



Photo credit - Joannie Matiyow

Summertime Flora

The Grounds are looking beautiful! Our thanks again to Joannie, Donna, and Pam for their hard work in keeping the site in full color this time of year. It's a team effort with Tim the hedge whisperer and hand mower plus Dante - commander of the eXmark.



PPG in the News

FOX2 news visited the PPG and created a wonderful local news item about the PPG. It has helped generate an increase in visits to the PPG - [CLICK HERE](#) to check it out! Special thanks to **Roger** who acted as the tour guide.



Photo credit: [Lutz Family Tree Photography](#)

Reconnecting With Old Friends to Celebrate New Adventures!

Former volunteer Brandyn Cummings spent time at the PPG the summer of 2016, helping our long-time volunteer **Dante** with Grounds Maintenance. Brandyn always said that if he ever got married, he was coming back to the PPG to "tie the knot." Well, that dream just came true for Brandyn and his bride Anna!

On June 12, 2021, Brandyn returned to the site to celebrate his wedding, marrying his fiancée Anna Eddy in a beautiful outdoor ceremony on the PPG's boulevard.

The happy groom-to-be is pictured here with his former "boss" Dante, in a shot taken the day before his wedding. The two reunited in setting up the Repair Garage for the reception.

Best wishes to Brandyn and Anna as they begin their lives together!

Upcoming Event Dates

Wednesdays - Cruise-In weekly event on the front lawn 4-8 pm

Saturdays - Farmers Market 9 am - 2 pm

Sunday, August 1st - **Chic and Unique** 12 - 5 pm
Vintage, Repurposed, & Handmade Market

Sunday, October 10th - **Volunteer Appreciation Dinner** 5-8 pm

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

We've Got PPG Swag!

Show your love for all things Packard with some apparel from our gift shop! (If you didn't know we have a gift shop, [click here for more details on our website.](#))

Kit up and stay cool in one of our brightly-colored t-shirts! This design comes in two eye-catching colors - but if you're a subtle dresser, there are more design options for you to check out. There's something for everyone, no matter how you want to wear your Packard pride.



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GEMS FROM THE VAULT

Phil Cunningham

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

Volunteer Opportunities



Family Friendly Fun at the PPG

We discovered a wonderful website and weekly email geared for those that are looking for interesting events and activities for children.

We would like to look for ways that the PPG can embrace some educational events and activities for kids. If you're

interested in helping to brainstorm and explore ideas, please call or [email](#) us so we can get something started. It's important for us to cultivate the next generation of Packard lovers!

HISTORICAL TIDBITS AND TRIVIA

CAN YOU GUESS?



Props to volunteer Rick Mayer for finding an interesting bit of architectural history to share!

It's common knowledge that the PPG boasts the influence of several talented architects. The Lodge House was designed by the internationally-renowned architect Albert Kahn, and the Tank Building was designed by American architect William Kapp.

But did you know that these two craftsmen influenced the construction and renovation of another notable building in Michigan?

Do a little bit of research to see if you can find the answer (hint: it's *not* on our site). The first person to email Rene with the correct answer will win a prize from the PPG Gift Shop! We'll congratulate the winner and share the answer in next month's newsletter, so stay tuned.

Updates from the PPG Library & Archives

Emily Benoit, MA, MILS

June let us cross a few more things off of our “to-do” list here at the PPG! I’m pleased to report that we’ve completed two large and long-standing projects—both of which will bring some positive visibility to our impressive historic site.

GuideStar Seals of Transparency: Gold Level REACHED!

Earlier this year, we completed the steps necessary to finalize our Silver Seal status. Now, we’ve gone even further! With the help of the Board of Trustees, the PMCF has achieved the Gold Seal of Transparency, the penultimate seal needed to finalize our profile on GuideStar and depict our commitment to preserving the history of the Packard Motor Car Foundation. We’re almost there!



[Take a look at our listing on GuideStar](#), and visit [our website](#) to see that shiny Gold Seal.

3D Virtual Tours: The Lodge House

For our long-distance Packard fans and close-living friends who aren’t able to physically visit our site, we have some great news: you can enjoy the beautiful

Lodge House from the comfort of your own home! A project that has long been in development is the creation of a 3D virtual tour, and that project was finally completed at the beginning of June.

Available online, the tour allows viewers to “walk” through the Lodge House and click on informational items that provide interesting details about the house’s history. Learn about the history of the Vincent family, the house’s original inhabitants; the architecture and design, courtesy of Albert Kahn; and the function of the many furnishings throughout each room. [Take a tour whenever you like](#), and enjoy this special project.

Many, many thanks to our stellar volunteer **Hilary Davis** for providing the wealth of historical detail featured in this exhibit. We couldn’t have done it without you, **Hilary**!

And speaking of the Lodge House . . .

Keep an eye on our blog page, because the next few weeks are going to feature inside info about this fantastic home. From strange glassware to double-faucets to putting a stuffed dog in a box—if it happens in the Lodge House, we’ll be writing about it.



In the meantime, tide yourself over by [reading our other posts](#) about the site’s history (and much more).

We’ve got some cool facts to share about this piece of glassware on display in the Lodge House dining room - be sure to check it out!



Our second annual blood drive was held onsite on Tuesday, June 22, 2021, made possible through the American Red Cross. We were able to collect a total of **49 PINTS of blood**.

A big thanks to all who came out and donated or worked the event! Your generosity is deeply appreciated.

Do you think that blood recipients will begin to have a fondness for

Visit SignUpGenius.com to check out the upcoming events.

Events are up and running and volunteer help is needed once again. If you're new to using the Sign Up Genius site, just give us a call and we can walk you through it - you don't want to miss out on all the fun!!



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