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## **Have you visited the Packard Proving Grounds lately?**

For those of us that live close by, it's such a pleasure to see first hand this beautiful automotive history site on the regular. If you've not visited yet, we hope you'll add it to your bucket list, it's well worth the trip!



**Our volunteers are the heart and soul of the PPG!**

## **2024 PPG Upcoming Events**

**Saturdays - Shelby Farmers Market**

**Sunday, September 8th - Bring A Trailer Meet Up & Coffee**

**Wednesday, September 11th - Impact Networking Event**

**Sunday, September 22nd - Rosie Luncheon**

**Sunday, October 13th Vintage & Handmade Market**

**Monday, October 14th - Red Cross Blood Drive**

**Sunday, October 20th - Annual Fall Open House**

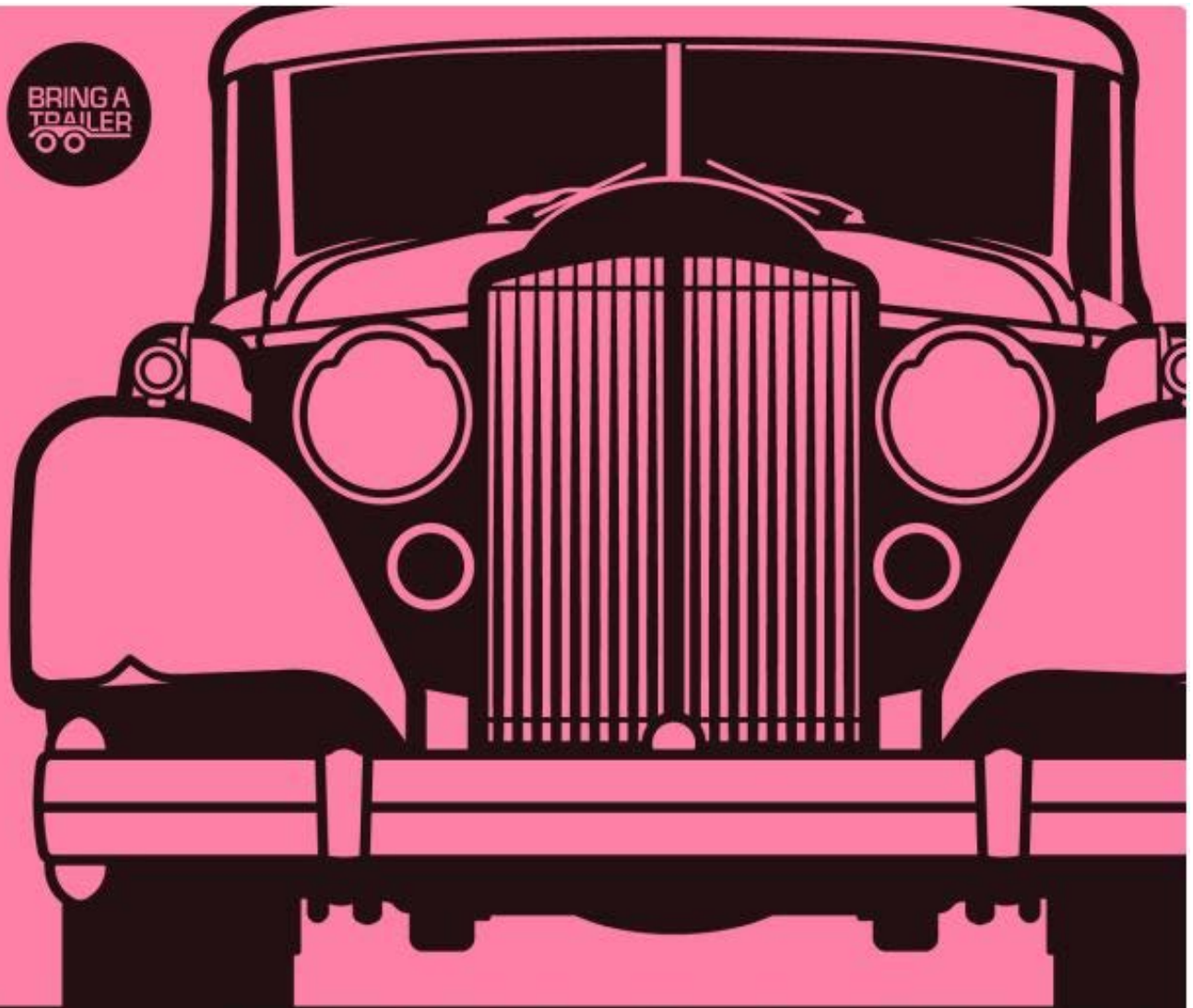
**Friday, November 1st - Day of the Dead Celebration**

**Sunday, November 3rd - Harvest Holiday Market**

**Sunday, November 24th - Wedding Garage Sale**

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PACKARD PROVING GROUNDS

SUN SEPT 8 9AM-NOON

# The Michigan WWII Historic Trail



The Packard Motor Car Foundation hopes to join the **Michigan WWII Historic Trail** to help showcase the Packard Proving Ground's Arsenal of Democracy involvement in WWII.

The Michigan WWII Historic Trail is a statewide opportunity for communities and businesses to celebrate their war heroes and triumphs. By highlighting significant WWII events, businesses or individuals, the Historical Trail will recognize the courage, ingenuity and resiliency shown when the country needed them most.



The cost is \$5,300 and we have raised \$3,500 thus far. We're hoping to raise the remaining \$1,800 by the end of this year so that the plaque can be ordered and then it can be installed in the spring.

If you would like to make a donation to help in this endeavor, please mail a check made payable to 'Packard Motor Car Foundation' and include 'WWII Historic Trail' in the memo, and mail it to the Packard Proving Grounds Historic Site 49965 Van Dyke Shelby Twp, MI 48317. or **click on this link** to donate via credit card.

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**IMPACT**  
BUSINESS COMMUNITY



# VENDOR SHOW SEPTEMBER 11, 2024

*This Vendor Show offers **B2B networking** & a great opportunity to **expand your customer base** all in one! There will be extensive advertising to the public to ensure we have a great turn out!*



- ✓ Raffles
- ✓ Corn Hole
- ✓ Food Trucks
- ✓ Music



## **PACKARD PROVING GROUND**

49965 Van Dyke Ave  
Shelby Twp, MI 48317

**Vendor Reception 3-5pm**

## **B2B NETWORKING**

Vendor set up, networking, food & drinks- get to know local business owners!

**5-8PM OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**  
**MEET THE BUSINESS!**

TABLE  
INCLUDES 2 PEOPLE

**\$100**

EXTRA  
PERSON

**\$25** each

**SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE**  
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Help us support iCare of Michigan!

To Register:  
**WWW.BIZIQ4U.COM/EVENTS**

More Information: Contact Alisha Congiolo  
Call 586-804-1616 Email: consulting@BiziQology.com

## Volunteer Spotlight - Katy Wojtaszek



This month, we're excited to shine a spotlight on our volunteer Katy.

Katy first learned about the Packard Proving Grounds (PPG) in the spring of 2021 through an ad on Craigslist for volunteer bartenders for the Packards & Pints event.

Despite having driven past the grounds countless times, she hadn't really noticed it was there before. Intrigued, she thought it would be interesting to get involved with a historical landmark in Shelby Township.

"It's crazy to think that I never seemed to notice it before," she says, reflecting on her initial discovery. Katy has learned a lot about the PPG. "My understanding has gone from nothing to a lot so far," she explains. From learning the guidelines and roles of volunteers to delving into the history and the unique functions of its buildings, Katy finds that every day at PPG offers a new learning experience.

She's found volunteering at the PPG rewarding. "In all honesty, I would highly recommend the opportunity to anyone," she shares. Katy primarily volunteers serving as a greeter, lodge supervisor, and wedding assistant. She takes pride in ensuring that each special occasion runs smoothly and helps create lasting memories for the couples and their guests.

One of Katy's most memorable moments at PPG involved a chance conversation with a phlebotomist at Beaumont Hospital. The woman shared that her grandmother had worked in the Packard Plant's electrical unit during World War II. She learned she still has a lot of pictures from her grandmother's time working there, but was told when she was young never to show anyone the photos. Her grandmother was afraid that she would be jailed and charged with espionage, as her assignments were enforced by the military and were considered top secret.

Although the grandmother has passed, her granddaughter will be attending the Rosie the Riveter event this September with old pictures from the Packard Plant in Detroit, and plans to plant a flower in memory of her grandmother.

Outside of her volunteer work, Katy is a travel enthusiast. She has traveled to Las Vegas several times, with dreams of visiting Europe for her 50th birthday. She's also a kidney and liver transplant survivor, having undergone surgery in October 2023—a journey that has left her feeling significantly better and more energized.

We're grateful to have Katy as part of our volunteer team. Thank you, Katy, for all that

you do!

Learn more about Volunteer Opportunities at the PPG

The screenshot displays the 'PGDigital Collections Catalog' web application. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'EXIT', 'OrgPachum>>', '643', 'PPGimageId', 'PPG-A\_421', '<<< Previous Record', 'PHOTO MAGNIFIER: WINDOWS KEY [+]/OR WINDOWS KEY [-]', and 'Next Record >>>'. The main interface is divided into several sections. On the left, a vertical menu lists fields: Image Original Date, Image Type, Material Type, Vehicle Group, Vehicle Year, Vehicle Series, Model Chassis, Body Number, Model Name, ImageSubjectLocation, Categories, Image Subject, CheckOrgNumbers, Scanned By, and Data Entry By. The central area contains a large image of a 1913 Packard 1-38 Phaeton, a dark-colored vintage car with a convertible top, parked on a light surface. To the right of the image, there's a 'FILTER FOR CONTENT' section with instructions: 'Right click on your target field box. Then hover "text filters >" "contains" [click]'. Below this is a 'SEARCH' section with instructions: 'Left Click Target Field. Then Click HereTo Search For Content. Select "Any Part Of Field."'. At the bottom right, there's a 'SOURCE' section with a list of names: PMCF Digital Collections, Content Modified Date, 2023-07-24, Modified By, Tim Martin, Initial SME, and Brian Burke. The main data entry area on the left shows the following information: Image Type: Photo, Material Type: Glass, Vehicle Year: 1913, Vehicle Series: 1st Series 38, Model Chassis: 138 (1338), Model Name: Phaeton, ImageSubjectLocation: Packard Photographic Studio, Detroit Michigan, Image Subject: 1913 Model 1-38 Phaeton. Full Right 3/4 View Of Car. Top Up.

## THE VAULT

By Phil Cunningham

Here is the monthly Packard Proving Grounds image digitizing project update. IE: The Vault Program.

We started this effort on July 20, 2017... **7 YEARS AGO**. We now have **13,351 images** scanned and content added to the PGMaster database. Here is a list of all the people that have contributed to the effort to build our digital collection Database: PGMaster Database and Packard Proving Grounds Knowledge Base.

I am listing the people who have contributed to this effort, in no particular order: Jerome Konchel, Pat Connell, Carolyn Connell, Frank Sonye, Daniel Rakoczy, Bruce Webster, Debbie Masters, Hillary Davis, Lauren Bower, MJ Flanagan, Rose Myers. Tim Probst, Brian Burke, Bud Juneau, Stuart Blond, Tim Martin and myself, Phil Cunningham.

Each month I have provided you the stats regarding how the project is going. For most of you all you ever see is numbers. Unfortunately, you never get to see how all this work is compiled into our PGMaster Database. Our Database Displays the scanned

image and then displays 26 unique information fields containing all accumulated information about that image. AKA "Metadata". Some of that information is gleaned from the photo sleeve itself. Most of the in-depth content is compiled by in house Subject Matter Experts. Pat and Carolyn Connell. The Connells have by far contributed the Majority (99.9%) of this information.

All fields on the main work screen are searchable. I chose this particular image because of its uniqueness. It is one of several dozen "GLASS PLATE photos in our possession. They are very fragile. We have now saved them for generations to come.

If you're looking for some photos you are welcome to contact myself MrPackard2@aol.com can search the database and let you know if we have what you are looking for.

One of our future projects is to build a special new website that allows individuals to search the PMCF digital image collection online. If you have an interest in this project, please contact me at PhilCunningham09@gmail.com.

## The Ironrite



By Kim Parr, PPG Curator

Just recently Mr. and Mrs. Dau donated an Ironrite mangle that was used by Mrs. Dau's grandmother. This Ironrite is now home to the kitchen in our lodge where Lucille Vincent was known to have used such a mangle to iron clothing and linens.

The Ironrite was locally manufactured in Mount Clemens. It began manufacturing electric ironing machines in 1911. Its mangle evolved and became a savior to many housewives. The Ironrite we now have has a "health chair". This chair came out in the late 1930s and was scientifically made for correct posture while ironing.

The two center pedals, just under the bed of the machine, were designed to be controlled with your knees. This controls the raising and lowering of the of the roller onto the fabric being pulled through the mangle for ironing. This allows your hands to be free to assist the fabric as it's being pulled through for ironing. The heating element is just under the roller. The one we have still functions.

A demonstration of how the Ironrite was used can be viewed on YouTube in this film that Ironrite produced for marketing their product.

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## The 1956 Packard Patrician

By Kim Parr, PPG Curator

Packard produced only one four-door Senior Sedan in 1956 and that was the Patrician. Its factory introduction was held on November 3, 1955.

The Patrician's body styling included a redesigned grille that had a mesh-type insert with a gridwork of vertical and horizontal chrome bars placed against it. The headlight hoods were extended to give a brow look. And, the bumper guards were moved directly under the headlights.

Its Twin-Ultramatic transmission offered an electronic push-button selector mounted on the steering column. (The 1956 Packard Patrician for the PMCF raffle does not have the push button selector option) **[Click here](#)** to read more.

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## 1956 Packard Patrician could be yours for as little as \$30

Purchase one raffle ticket for \$30 or two for \$50. The winner will be drawn at the Annual Fall Open House on Sunday, October 20th - you need not be present to win.

**Click here** to purchase tickets online, or stop by the site to buy some in person. Proceeds benefit the Packard Motor Car Foundation a 501c3 nonprofit to help fund restoration work onsite at the Packard Proving Grounds Historic Site.

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The Packard Proving Grounds      PackardProvingGrounds.org

# THE GIFT SHOP



**CREWNECK SWEATSHIRT**  
**\$65**

Detroit-based Clothing Company | Supima Cotton | Men's and Women's Sizes

Gift Shop

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Click on the flyer images to save a .jpg file to share with your friends & family!

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Rosie the Riveter**  
**Garden Memorial**  
**Luncheon**

Don't miss the unveiling of our *Rosie the Riveter* Memorial Garden that was recently planted to honor the memory of Packard "Rosies" who contributed to the war effort. Please join us for Debra Wake's program titled "Heroes of the Home Front" while enjoying a luncheon to include Chicken Marsala, Penne Pasta with Poblano Sauce, Santa Anna Potatoes, Green Bean Almondine, Salad, Rolls and Dessert. We welcome you to dress in patriotic colors or as a "Rosie".

Generously sponsored by:  
 The General Joseph Barner Chapter NSDAR  
 The Old Soldier's VFW Post #6009  
 Packard Motor Car Foundation

**DAR**  
 Daughters of the American Revolution

**Richard**  
 PROVING GROUNDS

**Sunday, September 22**  
**1pm**

Tickets \$35 per person  
 for Friends of the PPG members  
 \$40 per person  
 for not yet Friends members

Learn more about Friends  
 of the PPG membership at:  
[PackardProvingGrounds.org/membership/](http://PackardProvingGrounds.org/membership/)

49965 Van Dyke Ave., Shelby Twp. MI 48317  
 Call or text (586) 739-4800  
 Purchase Tickets @  
[PackardProvingGrounds.org/RosieMemorialGardenEvent](http://PackardProvingGrounds.org/RosieMemorialGardenEvent)

**PACKARD PROVING GROUNDS**  
**1956 Packard Patricia**  
**RAFFLE**

**Tickets \$30 Each or 2 for \$50**

**Need NOT be present to win!**  
 Winning ticket will be  
 drawn on Sunday, Oct 20th  
 at the PPG Annual Fall  
 Open House @ 3pm

**Purchase tickets at:**

- Shelby Farmers Market on Saturdays  
 June 3rd-May 18 - 9am-10am
- Sunday June 9th at the Cars 'N' Stars  
 car show 8am-1pm
- Easy Riders car show July 21st 8am-3pm  
 drop in at the PPG office open everyday  
 June-1pm
- Or purchase online at:  
[PackardProvingGrounds.org/1956Raffle](http://PackardProvingGrounds.org/1956Raffle)

Maximum of 1,000 tickets to be sold.  
 If minimum of 1,000 tickets are not sold,  
 this will be a 49¢/ticket. License #573422

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 Reservation Only Show

**Packard Proving Grounds**  
**Annual Fall Open House**

**Sunday, October 20**  
**1pm - 5pm**  
 Rain or Shine / FREE Admission

**You Are Invited!**  
 Join us for the Packard Proving Grounds  
 Annual Open House

**Event includes:**  
 Cruise-In Car Show  
 Packard Taxi Rides  
 Bake Sale  
 Food Trucks  
 Vendors  
 Live Music: Belgian American  
 Association Band  
 Gift Shop Open

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Event Photos by Bob Meyer

Donations graciously accepted. Proceeds benefit the restoration on the Packard Proving Grounds Historic Site.

**Harvest**  
**Holiday**  
**Market**

**November 3rd**  
**12-4pm**

Kick-off this holiday  
 season by shopping local  
 small businesses

- Farmers
- Artisans
- Fresh Baked Goods
- Handcrafted Jewelry
- Unique Crafts
- Handmade Soaps
- Holiday Gifts
- Historic Site Tours
- 50+ Vendors!
- & so much more!

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Indoor Space Available  
 Visit our website for more info:  
[PackardProvingGrounds.org/11amto4pm](http://PackardProvingGrounds.org/11amto4pm)

**\$1 DONATION ADMITTANCE**

**PACKARD PROVING GROUNDS**  
**pretty in pink**  
**MOM PROM**

Join us for a fabulous night  
 of fun and friendship!

**11/09/2024**  
**6PM - 11PM**

**\$50**  
 per person

**Event Highlights:**

- Delicious Appetizers & Desserts
- Cash Bar
- DJ & Dancing
- Best Hair Award
- Tackiest Dress Award
- Prom Queen Crowning

**Don't miss out on this unforgettable night!**  
 When you get your dress, shoes, hair and make-up done, please be 21 or older.  
 All funds raised will go towards Packard Proving Grounds Historic restoration efforts.

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[PackardProvingGrounds.org/MomProm](http://PackardProvingGrounds.org/MomProm)

**Model**  
**TRAIN SHOW**  
 at the Packard Proving Grounds

**November 30**  
**& December 1**  
**10am - 3pm**

**Tickets \$6**  
 Age 11 & under  
**FREE** with  
 Adult Paid  
 Admission

**ADMIT ONE**

Details at [PackardProvingGrounds.org/TrainShow](http://PackardProvingGrounds.org/TrainShow)

For More Information Contact:  
 Mike at [mikelj318@gmail.com](mailto:mikelj318@gmail.com)  
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### Have a question?

You can text us at the PPG main phone #586-739-4800





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