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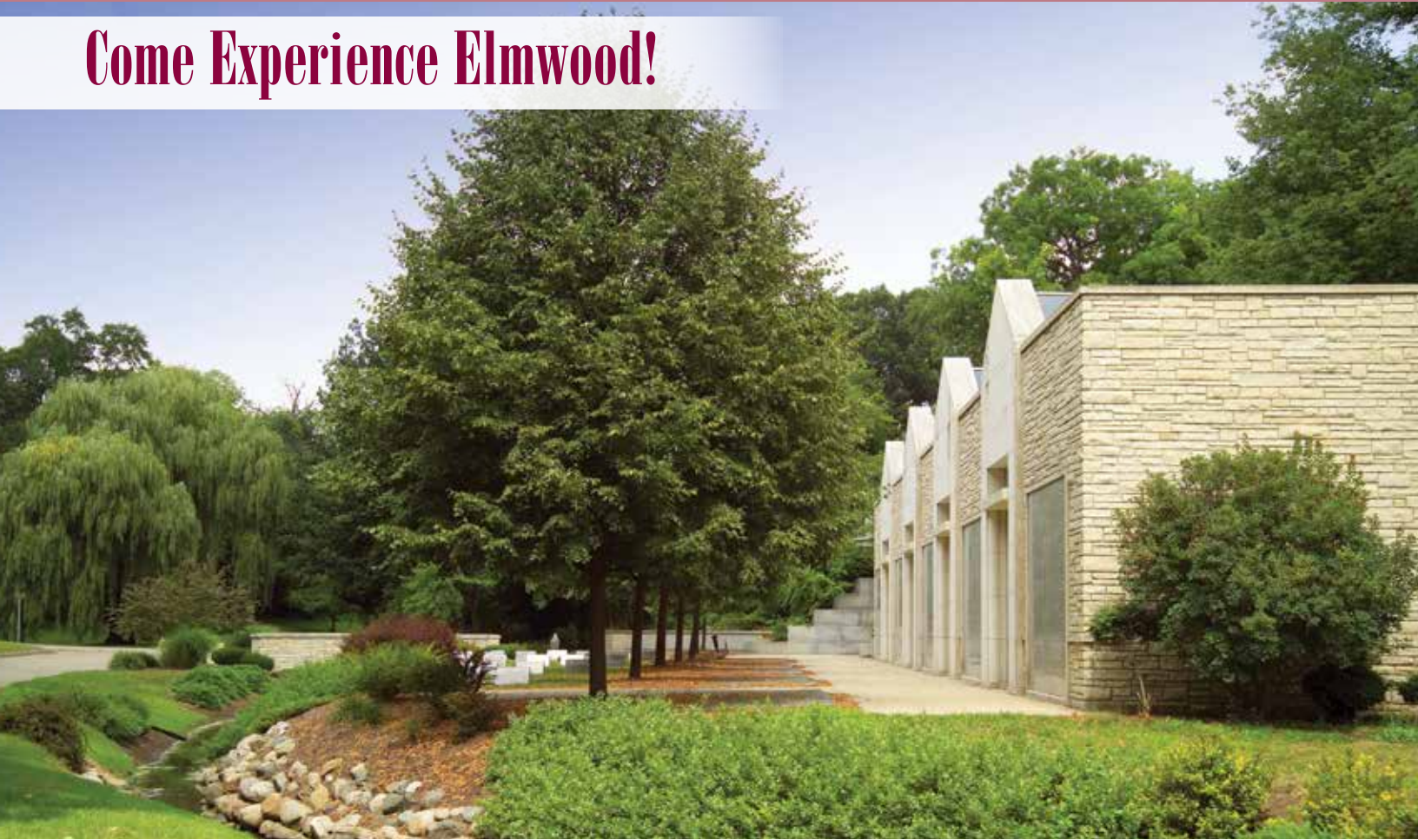
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2018 SPRING Newsletter





Come Experience Elmwood!



Thousands visit Elmwood each year. We hope you will be one of them this year. Perhaps you would like to participate in an event, sit by our restored pond area, run or bicycle on our roads, watch for the migration of birds, photograph or sketch, walk along our grounds appreciating our outdoor sculpture garden, perennials and majestic trees, or simply relax in this quiet setting just minutes from the hustle and bustle of downtown Detroit. We hope you and your friends will come and experience Elmwood.

All events are free of charge but they do require advance reservations by emailing jcapuano@elmcem.org or by calling Joan on **313/801-1971**.

Elmwood events start at the guesthouse – please park along the pond road. A variety of events are scheduled each month throughout the year. We hope you will check our website, www.elmwoodhistoriccemetery.org, for future happenings at Elmwood. We will also send emails to keep you informed directly as the year progresses. Please update your contact information to ensure we have the appropriate email and contact information for you.

Events

Birding

Elmwood is pleased to partner with Detroit Audubon Society and Rosann Kovalcek of Wild Birds Unlimited to offer programs 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. Elmwood is hosting a special young birders' event for young families this summer.





MESSAGE FROM TERRY P. BOOK PRESIDENT, HISTORIC ELMWOOD FOUNDATION

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

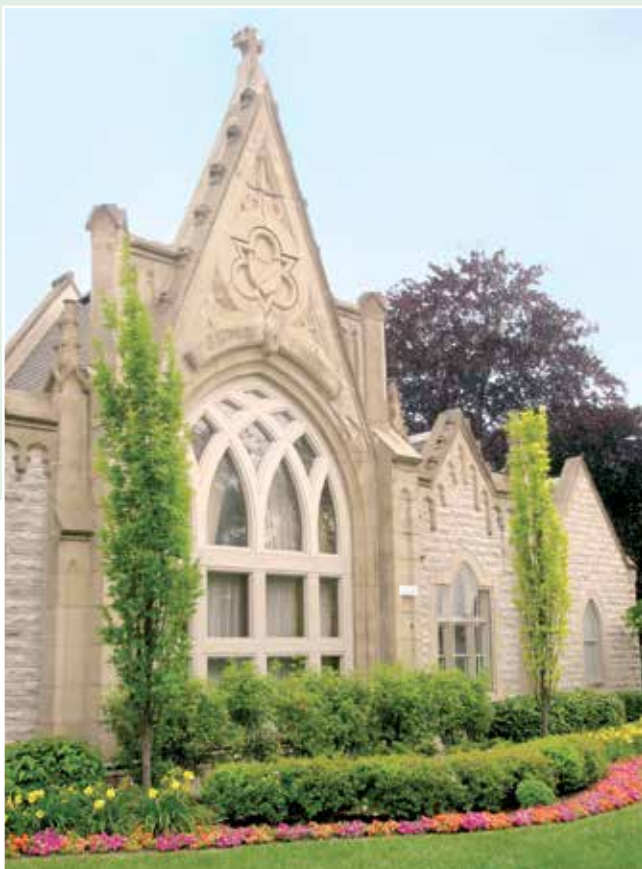
2018 will be a year of outstanding programming and continued restoration at Elmwood. Your donations make our work possible and permit us to better serve our Elmwood community. Take a look at the newsletter for our upcoming events and at Elmwood's website for a glimpse into what your donations enable. 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 nonprofit

and all donations are fully tax deductible as permitted by law. Please use the enclosed envelope to mail your donation today! Thank you again for your continuing support of our educational programming, community events and restoration needs.

Warmest regards.

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.



DISCOVER MORE ABOUT ELMWOOD

Visit www.elmwoodhistoriccemetery.org

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.



Follow us on Instagram!
Elmwood Cemetery Detroit

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 or visit our website.

Beautiful Lots Available

Elmwood Cemetery has prime lots available for individuals and families. In addition, the Cemetery working with the Historic Elmwood Foundation has designated nine large family lots available for purchase. The lots are located throughout the property and range in size from 20' x 20' to 20' x 30'. They are the perfect size for your family mausoleum or large memorial. These special lots are only available through the Foundation and include a donation to the Foundation.

Please contact the office staff if you are interested in any lot at Elmwood.

Calendar of Events at Elmwood Cemetery

JANUARY 27	Birding with Detroit Audubon Society, 9 a.m.
FEBRUARY 10	Birding with Detroit Audubon Society, 1 p.m.
FEBRUARY 12	African American Heritage Tour, noon
MARCH 3	Birding with Detroit Audubon Society, 9 a.m.
MARCH 30	Birding with Detroit Audubon Society, 9 a.m.
APRIL 2	Summer Begonia Floral Bed Sales Begin
APRIL 27	Arbor Day Celebration, 9 a.m.
APRIL 29	Birding with Detroit Audubon Society, 9 a.m.
MAY 1	Spring/Summer Grounds Access Hours 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. Daily
MAY 8	Birding with Detroit Audubon Society, 5:30 p.m. *Evening event
MAY 12	Spring Tree & History Tour, 10 a.m.
MAY 19	Birding with Detroit Audubon Society, 9 a.m.
MAY 28	Memorial Day Commemoration, noon – NEW Event
JUNE 2	Birding with Detroit Audubon Society, 9 a.m.
JUNE 8	Young Birders event with Detroit Audubon Society, 4:30 p.m. *Evening event
JUNE 9	Tombstone Tales Tour, 8:30 a.m.
JULY 6	Tombstone Tales Tour, 4:00 p.m.
AUGUST 8	Tombstone Tales Tour, 8:30 a.m.
AUGUST 22	Birding with Detroit Audubon Society, 5:30 p.m. *Evening event
SEPTEMBER 8	Tombstone Tales Tour, 8:30 a.m.
SEPTEMBER 15	Fall/Winter Grounds Access Hours begin 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Daily
SEPTEMBER 22	Birding with Detroit Audubon Society, 9 a.m.
OCTOBER 1	Sale of Winter Evergreen Wreaths Begins
OCTOBER 19	Birding with Detroit Audubon Society, 9 a.m.
OCTOBER 20	Fall Tree & History Tour, 8:30 a.m.
OCTOBER 27	Tombstone Tales Tour, 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 9	Birding with Detroit Audubon Society, 9 a.m.
NOVEMBER 12	Veterans Day Commemoration – 34th Annual, 10 a.m., Civil War Section
* Consistent with the national observance of Veterans Day	
DECEMBER 1	Birding with Detroit Audubon Society, 9 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.

Elmwood Trees – Detroit’s First Certified Arboretum

- **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 every day products.
- **Tree Tours** are held in the spring and fall. Join us as we and a certified 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.
- **Tree Identification Class** Arborist shares her knowledge in how to identify trees through leaf shape and color, bark type, buds and growth. Watch Elmwood’s website for class dates.



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.

Memorial Day Inaugural Event

Please join us this May 28th at noon. We will gather pond-side for a brief ceremony to honor those who have passed away. Light refreshments will be available. In the event of rain, please meet in the cemetery chapel.

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. Did you know animals represent many different things:

Bunny, butterfly, lamb, and snake – resurrection and peace

Dove – peace, resurrection, the Holy Spirit

Fish – Jesus

Geese – nature

Hawk and Eagle – war or military service

Lion – a guardian and guards against evil



Take Advantage of our Educational Materials

The Historic Elmwood Foundation has prepared various pieces to aid our visitors when at Elmwood Cemetery. Please check our website and the office for the free material:

Self-guided Maps and Audio Tours

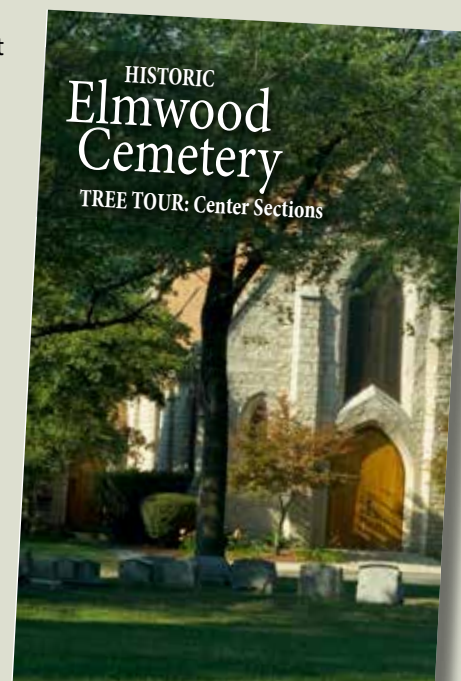
- **African American Heritage** – From the 1800s through present day, Elmwood is proud to honor many key African American leaders. It includes, among others, abolitionists, attorneys, business leaders, entertainers, religious leaders, teachers, and historians.
- **Business Visionaries** – Many Detroit 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. This tour highlights some of the people who had a significant impact on growing Detroit into one of the most dynamic cities in the world.
- **Leadership Legacies** – Elmwood is the final resting place of 7 governors, 11 US senators, and 30 Detroit mayors. They recognized and met the real need for civic responsibility at times when the city and country were undergoing dramatic change.

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 the property. 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 species.

Birding Species List – Our birding list continues to grow. Please let us know if you spy additional species during your walks on our grounds.



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