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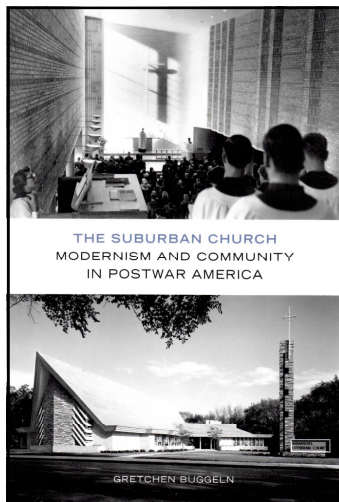
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The Suburban Church: Modernism and Community in Postwar America, Program, September 25, 2016



Join us Sunday September 25, 2016, 2:30 p.m. for the Society's Annual Meeting and Election of Officers. A brief meeting will be followed by Gretchen Buggeln, the Phyllis and Richard Duesenberg Chair in Christianity and the Arts at Valparaiso University discussing her book, **The Suburban Church: Modernism and Community in Postwar America**, which **includes 37 pages on Park Forest Churches**. The book includes research from the Archive and contains collection photos.

The Annual Meeting and program will be held at Village Hall, 350 Victory Drive. Gretchen Buggeln will sell and sign her books. The Archive has a copy. PFPL has two circulating copies. We hope to have some available for sale in the Museum Store, later.

Interested in helping preserve

Park Forest History?

We are looking for new board members. Contact Jane Nicoll, 708-481-4252, or via email on the website, parkforesthstory.org.

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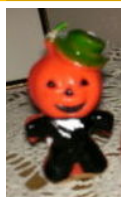
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1950s Park Forest House Museum

NEWS FROM THE 1950s PARK FOREST HOUSE MUSEUM

“Step Back into a 1950s Halloween” Exhibit will be on display September 17 through November 9, 2016. The museum, located at 227 Monee Road (inside St. Mary's) is open Wednesdays and Saturdays, 1-3:30 p.m.; or by appointment. The exhibit shows Vintage Halloween decorations including die-cuts and Halloween Gurley Candles. A nostalgic look at Halloween in the 1950s.



Be sure to join us October 26, 2016 7:00 p.m. to “Share YOUR Halloween Stories”. Come tell your own stories and/or bring something to show from Halloween of your youth.

Open to the general public. This meeting will be held in **St. Mary's Catholic Church, Ryan Hall, Park Forest, IL 60466.** After the program, we will open the museum so you can **tour the exhibit, “Step Back into a 1950s Halloween.”**

Hall of Fame nomination forms should be available by mid-October. Be thinking of someone who has made a substantial long-term contribution to Park Forest who would be worthy of a nomination. Nominations due in late December.

In My Own Little Corner

By Jane Nicoll

The 1950s Park Forest House Museum: The museum is now open Wednesday and Saturday 1-3:30 p.m., in St. Mary's Catholic Church, 227 Monee Road, Park Forest, IL 60466. It can be open by appointment. Contact me at 708-481-4252, or Mike Gans, at 708-305-3308.

Volunteers: We **must** have more volunteers to be docents/tour guides at the museum in order to maintain these hours!! Please be trained to volunteer, and help us stay open in this new location.

We need a Volunteer Coordinator to schedule docents. Thanks to Vivian Purnell for covering this for several months.

Board Service: The Society is looking for Board members. **We must have more active volunteers serving on the board in order to keep operating. We need new blood, and more hands to be able to serve our mission.** Currently, the board meets 2nd Tuesdays, 7 p.m., usually in Park Forest Village Hall. If you are interested in applying to be a board member, contact me.

The Society will not continue much longer with so little involvement!

*****Drawing for prizes at our annual meeting!*****

Includes \$5 coupons for Tower Cleaners, an oil change coupon from Park Forest Auto Repair, a small painting by Patricia Moore, 2 Freedom Hall tickets.

September is Membership Recruitment and Renewal Month!

Look for the membership brochure with form in this newsletter. Use this form or, you can opt to join via PayPal on the website (include a message, "Membership") or print out and mail in your form. Just Join!!

Active Volunteers and Members: In order to remain in operation as a Society, we must have more Active Volunteers and more Members. Too few volunteers are doing too many jobs.

Many things can not be done because there simply are not enough people to carry out projects.

Vivian Purnell

Many Thanks to Vivian Purnell for 16+ years of service to the Board of the Park Forest Historical Society. Vivian is retiring from our board as of September. She has served a number of years as Chairman and co-Chair of the Hall of Fame Celebration. Over a number of years, Vivian has served as House Museum Volunteer Coordinator, calling volunteers for the museum, and keeping it staffed. She has packed and unpacked the museum over two moves.

We thank her for her dedication and for keeping our Hall of Fame and Museum running so well for all these years.

Jane Nicoll to Receive Award from American Association for State and Local History

PFHS Archivist and President, Jane Nicoll, is a winner of a 2016 Award of Merit Leadership in History Award, recognizing the 35 years she has worked to preserve Park Forest history. The AASLH Leadership in History Awards is the nation's most prestigious recognition of achievement in State and local history. Ms. Nicoll was nominated by Dr. David Golland, Vice-president of the Society.