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September 2024

Pullman Civic Organization

614 E. 113th Street, pullman-civic.org

PCO General Meeting, Wednesday, September 18, 2024, 7:30 pm

HOUSE TOUR 2024

October 12th and 13th, 11 am-5 pm

Cindy McMahon

It's fall and time for the 51st Annual House Tour. It is a time when residents come together to welcome visitors and show off our Pullman neighborhood. Six homes will be open to demonstrate how unique and different they all are.

The weekend is packed full of activities. On Saturday, from Noon to 4 pm, check out Q Kiser and his group, Qompo, will be performing on the Exhibit Hall Bandstand. Sunday on the east lawn of the visitor center from 10 am-4 pm check out the classic car show. Also, on Sunday at the bandstand a DJ will be spinning music from Noon to 4pm

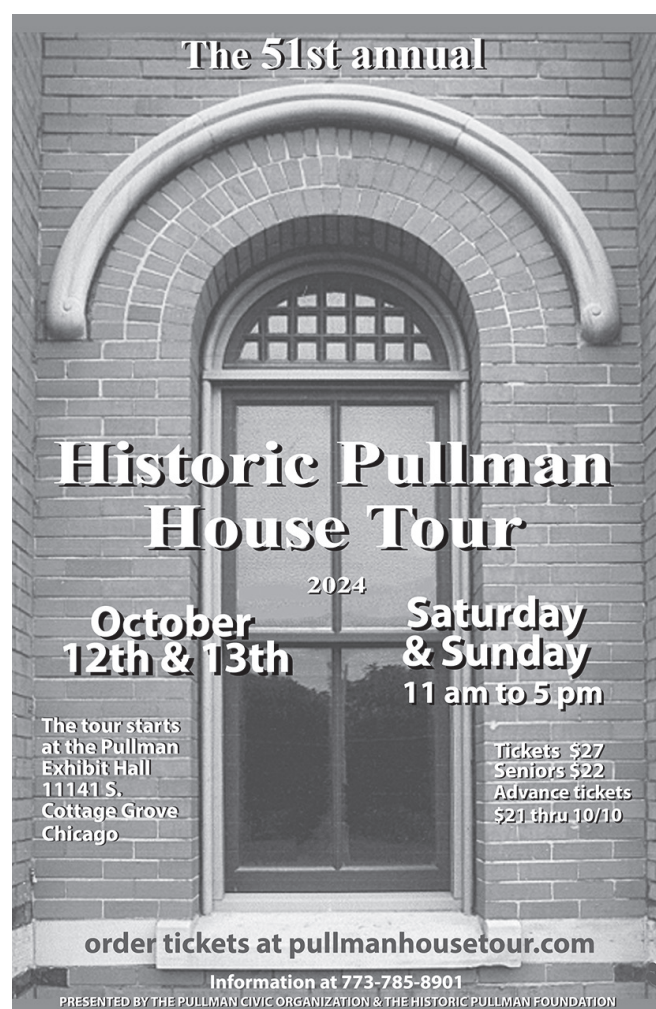
By the way, it takes a village to have a successful event. The homeowners are doing their part, now we need you. Katie McMahon, Margaret Kania and Katie Williams are recruiting people to volunteer 3.5 hours shifts in the homes. No special skills are needed. This is a great way to meet your neighbors and show your Pullman support. Know a student who needs community service hours? Bring them along. Volunteering gets you a free ticket to house tour, the opportunity to tour on Preview Night, Friday October 11th, and attend the Friday night wine and cheese event. Please contact the volunteer committee via email at pullmanhousetour@gmail.com to volunteer.

Not interested in volunteering, please purchase a ticket, 50% of the net proceeds helps fund the façade reimbursement program. Advance tickets can be purchased up to October 10th at Pullmanhousetour.com or at the door the day of the event.

Help us spread the word. Please stop by the Exhibit Hall, 11141 S. Cottage Grove, Noon to 4 pm Thursday through Sunday, to pick up house tour posters and brochures. Ask your favorite businesses to post in their windows. Send brochures to friends, family (those you like and don't like) and get everyone on your Christmas card list.

Thank you to everyone who has already helped in any way with this year's tour. If you are unable to volunteer take a few minutes and spruce up the front of your home. Let's rake the leaves, sweep the sidewalks and welcome the many visitors to our neighborhood.

See you House Tour Weekend!



Calling All Volunteers for House Tour!!

The Volunteer Committee recruits people to work 3.5-hour shifts in the tour homes and for ticket sales. This is a great way to meet your neighbors and help put Pullman's best foot forward.

Volunteering gets you a free House Tour ticket, the opportunity to tour on Preview Night, Friday, October 11th, and attend the Friday night Kickoff Party.

Go to <https://tinyurl.com/zauk2vww> or Scan QR CODE to fill out the volunteer application or email pullmanhousetour@gmail.com for the link.

Please add PullmanHouseTour@gmail.com to your contacts and check your spam/junk folder for the application.



Membership Committee

Arlene Echos

When I walk around our neighborhood, I often think to myself how fortunate I am to live in such a place where people smile and say hello to me on the street, where there are pretty parks and gardens in front yards and on street corners, where I can feel safe taking a stroll at dusk, where people take pride in restoring their historic homes, where I can walk north 10 minutes and visit a museum (for free!) that tells the story of how my area came to be, where so many of my neighbors volunteer to make Pullman a better place. What do you like about living in Pullman? What makes Pullman different from other places you've lived?

If you notice Gateway Garden on Langley or Arcade Park on St. Lawrence, it's because the Pullman Civic Organization (PCO) sponsored what is now the Historic Pullman Garden Club, which maintains these peaceful spaces for your enjoyment. If you notice that Pullman is safer than other places, it's because the PCO has a Safety Committee. If you notice the beautifully restored brick facades on the house fronts, the owner likely got architectural support from the PCO Beman Committee. The fact that we now live in a National Historical Park is owed in no small part to the tireless work of volunteers for the Pullman Civic Organization.

There are a number of other volunteer run committees that work to keep Pullman the kind of place that makes you look around and say, "It's really nice here!"

The backbone of all of this is the Pullman Civic Organization. The PCO provides the structure that supports the Community Improvement Committee, an important advocate for us at Alderman Beale's office. The PCO sponsors Halloween's free Trunk-or-Treat that your kids look forward to attending before they go door-to-door Trick-or-Treating in Pullman. BTW, what place in Chicago does Trick-or-Treating better than Pullman?

Please remember what attracted you to Pullman. It's not a happy accident that Pullman is such a nice place to be. What you value in Pullman is due to the work of volunteers on behalf of the PCO. Do your part and join the PCO for the 2024-2025 year. Bring the \$10 in cash or check either to your block captain at any time, or to a PCO meeting: the next one is September 18.

Congratulations to Marilyn Quiroz, the winner of the August \$50 PCO Member Lottery! While this was the 4th and final lottery, you always have the opportunity to join the PCO.



Solon Says:

A Report of the PCO Beman Committee

Megan Lydon and Wyatt Ollestad Co-Chairs
pcobemancommittee@gmail.com

The Beman Committee is excited to partner with Revolution Workshop and Sherwin Williams for a much-anticipated workshop and paint giveaway! Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 21st from 10am-12pm at Revolution Workshop, 120 E. 111th Street.

Join us as we welcome Jeff Lycett from Evryman Wood, for a short demonstration and lecture about how to properly prep wood for painting including how to complete more involved repairs when there is rot or damage. He will also talk about what to look for in a contractor if you plan on hiring someone for the job. Thanks to an incredibly generous donation from Sherwin Williams, we will be giving away 40 gallons of exterior paint in each of the three signature Pullman colors (in addition to dark green deck paint) to workshop participants! This workshop is FREE and open to the public, but we ask that you kindly arrive on time and stay for the duration of the workshop if you plan on taking paint home with you. If you can't make it, any leftover paint will be donated to the community at a later time.

Jeff is the owner and lead carpenter behind his custom carpentry and trim business taking on projects of all sizes throughout the Chicago area. He has been in the field for over 25 years—from project managing high-end construction in New York City to custom carpentry projects in Colorado and Chicago. But simply dipping into his work in building beautiful handrails, kitchens, and built-ins doesn't paint the true picture of Jeff. It's his philosophy and business model—and his deep commitment to community—that truly speak to his mission. Jeff is also a strong supporter of Revolution Workshop. He is deeply engaged in the organization and has hired several graduates to work for him over the years.

Interested in historic preservation, whether professionally or as a hobby? Curious to know more about your specific home? Need help navigating the ins and outs of a renovation? Then drop by one of our monthly Committee meetings, typically held the fourth Wednesday of every month at 7:30pm at the Florence Lowden Miller Historic Pullman Center (614 E. 113th St.). The Beman Committee is looking for members who are passionate and dedicated to architectural preservation like we are! No experience necessary, just a willingness to help grow and strengthen our Committee. The sky's the limit, and we'd love to hear your ideas.

OUR/SELVES
Illusion of Control
Erica Roewade

On Saturday October 12th 4-7pm, BlueRojoStudios 11441 S. Saint Lawrence Ave. will host its inaugural gallery show OUR/SELVES, featuring new works by Pullman figurative painter Robert J. Johnson. Robert is a 2024 recipient of the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events Individual Artist Program grant. He is a recent graduate of Studio Incamminati School of Contemporary Realist Art in Philadelphia and holds a BFA from the Savannah College of Art & Design. Originally from Miami, FL, Robert has lived in Chicago for 30 years, and moved to Pullman with his wife in 2016. Please note: OUR/SELVES presents mature themes and imagery. The show will also host ILLUSION OF CONTROL, a selection of captivating abstracts by special guest artist and Pullman resident Astrid Fingerhut. A talented painter and sculptor, Astrid's abstracts are bold, exciting and colorful. This is a free event. Join us for drinks, hors d'oeuvres and engaging conversation.



*Game-time at
Gateway Garden*
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
3 P.M. — 5 P.M.

Enjoy lawn games, light refreshments, and delightful community in Pullman's beautiful, welcoming Gateway Garden

Corner of 111th Street and Langley Avenue
Entrance on Langley

Historic Pullman Garden Club

A Neighborhood Event

Lynn Smith

The purpose of the Historic Pullman Garden Club is to educate and beautify our great community. We work hard to do this. However, I might add that a part of educating is helping people see the community resources that we have – and one of those resources is Gateway Garden, located at 111th and Langley, and created about twenty five years ago with the volunteers from our Garden Club and help from the Chicago Botanic Garden. Gateway Garden is protected by an organization called Neighborspace, and is not a city park, but is a park for people to enjoy. Historic Pullman Garden Club members maintain and cultivate this park. All of the work is done by volunteers.

To that end, on 9/21/24, the Historic Pullman Garden Club will be featuring "A Lawn Games and Lemonade" (some of the lemonade or beverages might be "hard") event from 3-5 pm. Please bring your own lawn chairs, consider bringing bug spray (though the bugs are not typically very bad), and your enthusiasm for lawn games. Do you have badminton rackets? A croquet set? We will have some sets but you could also bring one or two. Hope to see you then...

Pullman Companion Animal Blessing

Andrea Morgen and Marnee Schreck

Sunday October 6th, we will once again gather to celebrate our beloved animal companions at the Historic Pullman Foundation Exhibit Hall from 1pm to 4pm. The blessing ceremony takes place approximately 3-3:45pm and will be lovingly administered by Fr. Mark of St. Anthony's Church and Rev. Luther of The Greenstone Church. We welcome not only dogs and cats, but other companion animals. All dogs must be leashed and other animals safely contained in a cage or carrier. We ask that you be mindful of your animal's personality or aggressive behaviors. If your dog needs to be kept apart from others or muzzled, please leave in your car for their blessing. The raffle drawings and closing of auction will take place after the blessing. The finale will be the pet parade, led by Pullman's own Andy Bullen and his captivating concertina renditions. Volunteers are needed and most appreciated for set-up, take-down and assistance during the event.

Even if you do not have a companion animal, come join us for this memorable event. Contact us at schreckdesigns@sbcglobal.net or andreas.m.morgen@gmail.com


Lee Bey: Five Years of Southern Exposure

PullmanArts

Join us Saturday, October 5th at 6pm for the opening of Lee Bey: Five Years of Southern Exposure, celebrating the architecture of Chicago's south side (and examining the factors that produce its relative obscurity in common narratives of the city's built environment) on the fifth anniversary of Bey's landmark photo book.

Beginning with a 2017 Chicago Architecture Biennial exhibit at the DuSable Museum of African American History, Lee Bey's Southern Exposure photo series quickly became a focal point of Chicago's architecture scene. In 2019, the body of work matured into a book published by Northwestern University Press. In 2023, the book was transformed into Building / Blocks: The Architecture of Chicago's South Side, a WTTW public television special for which Bey was honored with a Midwest Emmy nomination.

Now, after five years in print, the project comes home to the neighborhood of Pullman, where the celebrated photographer, journalist, and urban planner resides. Lee Bey: Five Years of Southern Exposure features work from the Southern Exposure project, including images not previously selected for display. The show includes photography from the original book, as well as updated images from sites that have evolved since the book's 2019 publication. For the very first time, images from Southern Exposure will be offered for sale during the Block House Gallery's fall show, with framed scenes from the book and limited-run prints available to the public.



Beat 531 Meeting
Tuesday September 17th
6pm
Pullman Exhibit Hall
11141 S Cottage Grove



From the Dining Car
Astrid Fingerhut

After a week of "girl dinners" (turkey sausage sticks and crackers with maybe a handful of nuts or a banana) I finally made it to the grocery store to pretend to be a responsible adult.

I buy Thai chilies online and keep them in the freezer, but you can honestly use jalapenos in a pinch—I've done it, and it's still delicious.

Cheater Tom Kha Gai soup

- 1 large container chicken broth
1 inch long piece of ginger, skinned and grated into the broth
Chicken breast cut into bite sized pieces. How much, you ask? I don't know... I use whatever I have.

In a large pot, simmer the chicken broth with the grated ginger, peppers, mushrooms, and chicken. Once the chicken is nearly cooked, add the coconut milk and fish sauce.

Serve with a big scoop of rice at the bottom of your bowl and a hearty ladle of soup. Invite your friends over—this is more soup than you were counting on.

Green Spaces and Places:
In Praise of Prairie Plants
Lynn Smith

At this time of year, late summer going into Autumn, I find myself appreciating the iron clad disposition of prairie plants, which shake off heat and minimal water with aplomb, and do it cheerfully to boot!

It's true, most Pullman yards do not have the breadth of a prairie. However, interspersing Rudbeckia (Black eyed Susan), Coneflower, Heliopsis (Bleeding Heart is a nice variety), Nepeta, Amsonia, Asters, Ornamental grasses (Karl Forester is a great variety), Campanula (Bellflower), and Monarda, among other perennials, are a great way to encourage butterflies, birds and beneficial insects.

Gateway Garden, at the corner of 111th and Langley, showcases several prairie plants which do well with only minimal water, a necessity as we have no permanent water source there.

Condolences

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Shari Parker, who recently passed. Shari was a dedicated bridge player, pet-lover, and Pullmanite, having served as PCO President and on a number of committees.

PULLMAN CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2024
WEEKLY ACTIVITIES
National Park Service Visitor Center (Clocktower) - Open 7 days a week, 9am-5pm
Pullman Farmer's Market Wednesdays 7am - 1pm 111th Pl & Forrestville
The Block House Gallery Open Thurs 4pm-6pm / Sat 12pm-2pm 11137 S Langley
Historic Pullman Foundation Exhibit Hall Thursday-Sunday 12pm-4pm 11141 S Cottage Grove
MONTHLY MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS
When Event (\$ if charge) Where/How
Tues 9/17 6pm Community Policing 531 Beat Meeting HPF Exhibit Hall
Wed 9/18 7:30pm PCO General Membership Meeting (3rd Wed) Exhibit Hall 112th St Everyone is welcome!
Fri 9/20 10a-Noon Free Food/Produce Distribution Dollar Tree Lot, 209 E 103rd St
Sat 9/21 10a-12p Beman Committee: Wood/Paint Workshop Revolution Workshop 120 E 111th St
Sat 9/21 11am-2pm CPD/AntiCruelty Dog Wellness Fair 5th District Station 727 E 111th
Sat 9/21 3pm-5pm Garden Club: Games in the Garden Gateway Garden 111th St & Langley
Tues 9/24 6:30-7:30pm Ald. Beale 9th Ward Community Meeting Pullman Presby Church, 550 E 103rd St
Wed 9/25 11:30am Ladies Lunch Group (4th Wed) Interested? Email Sschoephoester@gmail.com
Wed 9/25 7:30 pm PCO Beman Committee Mtg (4th Wed) FLM Center 614 E 113th
Sat 9/28 10:30am Pullman/Roseland History (Bike) Ride Meet @ garden 11254 S Michigan Ave
Sat 9/28 12pm-7pm Birds, Bikes n Beats at Big Marsh Park 11559 S Stony Island
Wed 10/2 7:00pm Pullman Garden Club Monthly Meeting FLM Center 614 E 113th St
Sat 10/5 6pm Lee Bey: 5 years of Southern Exposure Block House Gallery 11137 Langley
Sun 10/6 1pm-4pm Pullman Companion Animal Blessing Exhibit Hall Grounds All are welcome to come out and enjoy the program, raffle and silent auction!
Wed 10/9 7:30 pm PCO Executive Board Meeting (2nd Wed) FLM Center 614 E 113th
Thu 10/10 10am-2pm 9th Ward Resource (Shredding) Fair - Pullman Comm Ctr 10355 Woodlawn
Fri 10/11 7pm-9:30pm House Tour Volunteer Thank You: Wine & Cheese Reception
Sat/Sun 10/12-13 11am-5pm 51st Annual Pullman House Tour : Ticket\$ @ Exhibit Hall Classic Car Show @10am Sunday, Live Music both days!
Tues 10/15 6pm Community Policing 531 Beat Meeting HPF Exhibit Hall
Wed 10/16 7:30pm PCO General Membership Meeting (3rd Wed) Exhibit Hall 112th St Everyone is welcome!
Wed 10/23 7:30 pm PCO Beman Committee Mtg (4th Wed) FLM Center 614 E 113th
Wed/Thu 10/23 & 10/24 9am Street Sweeping - Watch for Signs & Move your Vehicles!
Submit your Pullman / local community event details to pullmancalendar@gmail.com

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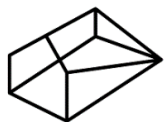
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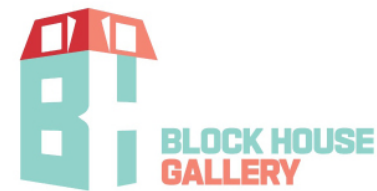
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Contact info@pullmanarts.org to inquire about rates, see the space, or set up an event rental.

Follow @blockhousegallery on Instagram or PullmanArts on Facebook to learn about upcoming gallery shows and other stuff PullmanArts is doing in the community.

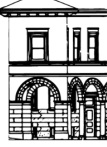
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