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8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Daily (Sept. 15 - May 1)

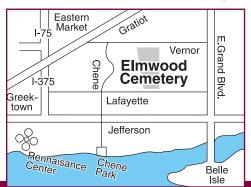
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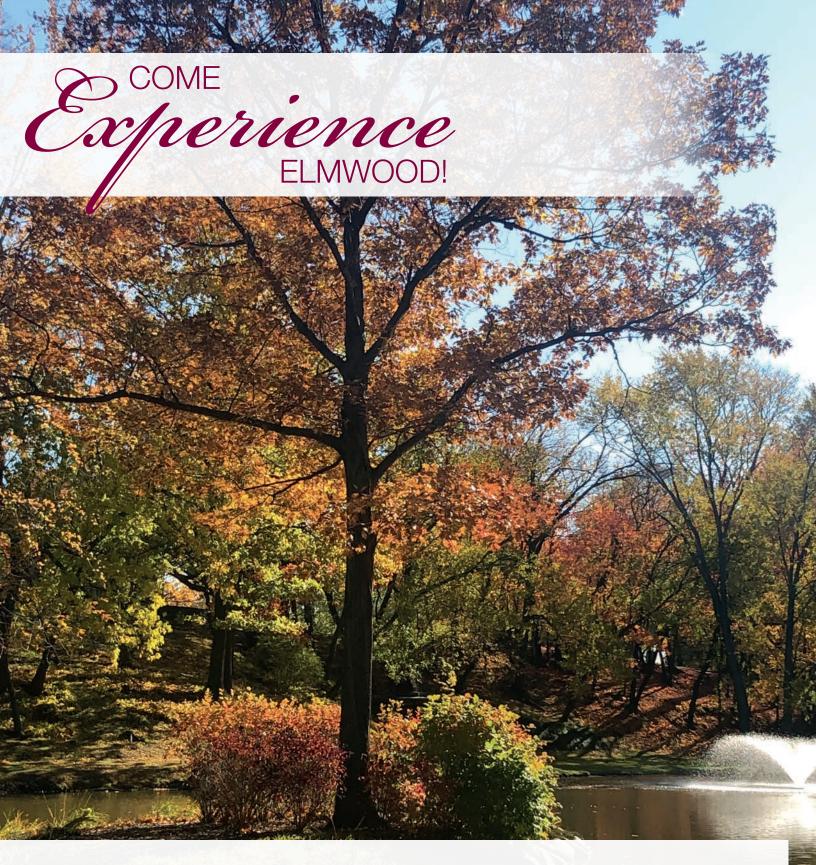
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HISTORIC ELMWOOD CEMETERY & FOUNDATION • FALL 2022

NEWSLETTER





elcome to beautiful historic Elmwood
Cemetery where Detroit's history endures!
The fall is a wonderful time to visit this natural
greenspace. Whether you are interested in the memorial
art found in our monuments or appreciate the fall color
change through our incredible arboretum, we invite you to

come and experience Elmwood. Look inside to find out more information about our fall events. All events are free of charge, including our guided tours, but they do require reservations by emailing jcapuano@elmcem.org or by calling Joan on 313/801-1971.

MESSAGE FROM TERRY BOOK

President, Historic Elmwood Foundation



Historic Elmwood Foundation Board of Directors pictured front row, Mimi Crawford and Terry Book; back row John Snyder and Jim Deutchman.

Not pictured Reverend Steven J. Kelly and Susan Rohde.

Your Support Matters! Please help us ensure Elmwood Cemetery remains a sanctuary for all by donating today.

2022 has been a year of outstanding programming and continued restoration at Elmwood. Your donations make our work possible and permit us to better serve our Elmwood community. On behalf of the cemetery trustees and foundation's directors, I thank you for your past support and I hope you will consider donating this year to the Historic Elmwood Foundation. The Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit and all donations are fully tax deductible as permitted by law. Please use the enclosed envelope to mail your donation today! You may also make your donation online through our website, www.elmwoodhistoriccemetery.org. Thank you again for your continuing support of our educational programming, community events and restoration needs here at Elmwood Cemetery.

Warmest regards.

Our Mission:

To preserve the history and educational significance of Elmwood Cemetery; and to develop social, cultural, and educational programs to benefit the community.







BIRDING FALL MIGRATION SEASON IS UPON US!

Imwood is pleased to partner with Detroit Audubon Society to offer monthly programing for our birding enthusiasts. Following the guided walk, we will meet in the chapel to discuss the various species seen, migration, habitat, and to enjoy refreshments. Join us:

- September 10th 8 a.m.,
- October 8th 8:30 a.m.,
- November 12th 9 a.m., and
- December 10th 9 a.m.

We anticipate that these birding walks will continue on the second Saturday of the month through the winter 2023.



ELMWOOD TREES - Detroit's First Certified Arboretum



- Fall Tree Identification Class will be held on September 25th at 9 a.m.
- Fall Tree Tour will be held on October 29th at 9 a.m.

Join us as we and an arborist talk about the history of Elmwood and some of the different species among our 1,450 trees in this walking tour. Of course, trees are also discussed during our bird walks and our history tours. Reservations required.



TOMBSTONE TALES HISTORY TOURS

Imwood is Elmwood is delighted to offer guided walking tours throughout the year. The tours are approximately 90 minutes and are held in all weather. Learn the stories of those interred at Elmwood.

- September 17th at 11:00 a.m.,
- October 30th at 9 a.m.
- November 2nd at 9 a.m.,
- November 12th at 11 a.m.

Or perhaps you would prefer a smaller tour – private and group tours are also available by contacting Joan Capuano.





KIDS' FUN RUN

Le Run for Le Rouge, a charity 5K run organized in partnership with Detroit



City Sporting Coalition. The run will start at Detroit City Fieldhouse on Lafayette and route through the Cemetery grounds. Runners and walkers are welcome and should register through Le Run for Le Rouge 2022 (runsignup.com). Proceeds benefit youth soccer programs providing low or no cost opportunities for players in the city of Detroit. October 9th at 10:30 a.m.

ELMWOOD CEMETERY & FOUNDATION CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 15 Fall/Winter Grounds Access Hours begin 8:30 – 4 Daily

OCTOBER 8 Birding with Detroit Audubon Society, 9 a.m.

OCTOBER 9 Kids Fun Run, *Le Run for Le Rouge*, 10:30 a.m.

OCTOBER 29 Fall Tree & History Tour, 9 a.m.

OCTOBER 30 Tombstone Tales, 9 a.m.

NOVEMBER 2 Tombstone Tales "Around the Pond" Tour, 9 a.m.

All Souls Requiem Mass, 10 a.m., Chapel

NOVEMBER 2





NOVEMBER 11 Veterans Day Commemoration – 38th Annual, 10 a.m., Civil War Section

NOVEMBER 12 Birding with Detroit Audubon Society, 8:30 a.m. Tombstone Tales Tour, 11:00 a.m.

DECEMBER 10 Birding with Detroit Audubon Society, 9 a.m.

Check our website, www.elmwoodhistoriccemetery.org for more information, and for newly added events.



ELMWOOD'S OUTDOOR SCULPTURE GARDEN

Imwood Elmwood Cemetery's unique display of memorial art creates a lasting legacy, from towering obelisks to flat ✓ markers. The decorative symbolism of memorials has much to do with the period of time and indicates something of importance to the honored individual.

Today, Joannie Capuano, Foundation Executive Director, is highlighting some of her favorite monuments seen at Elmwood.

The tree with its limbs shorn and the trunk cut is symbolic of a life cut short. But here in Section B it depicts a life cut short with a firm foundation (rocks) in faith (the cross).



Stunning sarcophagus modeled after that of a Roman general marks the final resting place of the Albert Stephens family in Section 10.



The Granger monument in Section G has many different symbols: draped cloth and cording for military service; the shaking hands which might mean farewell or welcome to eternity and the crown with the cross meaning faith above all else but when paired together with the hands most likely indicates a Mason membership; bountiful baskets and sheaths of wheat indicate prosperity.



Here it is the saying I love so much on the Bristol monument "She hath done what she could." Wouldn't we all like that to be said about us! Above is etched "Sacred to the memory of Mother." The angel looks as if her face is tear stained. Section V.



This monument in Section M was erected "by his Brethren in Grateful Remembrance of Most Worshipful Horace S Roberts." He was a Colonel in Michigan's First Infantry during the Civil War. He died at Bulls Run second battle on August 30, 1862. "His body fills an unmarked grave." He served as a Mason Grand Master in 1861. The flame on top of the monument represents eternal life.



The cross with the symbols associated with the four gospel writers. St. John – a rising eagle; St. Luke – a winged ox; St. Matthew - a divine man; and St. Mark a winged lion. Sections K and 8.



The Detroit Firefighters monument found in Section 1 depicts a firefighter in period uniform with the traditional horn in the crook of his right elbow and his helmet in his left hand. Lower on the monument are depicted the first firehouse in **Detroit and original** firefighting equipment.







U.S. Senator Jacob Merritt Howard has part of the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution carved into the granite on the face of his monument in Section B. He left instructions with his family that if all men in the United States and our territories were free, he wanted a towering obelisk because his life's work was complete. However, if even one man was still enslaved, the obelisk was to be broken before it was placed. Similar to the tree trunk, his life was cut short of accomplishing all he hoped

Albert Brush Ford was shot down over Germany during World War II. The family chose to mark his life with a propeller arm from the same type of plane he flew. Section K.

REMEMBER OUR EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS – FREE OF CHARGE!

SELF-GUIDED MAPS AND AUDIO TOURS

 African American Heritage – From the 1800s through present day, Elmwood is proud to honor many key African American leaders.

to in this world.

- Business Visionaries Many Detroit business leaders
 were visionary, smart, persistent, influential, and
 passionate. They, along with many others, took advantage
 of the ability to establish and grow businesses here.
- Leadership Legacies Elmwood is the final resting place of 7 governors, 11 US senators, and 30 Detroit mayors.
- Underground Railroad Network to Freedom –
 Highlighting those buried at Elmwood who were significant
 members or supporters of the Underground Railroad and
 took steps to abolish slavery in the United States.

ELMWOOD BIOGRAPHIES

Elmwood has significantly expanded its information on people in the cemetery and we include photos where possible.

ARBORETUM TOURS

Elmwood developed self-guided tree tours, dividing the 86-acres into three maps highlighting deciduous, flowering, and evergreen trees throughout Elmwood's acreage. The actual trees have a tree identification marker with the scientific and common name as well as a QR code. If you have a smart device, you can use this code to learn more about the particular species.

BIRDING SPECIES LIST

Our birding list continues to grow. Please let us know if you see or hear additional species during your walks on our grounds.

DISCOVER MORE ABOUT ELMWOOD

Visit our new website **www.elmwoodhistoriccemetery.org**We are excited to launch our new website. Please take a look!

We will use this to keep you better informed on our events and happenings here at Elmwood.





You can the QR code with your smart device.

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

We would like to make sure we have the most recent contact information for you. We know you would like to be kept informed of rule changes or issues that affect your lot, as well as cemetery activities. Please update your telephone number, address, and email through our website www.elmwoodhistoriccemetery.org, Contact Us, by calling the office at (313) 567-3453, or by email at jcapuano@elmcem.org.



BEQUESTS

Over the years we have been blessed to receive donations from people who have chosen to remember Elmwood in their will. We are quite grateful for this legacy. If you would like to include the Historic Elmwood Foundation, language for a gift to be made following your death is simple and can be incorporated into a new will or added by an amendment to your existing will. Please contact Joan Capuano, Executive Director of the Historic Elmwood Foundation, for assistance.



ONLINE GIVING

Did you know you can give online?

You can now make donations on our website.

Scan the QR code or visit us at:

https://elmwoodhistoriccemetery.org/foundation/support-us



