

NEWSLETTER



HISTORIC Elmwood FOUNDATION

WHERE DETROIT'S HISTORY ENDURES

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Fall and Winter Cemetery Hours

Cemetery Grounds Access

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

Office Hours

9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Monday – Friday

9 a.m. – noon Saturday

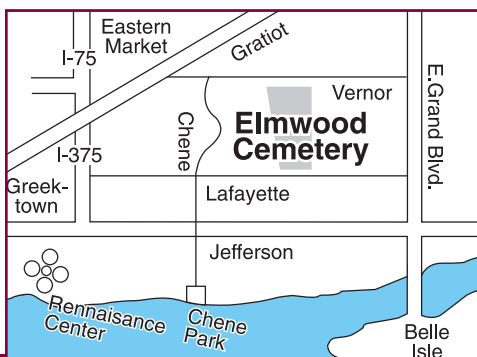
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COME *Experience* ELMWOOD!

Welcome 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.

YOUR SUPPORT MATTERS!

2023 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,
James Deutchman



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!

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. Join us:

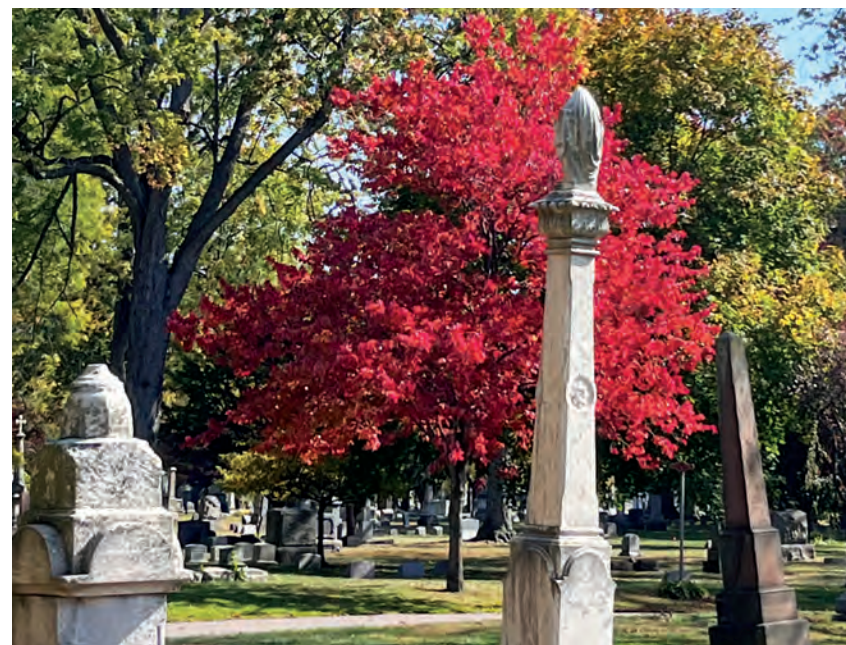
- **September 9th 8:30 a.m.,**
- **October 14th 8:30 a.m.,**
- **November 4th 8:30 a.m., and**
- **December 9th 8:30 a.m.**

We anticipate that these birding walks will continue to be scheduled the second Saturday of the month through the winter 2024.



ELMWOOD TREES – Detroit's First Certified Arboretum

Fall Tree Tour will be held on October 7th 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.



Follow us on Instagram!
Elmwood Cemetery Detroit



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.

- **September 9th at noon,**
- **October 7th at noon,**
- **November 2nd at 9 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 <https://runsignup.com/Race/MI/Detroit/DetroitCityFootballClubVirtualRace>. Proceeds benefit youth soccer programs providing low or no cost opportunities for players in the city of Detroit. **October 8th at 10:30 a.m.**



ELMWOOD CEMETERY & FOUNDATION CALENDAR OF FALL EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 9 Birding with Detroit Audubon Society, 8:30 a.m.
Tombstone Tales Tour, noon

SEPTEMBER 11 Patriot's Day, Civil War Lot, Section S.
Flower placement and one hour tour, 9 a.m.

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

OCTOBER 7 Fall Tree & History Tour, 9 a.m.
Tombstone Tales Tour, noon

OCTOBER 8 Kids Fun Run, *Le Run for Le Rouge*, 10:30 a.m.

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



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 4 Birding with Detroit Audubon Society, 8:30 a.m.

NOVEMBER 11 Veterans Day Commemoration –
39th Annual, 10 a.m., Civil War Lot, Section S.

DECEMBER 9 Birding with Detroit Audubon Society, 8:30 a.m.

Keep an eye on our website or send a message to jcapuano@elmcem.org and you will be added to Elmwood's email list.

FALL 2023

MESSAGE FROM JAMES DEUTCHMAN

Interim 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.

The Historic Elmwood Foundation is nearly 20 years old and, as with all organizations, things change. We are dealing with the simultaneous retirement of our president, Terry Book, and our executive director, Joan Capuano. These two have been instrumental in growing the foundation and achieving many of its goals.

Terry Book was asked to lead the foundation in 2005 and did so with passion and determination. Joan Capuano was charged to carry out the foundation's mission. Together they and the board introduced Elmwood Cemetery to thousands through programming and community events such as our very popular bird walks, history tours and our special Veterans Day commemoration. Our programming, events, and educational materials are used as a model by other cemeteries.

Although Terry is stepping down from the foundation, she will remain an active member of the cemetery trustee board. Joan has loved the opportunity to work with our tremendous staff and create outreach opportunities within the community. She will retire this November to have more time with her family — those grandchildren she cherishes. Don't be surprised though if you see her on our bird walks! Please join me in wishing Terry and Joan all the best.

I am also a founding member of the Historic Elmwood Foundation and proudly serve on the Elmwood Cemetery board.

I am honored to serve as interim president of the foundation. It has been a highly successful organization and the board is planning for this next phase. We will do so with our mission in mind: ***To preserve the history and educational significance of Elmwood Cemetery; and to develop social, cultural, and educational programs to benefit the community.***

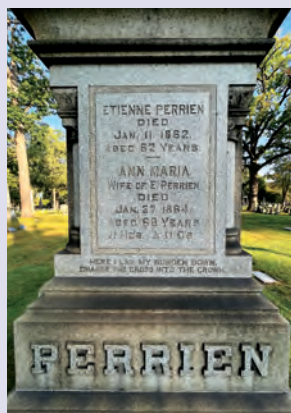
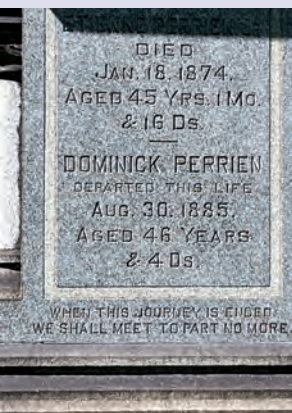
Very respectfully,
James Deutchman

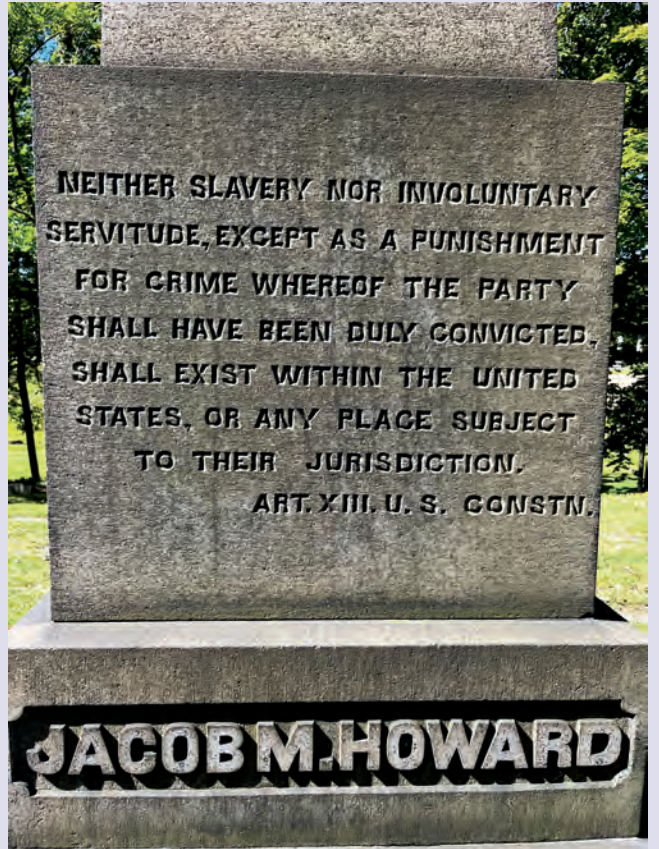


ELMWOOD'S OUTDOOR SCULPTURE GARDEN

As our visitors walk around Elmwood, they notice many of the monuments and markers are etched with epitaphs that serve as a memorial to the deceased. The origin of the word "epitaph" is the Greek word "epitaphios" meaning "a funeral oration over a tomb." These short texts vary greatly and have special meaning for the deceased and their family. They include poetry, biblical verses, or personal sayings. Here are a few found on the grounds at Elmwood.

And, of course, we cannot forget the marker for Nathaniel Hickok who died in one of Detroit's cholera epidemics in the 1830s and was later moved to Section L, Elmwood Cemetery. His epitaph states "Blessed be he who spares these stones. Curst be he who moves my bones."





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

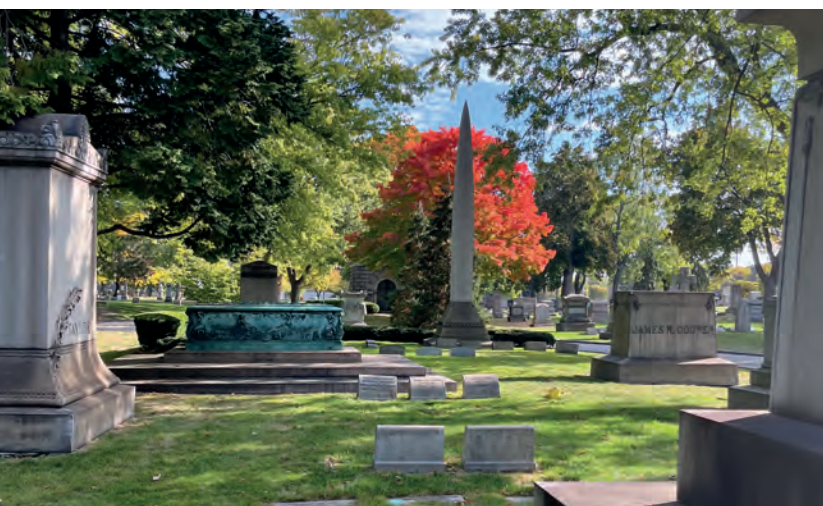
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We are excited to launch our new website. Please take a look! We will use this to keep you better informed on our events and happenings here at Elmwood.



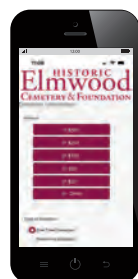
UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

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 on (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>

