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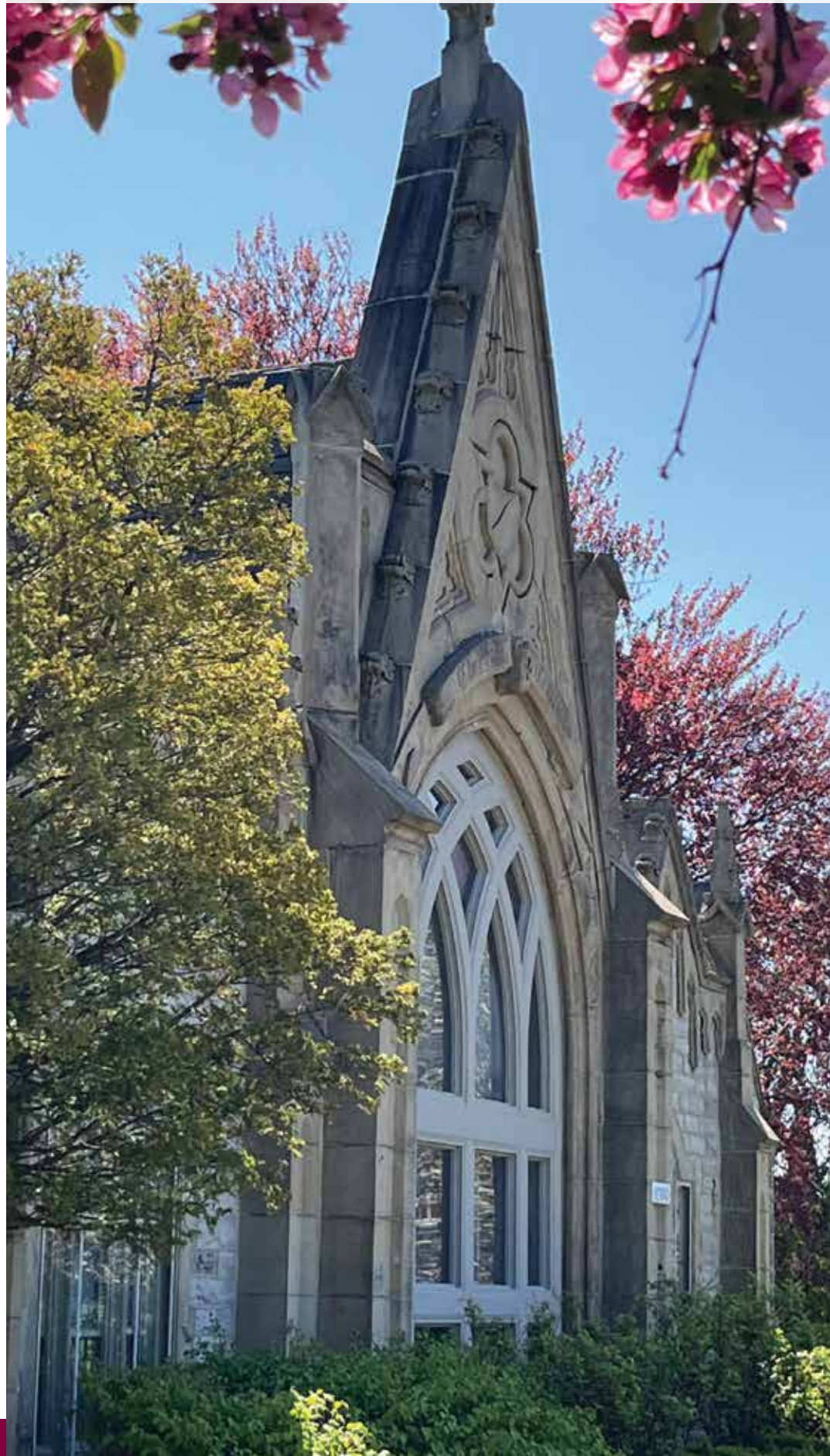
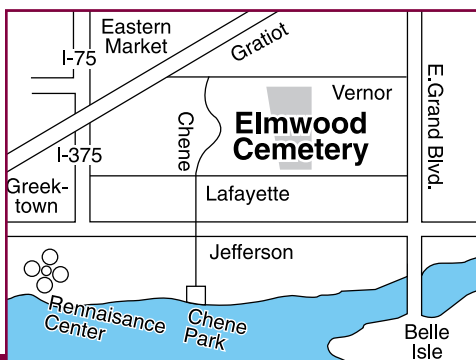
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Spring HAS "SPRUNG"



Our days are getting longer. Grasses are greening. Bushes and trees are budding. Flowers are beginning to show their colors. Nests hold chirpers. This is a beautiful time to see all the signs of rebirth at Elmwood Cemetery. Our grounds are open daily at 7 a.m. We hope you will take the opportunity to visit the cemetery. You are welcome to visit on your own or with family and friends. If you are looking for a uniquely Elmwood activity, we offer birding, guided tours, special events and ceremonies, and our arboretum programming. Look inside for more information and PLEASE JOIN US!



SPRING 2023

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.

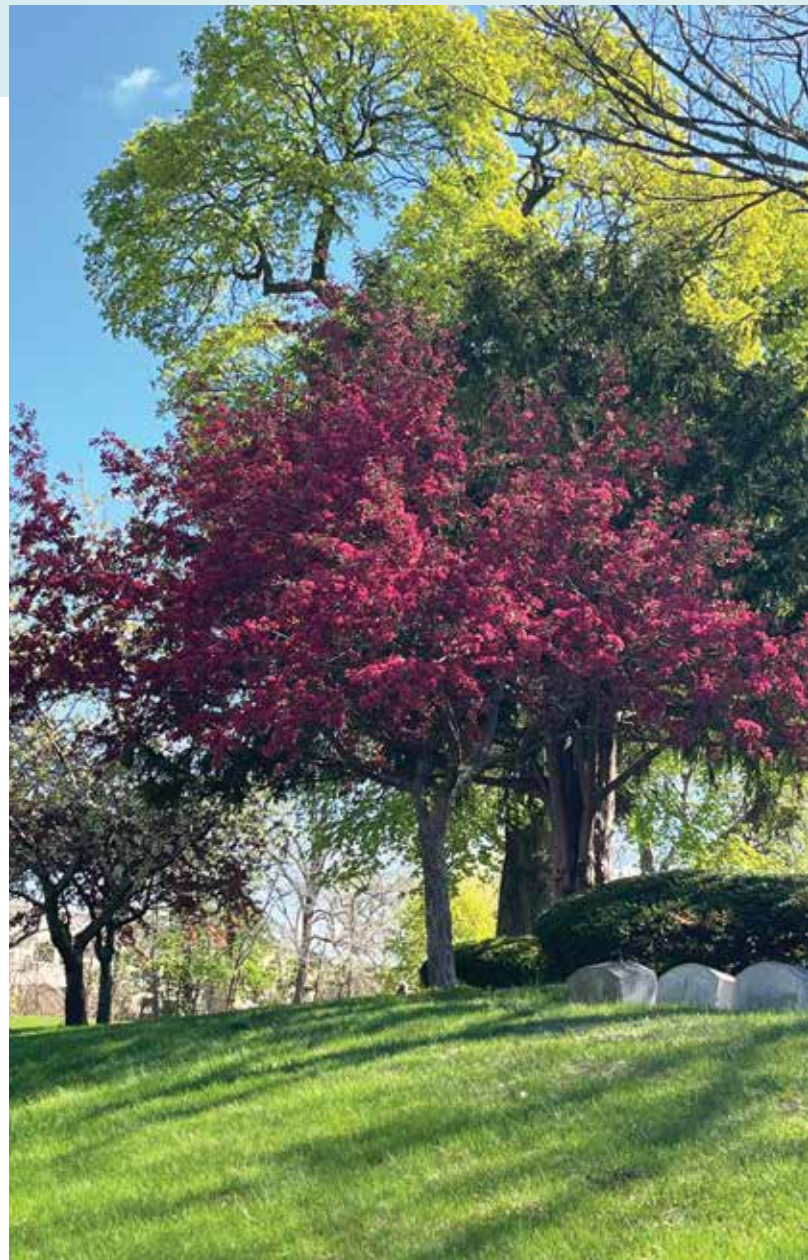
Your Support Matters! Please help us ensure Elmwood Cemetery remains a sanctuary for all by donating today.

2023 will be 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.



ELMWOOD CEMETERY & FOUNDATION CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY 7	Birding with Detroit Audubon Society, 8:30 a.m.
JANUARY 14	African American Heritage Tour, 10 a.m.
FEBRUARY 18	Birding with Detroit Audubon Society, 8:30 a.m.
FEBRUARY 19	African American Heritage Tour, noon
MARCH 18	Birding with Detroit Audubon Society, 8:30 a.m.
APRIL 8	Birding with Detroit Audubon Society, 8:30 a.m.
APRIL 15	Tombstone Tales Tour, 9 a.m.
APRIL 28	Arbor & Earth Day Celebration, 9:30 a.m.
MAY 1	Spring/Summer Grounds Access Hours 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. Daily
MAY 13	Birding with Detroit Audubon Society, 8:30 a.m. Spring Tree & History Tour, noon
MAY 29	Memorial Day. <i>Please honor your loved one with a complimentary carnation. Available at 9 a.m. Quantities are limited.</i>
JUNE 4	Tree Identification Class, noon. Gatehouse
JUNE 10	Birding with Detroit Audubon Society, 8:30 a.m. Tombstone Tales Tour, 11 a.m.
JUNE 19	Underground Railroad Tour, 9 a.m. <i>In honor of Juneteenth.</i>
JULY 1	Tombstone Tales Tour, 9 a.m.
JULY 8	Birding with Detroit Audubon Society, 8:30 a.m.
AUGUST 5	Birding with Detroit Audubon Society, 8:30 a.m. Tombstone Tales Tour, 11:00 a.m.
SEPTEMBER 9	Birding with Detroit Audubon Society, 8:30 a.m. Tombstone Tales Tour, 11:00 a.m.
SEPTEMBER 11	Patriots Day Tour and Flower Placement, 9 a.m. Civil War Lot
SEPTEMBER 15	Fall/Winter Grounds Access Hours begin 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Daily
OCTOBER 7	Fall Tree & History Tour, 9 a.m.
OCTOBER 9	<i>Kids Fun Run, Le Run for Le Rouge</i> supports Detroit youth soccer programs, 10 a.m.
OCTOBER 14	Birding with Detroit Audubon Society, 8:30 a.m.
NOVEMBER 2	Tombstone Tales "Around the Pond" Tour, 9 a.m.
NOVEMBER 2	All Souls Requiem Mass, 10 a.m., Chapel
NOVEMBER 11	Veterans Day Commemoration - 39 th 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 9	Birding with Detroit Audubon Society, 9 a.m.

BIRDING MIGRATION SEASON IS UPON US!

Elmwood is pleased to partner with Detroit Audubon Society to offer monthly programming 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. Register for birding events through our partner at www.detroitaudubon.org. Space is limited.



For updates, keep an eye on our website or send a message to jcapuano@elmcem.org and you will be added to Elmwood's email list. www.elmwoodhistoriccemetery.org



ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

Join our grounds crew and local school children as we plant trees in honor of Arbor Day and talk about the importance of trees to our environment, how to care for them and how they are used in producing everyday products. *April 28, 9:30 a.m.*



TREE TOURS

Join us as we and master certified arborist Todd Fleishans 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. Tours held in the spring and fall.

TREE IDENTIFICATION CLASS

The Master Certified Arborist shares his knowledge in how to identify trees through leaf shape and color, bark type, buds, and growth. *June 4th noon.*

TOMBSTONE TALES HISTORY TOURS

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

All events require reservations by emailing jcapuano@elmcem.org or by calling Joan at 313/801-1971. Check our website, www.elmwoodhistoriccemetery.org for more information, and for newly added events.



ELMWOOD'S OUTDOOR SCULPTURE GARDEN

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. Many of these symbols as memorial art date to Victorian era influences in the 19th century

Today, we are highlighting "bronze" monuments which became popular as memorial art during this time. The Monumental Bronze Company of Bridgeport was the only producer of this unique type of grave marker in the United States between 1874 and 1914. These monuments were dubbed white bronze even though they were bluish gray and actually were composed of zinc, not bronze. They were made from sand molds that were fused together, sandblasted, and lacquered to produce the finished product. The detail achieved as you can see on the photos was extraordinary and has not been retouched over the years. The Monumental Bronze Company's subsidiary here in Detroit, placed several monuments and markers at Elmwood. Memorial products were sold until armament needs took over the company in order to make gun mounts and munitions for World War I and eventually fabricated castings for automobile and radio parts and kitchen equipment.



NATIONAL SOCIETY OF COLONIAL DAMES OF AMERICA – MICHIGAN

Elmwood is thankful for being designated as the project to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of this great organization. The NSCDA – MI promotes appreciation for and understanding of the events and people that helped shape our country. Many of its members have been longtime supporters of Elmwood and our events. In 2022, they generously supported the restoration of Elmwood's Civil War Lot in section S. The work was completed just before our annual Veterans Day Celebration and looks wonderful. This lot is an important part of several events at Elmwood and now it is restored to its original design.

Thank you Dames, and in particular President Julia Boomer and Anniversary Chair Gioconda McMillan, for your support!



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or omissions in the listing.*

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.
- *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 website www.elmwoodhistoriccemetery.org.

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



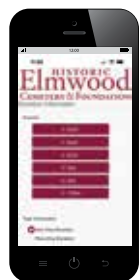
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