



Lodge Window Repair

When a window in the front corner of the Lodge building was damaged, volunteers Rick Mayer and Alan David sprung into action to get the opening secured with plywood. Then when the time came to get it repaired, Bruce Blevins, Bruce Webster, Larry Telles and Rick Mayer worked to get it secured back into place.



Joannie, Pam and Donna have decorated the outside areas close to the buildings for fall, and they're already plotting and planning for next season. The results of their work seems to build and grow (pun

intended) every year. A lot of their budget comes from returning bottles for deposit money, and free sourcing - these are some pretty hard working and resourceful gals!



2021 Tolonen Awardee - Joannie Matiyow

The volunteer appreciation dinner was held and Joannie Matiyow was presented with the Tolonen award this year. Pictured left to right are Bruce Blevins, Trustee, and past award recipients, Dante & Shirley Sabatino, Bruce Webster, Trustee, Joannie, Larry Telles, Ray & Ro Hollingsworth, Kathy and Tom Mitchell.

Joanie has been a PPG volunteer since about 2015 and she works weddings regularly, and once she retired from her day job she took on plantings around the buildings and this year she expanded to head up a recycling program onsite. She has personally hauled away many loads of empty alcohol bottles after weddings and placed them in her curbside pick up at home for years. The garbage crew in her community must be curious about what she does on the weekends?!

Congratulations Joannie, and thanks for all your hard work for the PMCF.

Upcoming Event Dates

Sunday, October 17th - Annual Fall Open House 1-5 pm

Sunday, October 24th - Chic and Unique 12 - 5 pm
Vintage, Repurposed, & Handmade Market

Thursday, November 4th - Blood Drive

Saturday, November 20th - Harvest Holiday Indoor Farmers Market

Sunday, November 21st - Veg Bash

Friday & Saturday, Feb 25 & 26th - 2nd Annual Croppin with the Cars

Sunday - Feb 27th - Model Train Show

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AND CRUISE-IN CLASSIC CAR SHOW
ENTERTAINMENT FOR "CAR GUYS" AND HISTORY BUFFS OF ALL AGES

WHERE: PACKARD PROVING GROUNDS HISTORIC SITE
49965 VAN DYKE Shelby Township, MI 48017

WHEN: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2021
1:00 P.M. — 5:00 P.M. RAIN OR SHINE

ADMISSION: FREE*
*Free admission is encouraged and will be graciously accepted to help defray our costs.

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1932 Light Eight 'Shove Nose' Coupe-Sedan Painting

Dennis Kuhn and Dave Dolby, PMCF Trustee took care of hanging this beautiful painting in the Lodge.

It's an original oil painting of a 1932 Light Eight, Coupe-Sedan. The sepia/gray toned oil on canvas is 24 x 37". Packard used these paintings as masters for lithographs which when copied would be used for printing ads. This image can be seen in the 1932 brochure featuring the light eight. That brochure also shows similar images of three other 'Shovel Noses'. Wouldn't it be great to have the other three as well?



GEMS FROM THE VAULT

Phil Cunningham

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the September summary of the Proving Ground's Image digitizing project.

Did you know that PPG employees used to put tanks through their paces at the Proving Grounds? And they were excellent at it, too - we've got a banner to prove it! Check out our blog post that celebrates the Proving Grounds' contribution to the war effort during World War II. [Click here to read more.](#)



100th Anniversary Celebration

John MacArthur's Kiwanis club celebrated their 100th anniversary with a dinner at the PPG on October 1st, and John invited a group of PPG volunteers to join his table. Pictured here from left to right, Ray Hollingsworth, Larry Telles, Donna Lombus, Steve Cizmas, Rene Moon, Dave Dolby, Ro Hollingsworth, John MacArthur and Jim Mischel. The Mt Clemens Kiwanis club presented the PMCF with a \$1,000 donation check at this event. They have been very generous to the PMCF over the years and we very much appreciate that!

RECYCLE - REPURPOSE - REUSE

Weddings can get expensive. We want to do all that we can to help support couples sharing resources. **PPG wedding couples** can bring in their gently used items to sell. Set up starts at 11am. There are a limited number of tables available, RSVP to Rene @ 586-739-4800.



This is a fun, budget friendly way to network with other PPG couples, and the sale is open to the public.



Packard Swag

PPG Volunteer Ethan Jackson headed off to college this fall, and when he came home for a weekend visit he stopped by the PPG Gift Store to stock up on Packard clothes before heading back to school. We're pleased to see you show your Packard pride around campus Ethan!

You can stock up too, this weekend at the Annual Fall Open House - stop by and check it out.

Updates from the PPG Library & Archives

Emily Benoit, MA, MILS



Going Digital: Revisiting the Phil Hill Collection

Regular blog readers are familiar with the Phil Hill Collection, a donated collection of beautifully-preserved materials once owned by American racing driver Philip Toll Hill Jr. Processing this collection took over a month earlier this year, and was documented in a lengthy (but hopefully helpful!) blog series.

Although the collection is well housed and inventoried, we want to make sure that these items are accounted for and preserved for the long term. Therefore, the digitization process will be starting on this project any day now!



Creating a digital record of our collections and materials has been a long-term goal for the PPG Library & Archives, and beginning with an arguably small collection like the Phil Hill Collection will help us practice and prepare for the official cataloging of our mother materials. It's going to be a lot of work and the going will be slow, but we're excited to begin - so stay tuned!



And all the way from August - we have a winner!





This amazing mural is located inside the Detroit Taco Company which is next-door to the Cambria - Shelby Township Hotel, as part of a colorful mural that covers the walls inside this restaurant.



Congrats to our winner Spencer Doggett - this was a tough one!



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