



**IN SYMPATHY:**



**REV. TOM LUDWIG**  
July 20, 1930 - August 9, 2013  
CHARTER MEMBER  
FIRST LAHS PRESIDENT  
THANK YOU FOR GUIDING US IN  
THE BEGINNING!

# Cornerstone

Lemont Area Historical Society  
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Also on FACEBOOK

**SEPTEMBER EDITION 2013**

**LEMONT STREET FAIR**

**SEPTEMBER 21, 2013**

**NEED VOLUNTEERS**

**10 - 4PM.**

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**IN SYMPATHY:**



**ART GARIBAY**  
March 21, 1932 - August 21, 2013  
THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING  
YOUR TIME & TALENTS

## **GIANT PUMPKIN CONTEST & ACTIVITES**



**OCTOBER 5, 2013**  
**9AM.**  
**PUCKERVILLE FARMS IN LEMONT**

**ADULT & YOUTH WEIGH IN  
CONTEST**  
**YOUTH DECORATING CONTEST**  
**PIE EATING CONTEST**  
**REGISTRATION, ENTRY & PRIZE  
INFO**  
**IN SEPTEMBER COOPERATOR  
EVENT CALENDAR AT**  
[www.cookfb.org](http://www.cookfb.org)

## **LEMONT STREET FAIR**

**SEPT 21 10am-4pm.**

**Vendors needed - Let's help to make this  
year's a success! Vendor Application  
enclosed.**

**OCT 29 FRIGHT NITE !!!!! BOO!!!**

**SCARY GHOST WRITING CONTEST  
+ PRIZE ENTRY DEADLINE OCT 15  
PERFORM YOUR STORY BEFORE  
AUDIENCE**

**DOORS OPEN AT 6:30PM.**

**LEMONT AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
EXHIBITOR APPLICATION – SEPTEMBER 21, 2013**

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Business Name (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to exhibit in the LAHS' 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Street Fair. Enclosed is my check for \$25.00. I acknowledge that my space will be 10' x 10', I need to supply my own tables/merchandise displays and that this is a non-refundable payment.

**Refund Policy.** LAHS seeks to provide a safe, clean and attractive environment, but provides no guarantee. Your payment for space rent is non-refundable. The show takes place rain or shine.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please call Susan Roy (630) 888-5259 if you have any questions or concerns about setting up for our Fair. You can also call Susan Donahue at (630) 257-2972 during Museum hours.

Applications can be mailed or dropped off:

Lemont Area Historical Society  
306 Lemont Street  
Lemont, IL 60439

Museum hours are

Tuesday and Friday	10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Saturday	10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Sunday	1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Or you can drop them off at

Smokey Row Antique Shop  
112 Stephen Street  
Lemont, IL

Shop hours are: Monday thru Friday: 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Saturday: 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sunday: 11am. to 5pm.



## Genealogy Corner



By Barb Bannon

### Images of Our Memories- Memories of Our Images

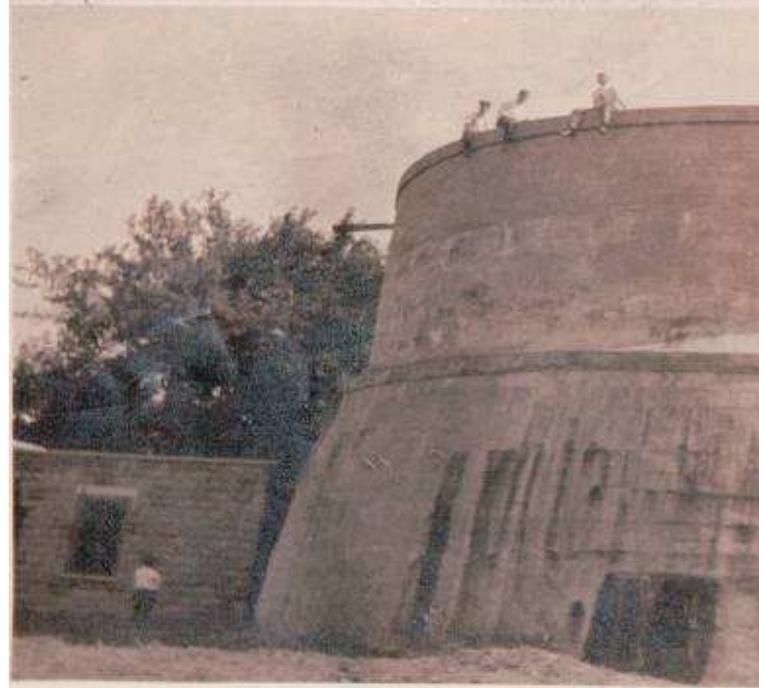
While researching my family history I always have hope that I will find out where another ancestor resided. If I'm lucky my new found information will be accompanied by an actual address and if I'm really lucky that will lead to uncovering an old photograph of the residence through the local historical society or library. When there is no photo I usually set out on a trek to take one.

Just recently I dragged my better half, he wasn't kicking and screaming though, to Oregon, IL on the Rock River where I found the home of a relative looking as it would have when they lived there in the 1940's. From time to time though, I will discover only an empty lot where the building once stood. In any case I will take photos of the area and try to get an impression of the way the neighborhood would have looked.

Quite a while ago a relative sent me a few photos of structures in Lemont, some of which are still here, and others that have been replaced. Photos like this always bring up interesting discussions and a test of our memories; everyone seems to have a different recollection of the past. If you show the same photo to three people they will probably come up with three different responses to - That was located at .... That used to be the ..... Or that is now the ..... Differences in the answers can be attributed to their age even if only a few years apart. They will usually remember the location but from a different perspective depending on where they were in their stage of "growing up".

This got me thinking about areas in Lemont that I am familiar with, or that I thought I was. Exactly where was "Meyers Grove"? Which Lemont High School gym or Lemont Public Library did you use? Where was the "Teen Club" when you went? What is where the Tasty Freeze used to be located? Totura's was located where? Walgreen's was on what side of State St.? Where was your St Patrick School?

The following photo I received is of a "much needed" structure in Lemont that is long gone and was located where you can now shop.



Do you remember what this was? Do you have any memories connected with this structure? Or if you have a photo, older or more recent, of a building or structure you would like more information about please donate a copy by mail or email or drop it off at the museum. We will be glad to provide what we know or publish it and put everyone's memory to the test.

Family history research is just that, researching our history, investigating the past and looking back, but we should also be

looking to the future. We should be collecting memories about the photos we have, about the town we knew and documenting the history we have lived for future genealogists.



### **Mailbox**

If you have a general genealogy question or comment please send it via regular mail or email to [lahsgenes2@yahoo.com](mailto:lahsgenes2@yahoo.com) with "Genealogy Corner Mailbox" in the subject and we will do our best to have the answer in the next newsletter.



### **Connecting Branches**

The Genealogy Committee has been made aware of the following new family names being researched:

**Fred Meyer - researching Meyer & Sadewasser families**  
**Edie Harbour - researching Anna LeTourneau**

If you are doing research and would like to contact these or other genealogists, please let us know by leaving a message at the Museum 630-257-2972 or by e-mail to [lemontahs@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lemontahs@sbcglobal.net)



### **The Civil War Continues** **By Richard H. Lee**

In the news lately is a lot about the Civil War and the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the battle of Gettysburg. I also see some news about southern states today trying to change their state laws to nullify or cancel the voting rights act of 1965. These states, like Alabama, North Carolina, and Texas are predominately Republican and angry about the federal government granting anyone, including poor blacks, the right to vote without qualifications.

The big reason, I fear, is defining who is qualified to vote and excluding the poor who tend to vote Democratic, especially when the candidate is black. They are trying to require proof of citizenship, such as a valid drivers license or birth certificate to get on the voter rolls or eligible list. This issue is coming before the Supreme Court again for a "modern" consideration. What we have now is not so much anti - slavery or pro slavery as 150 years ago, but the rich against the poor.

This new civil war has the rich with most of the power and controlling many states and lobbyists in state capitols and Washington seeking influence. The rich and business associates have already shut down a lot of manufacturing jobs in the name of profitability and hidden their profits out of the country to avoid paying taxes. Republicans see no problem with this now standard practice, as they hate paying taxes that support the poor, hungry, and sick. As the next elections approach you will see more efforts to take over the government and redefine who can vote and how much taxes they must pay.

**The Bruno Schustek Memorial Fund  
30 West 600 Sunrise Road  
Naperville, IL 60563**

July 15, 2013

Dear Friend of Aviation:

A hero of early aviation lies forgotten in an unmarked grave in Elmhurst, Illinois. We want to change that. Will you help us?

On July 6, 1930, a young woman dangled for two hours above Stinson Airport in what is now McCook, Illinois, her parachute caught on the wing of the jump plane. Patent medicine heiress and budding pilot 'Madcap' Merry Fahrney of suburban Oak Park had set out that Sunday morning to learn parachuting. It was her first jump ... and things went badly. As her plane circled 1,000 feet above the airport, other aviators saw her dilemma and tried various rescue strategies, all without success.

Finally, two local pilots, Bruno Schustek and Charles 'Bud' Geiger, formed a different plan. Schustek, who had been a German pilot during WW I and had emigrated to the U.S., where he flew gliders, was also an expert parachutist. He knew well what kind of danger Fahrney was in and what he himself risked. As Geiger flew their plane and positioned it above the immobilized Fahrney, Schustek climbed down a rope and attempted to free her. Somehow, Fahrney's chute came free and she fell safely to earth – but as her rescuer tried to climb back up, his strength failed him and he fell 600 feet to his death before horrified airfield spectators and surprised motorists on nearby Route 66.

The story was picked up by wire services and ran in newspapers throughout the country that a former enemy combatant would perform such a selfless, dangerous act of courage was news.

The young heiress forgot her rescuer almost as soon as she left the airfield that day, but

his fellow aviators did not. Schustek was buried with honors in Elmlawn Cemetery: 30 planes flew overhead during a ceremony at his gravesite and dropped flowers to honor him.

Any trace of a gravestone, however, vanished over the years (as has the record of one), and both the deed and the man have fallen from memory. He is buried in an unmarked grave. That kind of courage shouldn't be forgotten.

You can read more about the Stinson Airport tragedy here:  
<http://www.il66assoc.org/content/route-66-history-aviation-tragedy-route-66>  
<http://curioustraveler66.wordpress.com/2012/10/25/route-66-stinson-airport-tragedy-socialite-goofs-pilot-dies>

Sincerely Yours,  
Patricia Knight

**ATTENTION: NOVEMBER EXHIBIT WILL COMMEMORATE THE 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE ASSASSINATION OF THE LATE PRESIDENT KENNEDY – THE EXHIBIT COMMITTEE REQUESTS ITEMS TO SHOWCASE – PLEASE SHARE ANY ITEMS YOU MAY HAVE ABOUT THIS EVENT IN HISTORY - WE WILL MAKE SURE ALL ITEMS HAVE TLC UNTIL THEY ARE RETURNED TO YOU!**

**NOTE: We now have Sonia Kallick's Book, "Lemont & Its People" at the museum for sale. The cost is \$20 and also we still do have the "125<sup>th</sup> Lemont Anniversary Book" on sale for \$15. Both are incredible sources of information for everyone in the family.**

**They could be "Welcome Gifts" to new neighbors as they begin to explore their new town and want to familiarize themselves with Lemont and learn more about our rich history. Great birthday or Christmas gifts too!**



## **SOCIETY NEWS**

*By Susan Donahue*

### **HAPPY 75<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAYS!**



**“Belated 75<sup>th</sup> to Doris Peterman  
on August 25, 2013!!!”**

**&**

**“Happy 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Barbara  
Buschman on October 7, 2013!!!”**

### **IN SYMPATHY:**

We extend to the Eleanor Yates and Catherine Slachetka Families our deepest sympathy at the recent loss of their loved ones. It is never easy to say, “Till we meet again” no matter how many years we have been fortunate enough to have them in our lives.

### **MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS:**

Welcome to the LAHS family Jennifer Knippenberg, Dona Petrowiak/Paris, Mary Boza/ Oberhart.. We appreciate all our members.

### **SHARING A STORY OR TWO**

I thought I would take this time to relate my remembrances of those we recently lost who were so important to the LAHS. Sure you can think of many more but these are mine.

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**Mr. Ludwig** always had a smile on his face and really seemed to be in his element when telling a story of Lemont’s past.

He loved to come here and MC for Christmas with some seasonal garb. He relished the choirs as they harmonized and

would point out the history of how it all began and our first choral fest. He was a good source of info also on our own early beginnings as the Society was formed and took on each challenge. Parliamentarian at all meetings, keeping us on course.

He contributed to many areas of our museum including supplying stories for the “History & Anecdote Book.” Some of the selections will be on our website in the near future. Likable – always seeking new adventures!

### **ART GARIBAY**

I first met Art through his wife Carol. Joanne, Carol and I were – are – on the Wedding Com. and it became apparent that our bride’s room needed some TLC.

We didn’t have much money so Art and his fellow Lemont Law Enforcement Assoc. members got together and came to repair and paint the office. .

It was a hot, steamy July and thankfully they brought not only painting supplies, muscle, etc. but a very good dose of humor because as everyone knows we only have fans.

They patched, painted, and donated a rug for the office. I know they teased Art about the brush strokes, “Now is that the way you hold a brush when you create your artwork – or oops that’s right the paint goes on the wall not on me right?” “Art, do you remember when – oh, forgot we are in a church” He smiled and just shook his head and looking at me said, ‘Can you believe these guys – these are friends!’ I laughed.

They were doing it for a few weeks so they got to a point where when people came in some of them would offer to give tours. You should have seen the expression on people’s faces as I stood off to the side watching them rewrite history till they said, “Help!”

It was obvious that there was a love and respect between all of them. It was a fun time and, yes, the office did get done.



*STEPPING BACK IN  
TIME  
By Susan Donahue*

I think that all of us who went to the Rededication of the Virginia Reed Park were impressed by the way the park has been transformed.

It was so nice to see so many attending and watching the children as they like past generations before them were mesmerized and excited by all they saw.

The ceremony was very touching as they introduced Mrs. Reed's daughters who were in attendance. The poem that was written by Mr. Nona, so many years ago was recited once again for all to hear.

I somehow feel that Mrs. Reed would be pleased with the remodeled park and smile at how the park still brings people and especially children there. Some of those original children now have their own grandchildren coming and others even their great-grandchildren.

It was a good feeling to witness the community spirit and somehow know that although Lemont in many ways is a different town than the past it still retains in some ways that small town feel.

The Lemont Park District and their employees should be very proud of all their hard work.



Two ladies standing by each other are Mrs. Reeds Daughters



Lemont Park District Dir. Louise Egofske with Ladies from the Neighborhood who's input helped create the playground's pleasant and user friendly atmosphere.

**HERITAGE FEST 2013**



### Lemont Area Historical Society Membership

**Student -----\$10.00**  
**Senior Citizen:\$10.00 -----**  
**Individual: \$15.00 -----**  
**Family: \$25.00 -----**  
**Corporate:\$50.00 -----**  
**Old Quarry Club:\$250.00 -----**  
**Friends of Keepataw:\$500.00 -----**  
**Athens Marble Club:\$1,000.00 -----**  
**Additional Donation \_\_\_\_\_**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to:**

**LAHS**  
**306 Lemont Street**  
**Lemont, IL 60439**

ATHENS MARBLE CLUB MEMBERS  
VILLAGE OF LEMONT  
LEMONT TOWNSHIP  
LEMONT PARK DISTRICT  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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### Lemont Area Historical Society

*In the Old Stone Church at*  
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www.lemonthistorical.org

#### **Museum Hours**

10 am to 2 pm Tuesday, Friday  
10 am to 1 pm Saturday  
1 to 4 pm Sunday

#### **Library Committee**

Meets 10 am to 12 noon on Wednesday.  
Visits by appointment only.

**The main floor of the museum is available for rentals of weddings, meetings, and events.**

#### **Board of Directors**

President Susan Roy  
1st Vice President Rose Yates  
2nd Vice President Richard Lee  
Secretary Susan Donahue  
Treasurer Gary Roy

#### **Board Members**

Barbara Bannon ,John Bushman, Pat Camalliere,  
Carol Garibay, Richard Homerding, Doris Peterman,  
John Quinn, Wm. Uznanski

#### **Committees:**

##### **Strategic Planning**

Gary Roy, Susan Roy

##### **Resource Center**

Carol Garibay  
Collections, Library, Genealogy,  
Oral Histories, Photographs

##### **Community Outreach**

Rose Yates  
Publicity, Historic Sites, Grant Writing

##### **Human & Financial Resources**

Richard Homerding, Fundraising

##### **Exhibits**

Richard Lee

##### **Program**

Gary Roy, Susan Roy

##### **Sunday Volunteers**

Doris Peterman

##### **Tours**

Gail August

##### **Membership**

Susan Donahue

##### **Wedding Committee**

Carol Garibay, Susan Donahue

##### **Building & Maintenance**

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