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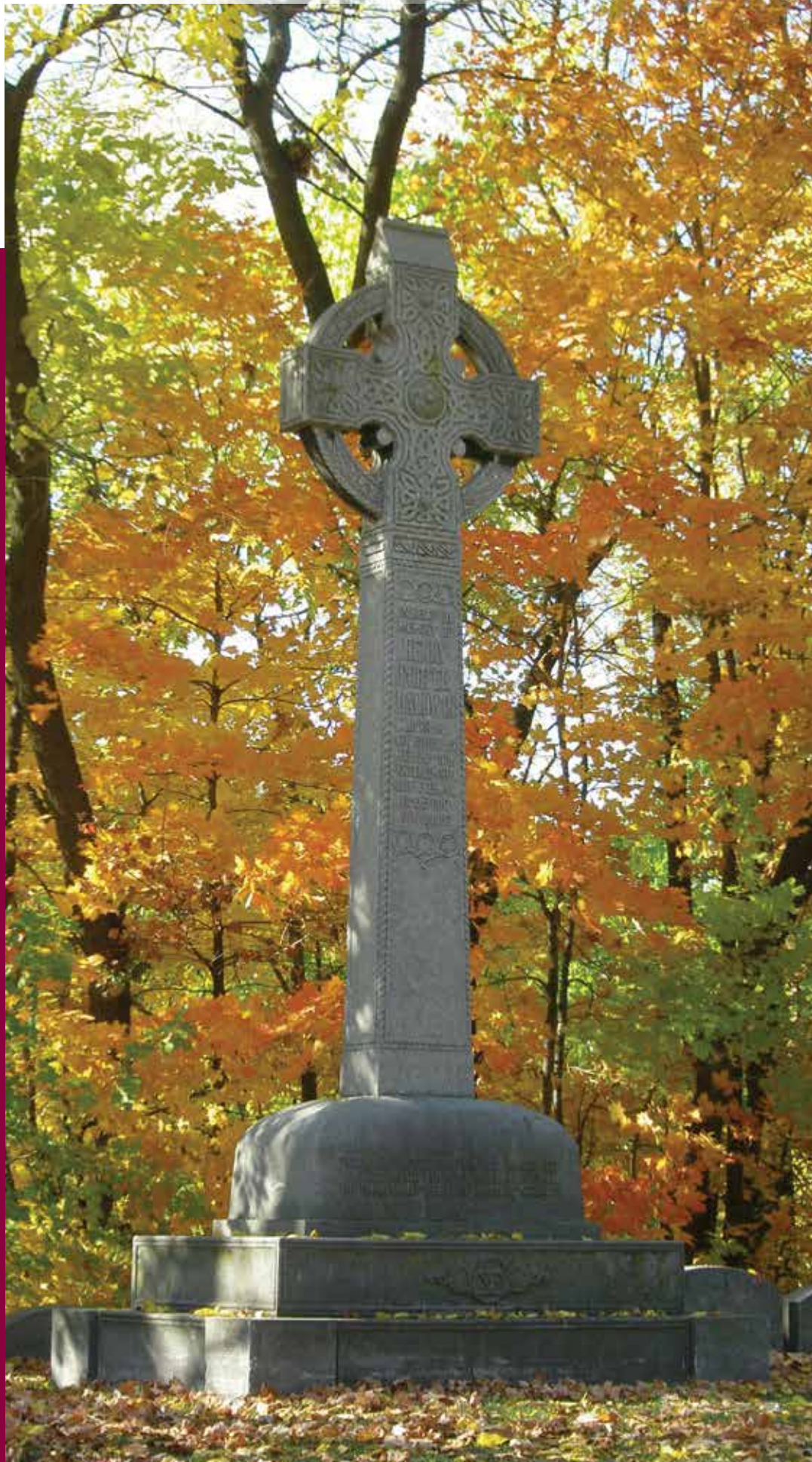
Fall and Winter Cemetery Hours

Cemetery Grounds Access
8:30am - 4pm, Daily (Sept.-April)

Office Hours

9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Mondays – Fridays
9 a.m. – noon Saturdays
Closed on Sundays

2018 FALL Newsletter





Come Experience Elmwood's Great Fall Color!



Birding

Birding at Elmwood has grown significantly during the past three years. Our partnerships with Detroit Audubon Society and Rosann Kovalcek of Wild Birds Unlimited and the Michigan Audubon Society have brought hundreds of new visitors to Elmwood.

Please join us to see our native birds as well as those migrating south for warmer weather.

UPCOMING BIRDING EVENTS

Saturday, September 15, 9 a.m.

Friday, October 19, 9 a.m.

Friday, November 9, 9 a.m.

Saturday, December 1, 9 a.m.



Thank you for placing your trust in us!



Cemetery Trustees pictured left to right, Mike Bernard, Eileen McCarthy, Sandy McMillan, Terry Book, Jim Deutchman and John Snyder.



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.



Thank you Bob Schroeder for your MANY years of hard work and dedication!

After more than 45 years in the cemetery business, and the last 22 here at Elmwood, Bob has decided it is time to move to the next phase of life. We hate saying goodbye to a great friend and font of knowledge. You may have met Bob on the grounds as you sought an answer to where a particular monument was located, or perhaps where there are bird nests, or what type of tree is "over there." Bob has always been a great resource here at Elmwood for all of us. We wish Bob and his wife Sharee many years of relaxed pleasure. They plan to travel and enjoy their time with family and friends even more. You will be greatly missed here at Elmwood.

Our Mission:

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

STAY CURRENT

Keep up with what is happening at Elmwood Cemetery by checking our website, www.elmwoodhistoriccemetery.org

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

Please notify jcapuano@elmcem.org if your address, phone number or email changes.



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Elmwood Cemetery Detroit

Fall Guided Tour Schedule

Established in 1846, Elmwood Cemetery contains the graves of many prominent men and women including civil war generals, 7 governors, 11 U.S. senators, 30 Detroit mayors, and countless business and community leaders. Come join us on a guided walking tour as we share the stories of Detroit and the people that helped shape our great city and contributed to advancement for our citizens and industry. Our walking tours are FREE and last about 2 hours. We do require advance registration by emailing jcapuano@elmcem.org. Please provide your name, date of your desired tour, and the number of guests. Joan will send you a confirmation email.

HISTORY TOURS

Saturday, September 8 at 8:30 a.m.

Sunday, October 28 at 8:30 a.m.

Friday, November 2, 9:00 a.m. – a special one-hour walk prior to our All Souls' Service

FALL TREE TOUR

Join us as we pair a bit of history with learning about Elmwood's different trees from a certified arborist. The arborist will share how to identify different species explaining varying bark and leaf design, as well as flowers and buds. He will also discuss disease prevention and tolerance.

Saturday, October 20 at 8:30 a.m.

Tours are also available through our partners – Detroit Historical Society, Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, and Preservation Detroit.

Do you prefer touring on your own?

Elmwood has developed self-guided tours for your convenience. These educational tools are designed to permit visitors to walk along our pathways at their own pace and learn some of the history of our grounds and those laid to rest at Elmwood Cemetery. The self-guided maps are available, free of charge, in our office, along with other educational material, or may be downloaded from Elmwood's website, www.elmwoodhistoriccemetery.org.

The history tours highlight three unique categories: African American Heritage, Business Visionaries, and Political Leaders. You may follow a map on your own or we recommend you use the accompanying audio version of the tour downloadable through our website, www.elmwoodhistoriccemetery.org.

We also developed three separate tree maps that highlight the varying species of trees across our 86 acres. The trees on the maps each have a tree identification marker that notes the scientific and common names, and a QR code. If you have a smart phone you can use this code to find out more facts about a particular species.



2018 Special Event Wrap Up

We enjoyed a variety of different activities held this spring and summer at Elmwood.

ARBOR DAY

14 children from an area elementary school's 4th grade class celebrated at Elmwood this year. They learned about the history of Arbor Day, Elmwood's arboretum, and the importance of trees to the environment and the US economy. They planted a Hedge Maple tree in section E and then toured the cemetery grounds. The students researched many remarkable people and then gave presentations at many gravesites.

BIRDING

Regular birding walks with Detroit Audubon have been exciting. Elmwood is home to many species and during spring migration season we witnessed a number of additional species moving through the grounds. It is always interesting to watch the nests fill and the new birds become acclimated. Birding checklists are available in the information rack at the gatehouse and can be used by visitors separate from the birding walks. Birders use the checklists to note the different species spotted or heard on the grounds.

MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION

This year we launched a special Memorial Day celebration honoring those who serve as well as all those buried here at Elmwood Cemetery. Our program was led by the tremendous musical voice of Madeleine Woodhouse and spiritual guidance of Elder Christopher Holder. A highlight of the day was the white dove release by Joan Luther of Winged Occasions. Families let with American Flags and red carnations to adorn their loved ones' grave. Look for this important event next Memorial Day.



UPCOMING EVENTS

The fall is a beautiful time to visit Elmwood Cemetery. Please keep these dates in mind for your fall activities:

Patriot's Day, September 11, 10 a.m.

We will gather at the gatehouse and tour the cemetery grounds. We will work our way to the Civil War Section to honor the fallen with a moment of silence followed by prayer.



All Souls' Service, November 2, 10 a.m., Chapel

All are welcome to join the Elmwood community as Reverend Steven J. Kelly, pastor of St. John's Episcopal Church Detroit and a

director of the Historic Elmwood Foundation, leads us in a Requiem Mass in the Chapel. We remember and honor those who passed away in 2018. Light refreshments follow.

Veterans Celebration, November 12, 10 a.m., Civil War Section

Members of Detroit area JROTC programs, Martin Luther King Jr. High School marching band, reenactors, community leaders, and most importantly, veterans come together for this 34th annual commemoration of Veterans Day at Elmwood Cemetery.

Please note the national observance of Veterans Day this year is on Monday.



Your support matters. Please make a donation today!

This past year, the generous donors to the Historic Elmwood Foundation provided:

- **educational and cultural opportunities for over 3,500 tour and event visitors;**
- **supported dynamic programming on Arbor Day and Memorial Day;**
- **rebuilt the fence stone support column along Lafayette;**
- **started the tuck-pointing on our chapel with the focus on the chimney;**
- **leveled land adjacent to our new roadways;**
- **cared for and grew our arboretum with over 100 species in our collection;**
- **refinished wooden chairs used during our events**
- **expanded our educational programming with more history and tree tours and more biographies, now available in our office and through the website; and**
- **are rebuilding the western hillside.**

Please help us ensure Elmwood Cemetery and Arboretum remains a sanctuary for all by donating to the Historic Elmwood Foundation today. An envelope is enclosed for your convenience. Historic Elmwood Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Your donation is tax deductible to the extent of the law. If you are interested in making a bequest to Elmwood in your will, please contact Joan Capuano, Executive Director of the Foundation, at 313/801-1971.

Thank you for your continuing support of Elmwood.

Thank you



Winter Grave Wreaths Available October 1

Honor your loved one with a winter wreath made of natural, freshly cut evergreen boughs with an all-weather red ribbon bow and 5 pine cones. The 18" diameter wreath will be on a stand and placed at your loved one's gravesite. Weather permitting, placement begins on November 15th. Quantities are limited. Please call 313/567-3453 today.