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Sunday, November 13, 2016, 2:30 p.m. hear local historian, Richard Stuenkel on, "History in the Area Before Park Forest. "

Join us for an afternoon full of stories, and explanations of what was here when Park Forest, Richton Park and Matteson were built, and who the early families were.

Come and ask YOUR questions.

Mr. Stuenkel still farms on the land originally owned by his grandfather, and lives in the 132 year old farmhouse in Monee.

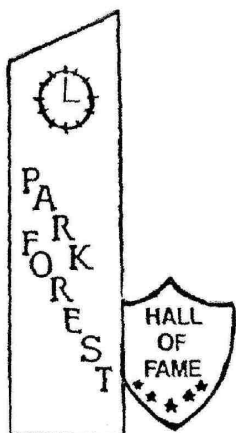
Open to the general public. Park Forest Village Hall, 350 Victory Drive, Park Forest, IL



Interested in helping preserve Park Forest History?

We are looking for volunteers.

Contact Jane Nicoll, 708-481-4252, or via email on the website, parkforesthistor.org.



PARK FOREST HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS BEING ACCEPTED

until December 30, 2016. 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. **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 2017. The induction ceremony will be held at Freedom Hall on April 23, 2017.

In My Own Little Corner

By Jane Nicoll

We will have two special programs this fall/winter we hope you will join us for.

"Share YOUR Halloween Stories" will be held Wednesday October 26, 2016 at 7 p.m.

"Sharing Holiday Memories" will be held Wednesday December 7, 2016 at 7 p.m.

Both of these meetings will be held in Ryan Hall at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 227 Monee Road in Park Forest. They will be followed by visits to the museum.

Please join us and share some of the memories from your past. Spread word of these to your friends and family. We will be promoting these via Facebook., only.

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. At our annual meeting, we voted in three new board members, Paul Blobaum, Ray Myles, and Josh Sopiarz. Welcome to these gentlemen and we look forward to working with them!

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. **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. You can also opt to join via PayPal on the website. **Just Join!!**

Grants: Thank you to Village Manager Tom Mick, Mayor John Ostenburg and the Village Board. We have been awarded a fifth Donor Match Grant for \$5000. Thank you to all of you who have been contributing to our match via memberships, donations, sales and museum admissions. We rely on your help again this year to make this very important match, which keeps the museum open.

The 1950s Park Forest House Museum: The museum is open for regular hours, Wednesday and Saturday 1-3:30 p.m., 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. Be sure to visit. **"Step Back into a 1950s Halloween" exhibit will run through November 9, 2016.** **"Step Back into a 1950s Christmas" exhibit is scheduled for November 26, 2016-January 4, 2017.**

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.

