,  
708-481-4252, or via  
email on the website,  
[parkforesthistor.org](http://parkforesthistor.org).

### PARK FOREST HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS BEING ACCEPTED

until December 30, 2015. The official form, which **must** accompany nominations, is available at the 1950s Park Forest House Museum, when it's open, or at the Archive, 227 Monee Road on Friday 10-12, or on the website at [parkforesthistor.org](http://parkforesthistor.org). **Members are receiving the form and guidelines in this newsletter.** Nominations may be mailed or delivered in person.

To be eligible for the Hall of Fame, persons nominated must have made substantial, beneficial, and consistent contributions to the life and well being of Park Forest over a considerable span of time. Nominees may now live elsewhere, or be deceased. Individuals or couples may be nominated. The person making the nomination does not have to live in Park Forest, and does not have to be a member of the society. Persons may only make one nomination each year. The official nomination form is required along with separate sheets indicating why the person is being nominated, and in convincing and thorough detail, describing the nominee's qualifications and contributions which fit the criteria. A list of those already in the Hall of Fame is on the reverse of the form or on the website.

Inductees will be chosen from among the eligible nominees by the Park Forest Historical Society, and announced early in 2016. The induction ceremony will be held at Freedom Hall on April 10, 2016.



## In My Own Little Corner

By Jane Nicoll

**The 1950s Park Forest House Museum:** The museum is now open for regular hours, Wednesday and Saturday 1-3:30 p.m., in its new home in St. Mary's Catholic Church, 227 Monee Road, Park Forest, IL 60466. It will be open by appointment. Contact me at 708-481-4252, or Mike Gans, at 708-305-3308.

**Volunteers:** We must have more volunteers to be docents/tour guides at the museum in order to maintain these hours!! Please be trained to volunteer, and help us stay open in this new location. **We need a Volunteer Coordinator to schedule docents. That is also happening out of my house right now, which is not a fair division of labor!**

**Board Service:** The Society is looking for Board members. We must have more active volunteers serving on the board in order to keep operating. We need new blood, and more hands to be able to serve our mission. Currently, the board meets 2nd Tuesdays, 7 p.m., usually in Park Forest Village Hall. If you are interested in applying to be a board member, contact me.

**Active Volunteers and Members:** In order to remain in operation as a Society, we must have more Active Volunteers and more Members. Too few volunteers are doing too many jobs. Many things can not be done because there simply are not enough people to carry out projects. Notice we have not had our 30th Anniversary event? We have a great plan. It would be a fundraiser. We can't get it off the ground. In January it will be our 31st Anniversary.

**Speaking of Membership**—Did you remember to sign up to be a member or to renew? Forms were in the September "The Spirit." Can't find your form? Pick one up at the museum or Archive, or Village Hall brochure racks, or copy it from our website, [parkforesthistory.org](http://parkforesthistory.org). You can also opt to join via PayPal on the website. **Just Join!!**

**Grants:** I am delighted to report that on September 25, we successfully completed the Volunteer Match hours for the Institute of Museum and Library Services Grant of 2013-2015. Many volunteers donated 800 hours each year on data entry and collection description. In addition we produced 4 hours of Museum Intern work each week. I gave 8 paid hours per week and 4 hours volunteer professional time, in addition to donating many of the hours counted in the 1600 and donating several of the Museum Intern hours.

**Thank you to all of the many other people who pitched in and gave time to make this possible.** On September 25, I also submitted the final report for the National Endowment for the Humanities, Preservation Assistance Grant which ran from January 2014-June 2015. We successfully spent the \$6000 on a preservation assessment and more than \$3000 on archive cartons, folder and supplies.

**President's Message:** I am President this year. We are also changing Treasurers, with some delay in transferring banking responsibilities. If you have not received a Thank You or membership card, it is due to this delay. We THANK YOU, here, in the meantime, for Joining or donating!

**Thanks to Mike Gans for his 6 years as President. We look forward to his contribution as our new Business Manager.**

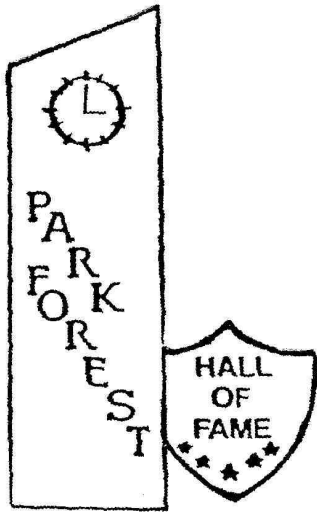
### **Park Forest Plaza and Holiday Theatre.** **Print by Annabelle Gould, 1966. 11" x 14"**

This vibrant print depicting one of the most treasured memories of growing up in Park Forest is from an original watercolor originally donated to the Village of Park Forest by Sue Gould, the daughter of artist Annabelle Gould.

**Price \$15. Shipping and handling is \$6.**

This print is available at the Museum for purchase or through the Society website. Visit our Museum Store or Online Store to see the other holiday gifts we offer for sale.





Nomination forms may be mailed to:  
Park Forest Historical Society  
400 Lakewood Blvd  
Park Forest, IL 60466

All submissions must be received by:  
December 30, 2015

**PARK FOREST HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
PARK FOREST HALL OF FAME NOMINATION FORM**

To nominate a Park Forester for possible induction into the Hall of Fame, complete this form and submit it as indicated above. Guidelines are available through the Society. You may make only one nomination each year. A list of those already inducted into the Hall of Fame is on back of this nomination form.

To be eligible for the Hall of Fame, persons nominated must have made substantial, beneficial, and consistent contributions to the life and well-being of Park Forest over a considerable span of time. Nominees may now live elsewhere, or be deceased. Individuals or couples may be nominated. Inductees will be chosen from among the eligible nominees by the Park Forest Historical Society, and announced publicly early in 2016.

**Nominee:**

**Address:**

**Phone:**

**Email:**

**Nominated by:**

**Address:**

**Phone:**

**Email:**

**Note:** This is an important tool for the committee to use in making the selection. Please be thorough and neat when preparing the qualifications portion of your nomination.

**On a separate sheet(s), indicate why this nomination is being made, and in convincing and thorough detail, describe the nominee's qualifications and contributions as referred to above. Securely attach any additional sheets to this form.** Call Jane Nicoll with any questions, at 708-481-4252, or email the society at parkforesthstory1 (at) yahoo.com.

**Date of submission:**

**A**

Adler, Rhoda 1997  
Aunt Martha's Youth Center 2011

**B**

Baker, Ivan A. "Ike" 2010  
Bean, Ron 1997  
Bennett, Richard Marsh 2004  
Bernstein, Jean 2008  
Billig, Mrs. Steven 2000  
Blue, Christine 2010  
Brandon, Mae, 2010  
Brenne, Lynn 1999  
Brenne, Wilma 1999  
Brooks, Robert E., Sr. 2005  
Brown, Harold 1997  
Brown, Rose Carol 1997  
Brown, Suzanne 2008  
Brunner, Helen S. 2011

**C**

Collins, Norma Jean Crute 2005  
Colson, Dorothy M. 2002  
Coxworth, Lois 1994  
Crabb, Joan Bogar 2015  
Cribbs, Maureen 2015  
Cruz, Diana 2010  
Cunningham, Bernard G. 1994  
Cunningham, Florence D. 2011

**D**

Davidson, Mary H. 2012  
DeLue, Leona 1997  
DeLue, Ross 1997  
Dietch, Henry X. 1994  
Dinerstein, Robert A. 1994  
DioGuardi, Francis G. 2011

**E**

Edwards, E.C. 1997  
Edwards, Margaret 1997  
Engelmann, Gerson, 1994

**F**

Falk, Gretchen 2004  
Friends of Thorn Creek Woods 2015

**G**

Gallagher, James 2013  
Gallagher, Marlene H, 2013  
Garretson, Elaine S. 1995  
Garretson, James L. 1995  
Glassner, Adele 2011  
Glassner, Alvin 2011  
Gold, Gertrude L. 1995  
Goodrich, John 1998  
Goodrich, Therese 1998  
Gross, Harriet P. Marcus 2000

**H**

Hamby, William I. 2004  
Hauge, Keith 2006  
Helmick, Dewey 1994  
Henkel, James 2014  
Henkel, Ruth 2014  
Hill, Doris F. 2002  
Hill, John 2002  
Hodes, Art 1994  
Humbert Richard "Dick" 2011

**I**

Iafollo, Marie A. 2012

**J**

Janota, Raymond W. 1999  
Johnson, A. Oscar 2004  
Johnson, Ralph Gordon 2003  
Joyce, John, 2013

**K**

Kelly, F. Patrick 2001  
Klutznick, Philip M. 1989  
Knight, Jerry Arthur 2000  
Kopycinski, Gary 2009  
Kramer, Kenneth W. 2008

**L**

Lachmann, Rudy 2003  
Lawrence, Bo 2002  
Lawrence, Helen 2002  
Leinberger, Hugo 2001  
Loebl, Jerold 2010  
Lohr, Judy 2005

**M**

Maeyama, George 1999  
Maeyama, Josephine 1999  
Maeyama, Robert G. 2005  
Mann, A. Wayne 2014  
Manilow, Nathan 1994  
Martin, Myrtle C. 2009  
Marzuki, James 1996  
Marzuki, Mary Lou 1996  
Mathews, Jerry 2005  
McCall, Mary 2007  
McCray, Alicia Rodman 2013  
McDade, Tom 1995  
McDannel, Leonard 2012  
McDannel, Margaret 2012  
McDonnell, Betty L. 2004  
McLeod, J. Ron 1996  
Medhurst, Ralph C. 2014  
Medhurst, Terry 2014  
Mendelson, Judy Dolan 2015  
Mendelson, Jon 2015  
Moore, Barbara J. 2008  
Moore, D. Stanley 2000  
Moore, Janice S. 2000  
Moore, Patricia M. 2005  
Morrissey, John Lawrence 2001  
Muchnik, Dr. Mel 2006  
Muchnik, Janet 2006  
Myrow, Beverly 1998  
Myrow, Gerald "Jerry" 1998

**N**

Navid, Robert A. 2014  
Navid, Ruth P. 2014  
Neel, Bruce L. 2015  
Nicholson, Valerie L. 2008  
Nicoll (Stover), Jane 2007  
North, John C. 1999

**O**

Oliver, Florence 2004

Olson, Magne 2015  
O'Neill, Georgia C. 2003  
O'Neill, Marty 2009  
Orsi, Leo E. 1998  
Osterling, Blaine "Bud" 2003  
Osterling, Hope 2003  
O'Sullivan, Rev. Daniel 2007

**P**

Paris, Roger D. 2012  
Park Forest Nurses Club 2013  
Perry, John 2015  
Peterman, Frederick W. 2003  
Pierce, Robert G. 2014

**R**

Racher, Alice, B. 1996  
Racher, Emanuel M. 1996  
Ray, John R. 2009  
Rich East High School, 2014  
Ringerling, Leona 1994  
Robinson, Leonard Carl 1999

**S**

Saul, Anna T. 2007  
Saul, James D. 2007  
Scariano, Anthony 1998  
Schechter, I. E. "Pappy" 2000  
Scherr, Marge Friedman 1996  
Schlossman, Norman S. 2010  
Skaggs, Lester S. 1998  
Skaggs, Ruth 1998  
Shnay Jerry 2010  
Shnay, Penny 2010  
Singerman, Mayer 2001  
Smart, Robert C. 2000  
Star, Dorothy Rabin 2004  
Star, Jack 2004  
Steinmetz, Jane 2006  
Steinmetz, Jon D. 2006  
Sturges, Al 2012  
Sturges, Barbara G. 2012  
Sweet, Carroll F. Jr. 1994

**T**

Tall Grass Arts Association 2012  
Taradash, George 2003  
Teshima, Harry T. 2001  
Thayil, C. Shanti 2002  
Tilley, William M. 2013  
Toll, Celia-Ann 2011  
Townsend, George C. 2007  
Townsend, Theresa "Terry" 2007

**U**

Utes, Warren, 2000

**V**

Van Horn III, Alfred "Al" 2006  
Vande Berg, Lester B. 1995

**W**

Wade, Earl M.  
Waldmann, Charles 1996  
Walker, Rita C. 2001  
Walker, Sam 1999  
Washington, Elmer L. Sr., Ph.D 2008  
Waterman, Edward 1998  
Wheeler, Michael J. 2008

## PARK FOREST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### Nominations by the Board of Directors

Nominations of one or two people to be inducted will be made by the Park Forest Historical Society Board of Directors each year. No current board member may be nominated by the Board of Directors. A nomination of one not for profit organization, founded in Park Forest, will be made by the Board of Directors each year.

The nominee(s) selected by the Board of Directors will be inducted in that year's ceremony.

The Board nominee(s) shall meet the eligibility requirements.

### Nominations by the Public

Nominations of people to be considered for induction may be made by any interested person, but must be made on the official form provided.

Induction will be annual, so nominations will be solicited, with appropriate publicity, every year.

Nomination forms will be available in the Park Forest Public Library immediately after October 1, and may be submitted to the Park Forest Historical Society at any time through December 15.

Each nominator may make only one nomination each year.

Persons may be re-nominated in a later year, if they have not been inducted on the first nomination. The nominator should provide a statement of recommendation listing accomplishments of the nominee. This statement will be crucial for the Hall of Fame committee.

### Eligibility

Individuals or couples may be nominated.

Consideration shall be given to all nominees who have made consistent, substantial, and beneficial contributions to the life and citizens of Park Forest over a considerable span of time.

Not eligible are those people whose contributions, however noteworthy, have or had nothing to do with the village. Also, not eligible are those who were in Park Forest only for a while, or only in their youth, who attained fame after leaving the village. Accomplishments must have contributed to Park Forest.

Nominees who are deceased or no longer in the area are eligible for nomination and consideration if their contributions meet the requirements of item 2, above.

Persons currently holding elective or appointive office in the village, or who are employed by the village, may be nominated, but the mere fact of current or past such office or employment shall not be an automatic reason for consideration.

Eligibility is not limited to those most frequently-recognized or well-known; persons from any walk of life are to be regarded as eligible—business, religious, educational, volunteer, community service of any kind.

### Selection

## PARK FOREST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Up to seven members of the Park Forest Historical Society shall be appointed annually by the Park Forest Historical Society President to comprise the Hall of Fame Committee, and shall be eligible for reappointment. They are to examine the nominations received, and by January 31, select a list of nominees to be inducted.

Any person who is a voting member of the Selection Committee can not be selected for the Hall of Fame.

Throughout this consideration and selection process, there shall be no “quota” lines of representation drawn, but sensible care shall be taken to make certain that an appropriate variety of Park Foresters get to be considered and finally inducted. Special attention should be paid to the desirability of including people who may have been rather quiet about their substantial, consistent, and beneficial contributions, those who might commonly have been regarded as not very spectacularly important. The simple possession of fame or position should not be the deciding factor in consideration or selection.

Each year the Hall of Fame Committee will also induct the nominees of the Historical Society Board.

### Induction

This will be done annually, in March or April. If deemed appropriate by the committee, a tea or buffet will be served. An appropriate induction ritual will be worked out. Nominators will be asked to present to make a brief introduction of their nominees.

Details of the event—time, location, catering, publicity, etc.—shall be in the hands of the annually appointed Hall of Fame Committee.

Inductees will receive a Hall of Fame pin and their names will be listed on the Hall of Fame plaque. A file will be kept in the local history collection to record the accomplishments of each inductee.

# It's Halloween at the 1950s Park Forest House Museum!



"Step Back into a 1950s Halloween" with Us!

Vintage Halloween decorations  
on display through November 7, 2015

Located at 227 Monee Road  
(in St. Mary's Catholic Church) Convenient Street Parking

Open Wed and Sat 1:00 to 3:30;  
or for groups by appointment.

Call Mike Gans, 708-305-3308, or Jane Nicoll, 708-481-4252 for more  
information or to schedule a tour.

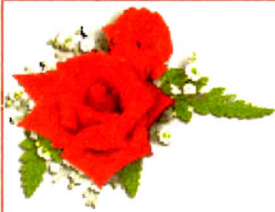
Display items include a collection of Gurley Halloween candles,  
die-cut decorations, and a boxed costume with mask.

Admission donation is adults \$5; children 12 and under free with an adult.

**[parkforesthistory.org](http://parkforesthistory.org)**

"Like" us on Facebook "1950s Park Forest House Museum" &  
"Park Forest Historical Society"

Twitter @1950smuseum; @parkforesthistory



You are cordially invited to be OUR GUEST



***Celebrating Our Volunteers***

**Park Forest Historical Society Program**

**Sunday, November 15, 2015**

**2:30 PM**

**Park Forest Village Hall Board Meeting Room**

**350 Victory Drive-Park Forest**

**Please RSVP by November 11th**

**Jane Nicoll-708-481-4252**