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PFHS Program Recalls Family Odyssey

Park Forest Historical Society to Receive Federal Grant for Documenting Park Forest History

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) recently announced nearly \$30,000,000 in grants to museums across the nation. Park Forest Historical Society is receiving one of the 244 Awards. The society will be receiving \$22,701 through the Museums for America Collections Stewardship grant program for a two-year project to begin entering collections into a PastPerfect Collection Maintenance Database, improving intellectual and legal control and making them more accessible to residents, visitors to the museum, authors, scholars, students, and publishers.

Collection and data entry volunteer positions for Park Forest Historical Society

The project will cover collections held by the society in the 1950s Park Forest House Museum, located at 141 Forest Blvd, and in the Park Forest Local History Collection and Archive, maintained at 227 Monee Road, co-owned by the Library. Some of the Local History Collection is held at the Park Forest Public Library, 400 Lakewood Blvd.



Grant monies provided by IMLS will purchase the PastPerfect Museum Software, add-ons, training CD-ROMS, online training, training manuals and support for two years.

Grant monies will also purchase a computer to store the database on, a printer-scanner- copier, paper and ink, and pay for 8 hours of staff time. Included in the cost-share are many hours from volunteers who will be recruited and trained over the next few months.

The project officially began October 1, 2013. The government shut-down affected our ability to purchase the equipment, but we are still

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Daughter Tells Story of Japanese Mother's Life

On Sunday November 10, 2013, at 2:30 p.m. the Park Forest Historical Society will present the program, "The Story of a Japanese War-Bride in a GI Town: The Life of Chieko Rosenbery."



Chieko Rosenbery

Chieko came to Park Forest in 1956 as the bride of former serviceman, Joseph Burton Rosenbery. They met while he was on active duty in Japan after the Korean War and married in 1954. Linda Rosenbery Wingrove will speak on Chieko's life in war-time and post-war Japan, and her life in Park Forest.

The stories are based on Ms. Wingrove's forthcoming book about her mother. This program represents another side of the society's World War II Veterans Series, "Up Front and at Home."

PFHS programs are free and open to the general public. For information, call Jane Nicoll, Archivist, 708-481-4252; email through parkforesthistory.org.

Please join us November 10, 2:30 p.m. at Park Forest Village Hall for our program, "The Story of a Japanese War-Bride in a GI Town." Linda Wingrove Rosenbery will tell us the story of her mother, Chieko Rosenbery who came to Park Forest in 1956 after marrying Joseph Burton Rosenbery in post-war Japan in 1954. We stretch a little to call Chieko a "war-bride" but they certainly met as a result of Joseph's service in Japan. The stories of Chieko's life in Japan during and after the war and in Park Forest are part of Ms. Wingrove's forthcoming book. This program represents a different angle on our earlier series of November programs, "Up Front and at Home."

I am beginning work on the IMLS Museums for America Collection Stewardship grant, which will run until October 2015. Progress was rearranged by the recent

In My Own Little Corner

By Jane Nicoll

federal government shutdown, but we still need to accomplish our work in the time allotted. Work continues on recruiting volunteers to work prepare the collections for entry and to enter the collections in the PastPerfect Collections Maintenance

Database, and preparing to train the volunteers. Purchase of equipment and the software was completely stalled during the government shutdown. Please see the Volunteer description for Collection and Data Entry in this newsletter. The Museum Collection position and Collection and Data Entry positions will be listed on our website under Volunteer Opportunities.

Please visit the 1950s Park Forest House Museum and encourage friends and neighbors to see it. It is important that we see that Park Forest's current and former resident's support the museum. The board continues to look for a new home for the museum, since we will leave our current home by the end of May 2014.

Join the Society if you have not done so. We need your continuing financial support. We have received a second \$5000 Matching Grant Challenge from the Village of Park Forest for the 2013-2014 fiscal year. Your donations at the door, annual fund donations, and purchases of things from our museum and online stores go toward the Match, which is necessary for us to keep our programs going and the museum doors open this year.

Please find the Park Forest Hall of Fame nomination form and Guidelines for this year included in this newsletter. Nominations are open from October 1 through December 30, 2013. Forms are also available at the Village Hall, Museum and the Library, or on our website at parkforesthistor.org. The Induction ceremony will be Sunday April 6, 2014. Be sure to nominate someone who has made a substantial, long term contribution to the Village of Park Forest.

Interested in volunteering to show the museum or to work with the collections? Contact Jane Nicoll, 708-481-4252; or by email through parkforesthistor.org.

Thank you for your past support. We look forward to seeing you at our programs and visiting the museum this year!

Buy a Piece of Park Forest History

Marshall Field's Bricks for Sale

1 for \$15; 2 for \$25

- Each brick comes with a Certificate of Authenticity and a one page history of the building

Where can I buy a brick?

- 1950s Park Forest House Museum
 - 141 Forest Blvd, Open Wed & Sat 10:30-3:30
 - Village Hall—Recreation and Parks Desk
- Online at www.parkforesthistor.org

Call Mike Gans at 708-305-3308.

All Sales Benefit Park Forest Historical Society

"Step Back into a 1950s Christmas," exhibit will be on display at the 1950s Park Forest House Museum, at 141 Forest Blvd, on Wednesdays and Saturdays in December, 10:30 to 3:30. Period decorations are on display in every room. Our gift to you is the special December admission of \$3.00 for adults.

You get one free visit, either with a membership, or with purchase of a Marshall Field's brick. Kids under 12 are always free. Take a break from the hustle and bustle of 21st Century holidays to revisit the holidays of your past in this gem of a museum, just down the street.

PFHS Seeking Volunteers for Collection, Data Entering

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recruiting and planning to hold training sessions toward the end of October. Accessioning of the Museum and Archival collections can begin without the database.

Volunteers for accessioning of collection and data entry into PastPerfect Collections Maintenance Database.

- Fluent in English language.
- Able to take detailed instruction and training.
- Able to read detailed information.
- Able to type detailed information into appropriate categories in the template.
- Able to type with sufficient speed and accuracy.
- Possess clear handwriting for marking collections with accession numbers.
- Works well in a group project, with sufficient communication and feedback skills
- Ideal candidates will be able to commit four hours per week for up to 50 hours per week, **for two years**. We realize this may be difficult, and are willing to work with volunteers who can offer smaller time commitments, for less than two years. We still very much need for these volunteers to be able to give a number of hours, to return our investment in training.
- Able to discern importance of the collection to researchers' needs over time, and to extract appropriate details from the records which will aid volunteers and researchers in connecting with collection materials.
- Works independently, or with others as required.

The collection work will be done on in the Archive Office of the Society, in St. Mary's Catholic Church, 227 Monee Road, Park Forest, IL 60466.

These are volunteer positions, with no benefits, except for the experience gained.

The Park Forest Historical Society is a drug-free workplace. Transportation must be provided by the volunteer/intern. Public transportation in Park Forest is limited and does not stop near the Archive Office.

Those interested in applying for volunteer collection work and data entry should call Jane Nicoll, Archivist, at her home, 708-481-4252; or email her via the website at www.parkforesthistory.org.

See also Volunteer or Intern to document the collections of the 1950s Park Forest House Museum.

New in our Museum Shop! Also available online via PayPal!

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.



Your Hall of Fame Nomination Form and Guidelines are Enclosed

Membership Benefits

Your membership in the Park Forest Historical Society entitles you to one free tour of the House Museum and advance notice of all programs including the annual Park Forest Hall of Fame induction ceremony.

Your membership supports Society efforts to preserve and interpret the history of Park Forest through the Local History Collection and Archive and the 1950s PF House Museum.

Join us as a Corporate Member, Sponsor or Benefactor

Corporate Member	\$50
Corporate Sponsor	\$150
Archive Benefactor	\$225
Museum Benefactor	\$545

Mail checks to:

**Park Forest Historical Society
400 Lakewood Blvd
Park Forest, IL 60466**

We also accept cash or PayPal online at:
www.parkforesthistor.org.

Name: _____

Company: _____

Company Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Park Forest Historical Society is an independent 501 (c) (3) corporation. Your donation is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

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Join Today

Yes! I want to be a member. As a member I receive one free Museum tour and advance notices of all programs

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State _____

Zip _____

Telephone _____

E-Mail _____

☐ Please send newsletters and announcements via my email.

Membership Category

Individual	\$ 20.00
Family	\$ 40.00
Contributor	\$ 75.00
Benefactor 1 (One month museum rent)	\$545.00
Benefactor 2 (One month Archive rent)	\$225.00
Corporate	\$ 50.00

Our membership year begins in September

☐ Enclosed is a check made payable to:
"Park Forest Historical Society"

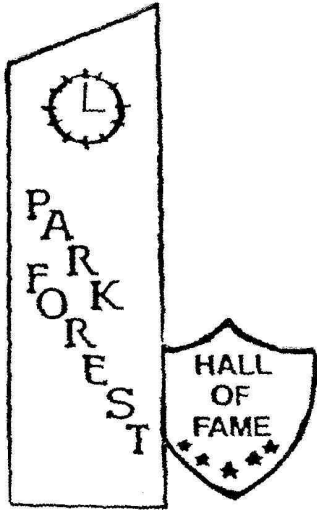
**We also accept cash or PayPal online at
www.parkforesthistor.org.**

Mail to: **Park Forest Historical Society
400 Lakewood Blvd.
Park Forest, IL 60466-1619**

☐ Please contact me about volunteer opportunities.

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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, 2013

**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 2014.

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 Mike Gans with any questions, at 708-305-3308, or email the society at parkforesthistory1 (at) yahoo.com.

Date of submission:

A

Adler, Rhoda 1997
Aunt Martha's Youth Service 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
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

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 *
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
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
Moore, Barbara J. 2008
Moore, D. Stanley 2000 *
Moore, Janice S. 2000
Moore, Patricia M. 2005
Morrisey, John Lawrence 2001
Muchnik, Dr. Mel 2006
Muchnik, Janet 2006
Myrow, Beverly 1998 *
Myrow, Gerald "Jerry" 1998

N

Nicholson, Valerie L. 2008
Nicoll (Stover), Jane 2007
North, John C. 1999

O

Oliver, Florence 2004
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
Peterman, Frederick W. 2003

R

Racher, Alice, B. 1996 *
Racher, Emanuel M. 1996
Ray, John R. 2009
Ringing, 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

Note: For names marked with* there are oral history transcripts available at the library. For those marked with ** the transcript is also available on the World Wide Web on the digital project, "Park Forest: An Illinois Planned Community," found at www.ida.illinois.org, and through the PFHS website at www.parkforesthstory.org.

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.