

# MUSEUM MEMO

May/June 2015

## Margaret Dunning, June 26, 1910-May 17, 2015



*Margaret with her first set of wheels.*

*Margaret, 102, with her 1930 Packard 740 Roadster.*



*Margaret, 103, shows off her 1966 Cadillac Sedan DeVille.*



*Margaret in Red Cross uniform, 1943.*



*The Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum celebrated the 104th birthday of Margaret in June 2014.*

Margaret Dunning, a friend to many people in Plymouth and southeast Michigan throughout the years, and benefactor of the Plymouth Historical Museum, died May 17 in Santa Barbara, California, at age 104. We will feel the loss of her presence for years to come. How privileged we have been for the opportunity to know Margaret. We will dearly miss her—our friend, our adviser, and our mentor.

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**Monthly Drawing**

Barbara Louie and Jill Eastcott are the winners of the May and June drawings for a \$25 gift certificate.

We are a  
  
**Blue Star  
 Museum**  
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The Plymouth Historical Museum is one of the participating museums in Blue Star Museums; a collaboration among the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, and the Department of Defense. More than 2,000 Blue Star Museums across America offer free admission to the nation's active duty military personnel, including the National Guard and Reserve and their families, from Memorial Day through Labor Day 2015.

**New Members—Welcome!**

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 Mary Vertrees, Northville

**Plymouth Historical Museum Wish List**

<b>1 Roll Postage Stamps</b>	<b>\$49 per</b>
<b>Adopt a Mannequin</b>	<b>\$150</b>
<b>1/2 month heating bill</b>	<b>\$375</b>
<b>1/2 month electric bill</b>	<b>\$475</b>
<b>1 month employee's salary</b>	<b>\$500</b>

To donate online , please visit the Museum website at <http://www.plymouthhistory.org/support-us/donate.html>

**Tea Party Needs**

Demitasse spoons  
 Salad or dessert forks  
 3-inch diameter shallow bowls for fruit or sauce  
 Luncheon plates (about 7 inch diameter)  
 Tiered serving plates  
 Round, colored table clothes



# Bits 'N Pieces

By Elizabeth Kelley Kerstens, executive director

## Board Elections

The elections for the 2015-16 Board of Directors for the Friends of the Plymouth Historical Museum were held in May. The three nominees, Jim Burroughs, Sally Fedus, and Pam Yockey, were elected by acclamation, as they were running uncontested.

At the June meeting of the Board of Directors, the following were elected for offices on the Board:

<b>President</b>	<b>Mike Pappas</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Sally Fedus</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Margaret Harris</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Jim Burroughs</b>
<b>Past President</b>	<b>Pam Yockey</b>

Congratulations to the new Board, and I look forward to another productive year at the Plymouth Historical Museum!

## Brick Pavers

The second lot of inscribed bricks was installed into our brick paver landscape last week. If you purchased a brick after the first lot was installed your

brick should be in the ground now, unless we received the order after the request was sent to the engravers. Please come take a look! The sidewalk is shaping up very nicely.

## Celebration of Margaret

In conjunction with the opening of our next special exhibit, "The Fair That Changed America," we will have a Grand Opening & Celebration of Margaret on Friday, June 26, from 6-8 p.m. June 26 would have been Margaret's 105th birthday. We want to



celebrate Margaret's life with an open house that night. One of the events planned for the evening is to dedicate the stone above.

Margaret wanted the brick paver landscape project to be the "Charles & Bessie Dunning Memory Garden." This larger granite marker is now in place in front of the Museum near the middle bench in the picture on the left.

Please join us on Friday, June 26 between 6 and 8 p.m. as we celebrate our friend and benefactor, Margaret Dunning.



**Donations Received  
April 2015–May 2015  
Thank You!**

The following generous donations were received between April 2015 and May 2015:

**The Dunning (\$2,500 +)**

Community Financial

**The Starkweather (\$500–\$999)**

Packaging Corporation of America

**The Penniman (\$250–\$499)**

Michael Ellis  
Elizabeth Kelley Kerstens

**The Kellogg (\$100–\$249)**

Betty Barbour  
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Thrivent Choice Program  
Jean Upton  
Elizabeth Wilson  
Mark & Agnieszka Wira

**Up to \$100**

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Jennifer Brogan  
Arlene Callahan  
Clark Chapin  
William & Anita Cottrell  
Gordon & Pat Eddy  
Rod & Kathleen Fullerton  
Ellen Graham  
Geraldine Kilsdonk  
Jack Leeds  
Heidi Nielsen  
Lorna Nitz  
Gregg Packard  
Richard Raison  
Karen & Jeffrey Sisolak  
Catherine Smith  
J. G. Spencer  
Aileen Stroebel

**Don't Waver—Buy a Brick Paver!**

A new batch of bricks was recently installed in our beautiful walkway. We are taking orders now for the next installment, which will hopefully be placed in late summer. The bricks are a wonderful birthday or holiday gift, a memorial to a loved one, or to remember a Plymouth pioneer. We have plenty of available bricks for purchase; the proceeds all go toward helping to maintain the brick and mortar structure of the Plymouth Historical Museum, i.e. our Building Reserve Fund.

Bricks (4"x8") are \$100 each; 8"x8" bricks are \$250. The smaller bricks can have up to 14 characters per line on 3 lines; the larger bricks can have up to 14 characters per line on 5 lines. Come in today and order your bricks.

**Kroger Plus Card Donations**

Thank you to those who have added the Plymouth Historical Society to their **Kroger Plus Card**. The Museum receives a small percentage from any purchases made by those who have an up-to-date registration on their cards. This registration must be completed each year in April. If you have not yet re-enrolled, or want to become a participant in this program, you can visit [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com), click on "Michigan" and click on "Enroll." You must have a valid online account at Kroger.com to participate. If you need help, give us a call at 734-455-8940 ext. 9. We'll be happy to help you get enrolled.



If you know of anyone who would be willing to volunteer three hours of service at the Museum each month, please let us know.

Please phone the Museum at 734-455-8940 x 4 and leave a message. We will return your phone call as soon as we are available.

Thank you for your support, and thank you to our dedicated team of volunteers!

# A Teatime Tragedy at Downton Abbey

Sunday, October 4  
2-4 PM



Tickets are \$25

for Plymouth Historical Museum members:

\$30 for non-members by September 25.  
Add \$5 to ticket prices after September 25.

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## Mary Ellen King Plymouth Historical Museum Volunteer of the Year



Mary Ellen King, pictured on left, received the "Volunteer of the Year" award for the Plymouth Historical Museum from Wes Graff, president of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce and director of the Friend of the Plymouth Historical Museum. Mary Ellen was recognized during the Plymouth Chamber's "Showcase of Plymouth," on April 20 for her remarkable volunteer contributions to the Museum.

This past year was the fourth consecutive year Mary Ellen has worked on the auction for the Museum, serving as chairperson for the last three years. In that role, she dramatically increased the net results from \$7,600 to \$28,000!

Mary Ellen considers herself a "professional" volunteer, and has served as volunteer auction chairperson for the past nine years for the Mercy Education Project in Detroit. She also volunteers at the Lake House in St. Clair Shores (a gathering place for those who have been touched by cancer), and at the Northville District Library and Schoolcraft College.

Mary Ellen describes herself as a social worker, fund raiser, mom, and grandmother of two teenagers. She has lived in Northville for the past 40 years, and was formerly the director of Northville Youth Assistance.

## Plymouth Ghosts Coming this Fall Cemetery Walk

Riverside Cemetery

Saturday, Oct 26

Tours begin at 4 PM  
AND LEAVE PROMPTLY  
EVERY 15 MINUTES

Bring  
flashlights

Tickets \$10 in advance;

Purchase tickets at  
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# Plymouth Days Gone-bye

Compiled by Gerry Sabatini from the newspaper archives at the Plymouth District Library

## 100 Years Ago (May 1915)

### Civil War Veteran Dead

W. C. Roe Took Part in Funeral of Abraham Lincoln

Willard C. Roe, a life-long resident and highly esteemed citizen of Plymouth, died at his home in north village shortly before midnight Monday night, after several weeks' illness, at the age of 77 years. Mr. Roe suffered a paralytic stroke four weeks ago and this together with heart trouble and his advancing years caused his death. Mr. Roe was a veteran of the civil war and saw much active service. During his service in the army he was stationed for some time at Washington, D. C.,

## 100 Years Ago (June 1915)

### Graduating Class

Numbers Twenty-Three

The graduating class of the Plymouth High school has a membership of twenty-three this year. There are twelve girls and eleven boys. The Baccalaureate sermon will be given Sunday evening, June 13, by Rev. A. L. Bell at the village hall. Class day exercises will take place Wednesday, June 16; commencement, Thursday, June 17 and the Alumni banquet on Friday evening, June 18. The class motto is, "The Way is Won by Energy." Class colors—red and white. Class flower—cream rose bud. The officers of the class of 1915 are as follows:

President—Myron Beals  
Vice Pres.—George Burr  
Sec.-Treas.—Helen Tighe.

## 50 Years Ago (May 1965)



PLYMOUTH'S TWO remaining Spanish-American war veterans were honored guests at the traditional Memorial Day parade and ceremony in the Park Monday. Thomas Gray, left and C. Herbert Goyer paused a moment to talk to two unidentified Plymouth youngsters. Little Miss Poppy Doris Ann Hoelscher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hoelscher, is in the background.

### FARM LANDS WANTED!

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### Taxi service rapped

## 50 Years Ago (June 1965)

*Miss Plymouth candidates still needed*

Taxi service in Plymouth, or the lack of it, came before the City commission Monday night, and the Commissioners agreed to table the issuance of new license pending an investigation.

Several Commissioners reported they had at one time or another received complaints about taxi service in Plymouth. Mayor James Houk said he had received four in recent weeks.

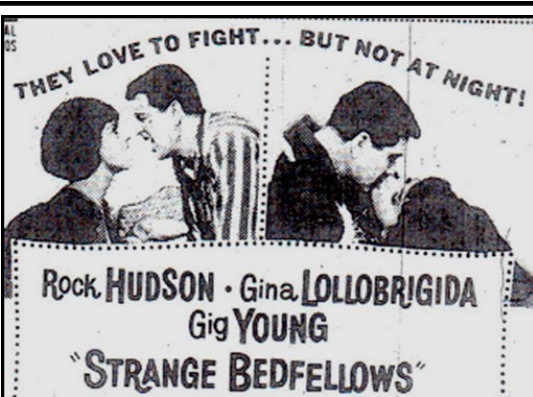
Commissioner Arch Vallier asked if something couldn't be done to guarantee better service. He sought to issue the licenses with the stipulation that a certain standard of service would be required.

The JayCees announced their plans for the annual Fourth of July festivities this week and issued a plea for more Miss Plymouth candidates.

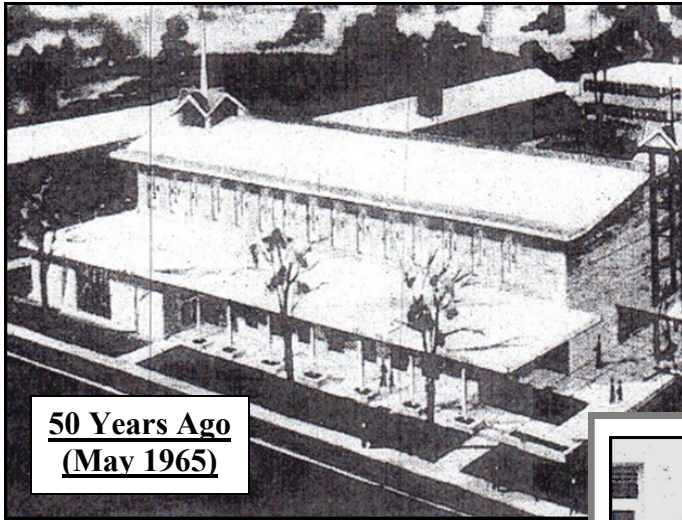
One of the highlights of the Independence celebrations in Plymouth is the July 2 crowning of Miss Plymouth.

Contest director Staton Lorenz said Monday that more entrants and sponsors were needed.

He noted that the winner of the contest will win a \$400 scholarship to the college of her choice.

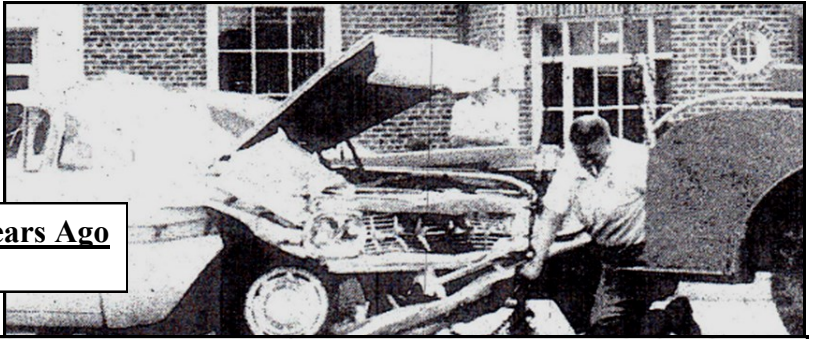


ALBERT R. BROCCOLI  
HARRY SALTZMAN  
SEAN CONNERY AS AGENT 007  
in IAN FLEMING'S  
**"GOLDFINGER"**



**50 Years Ago**  
**(May 1965)**

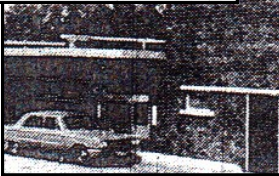
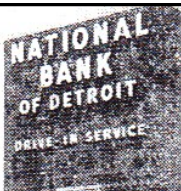
**THE ARCHITECT'S DRAWING** shows Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church now under construction at the corner of Penniman Ave. and Arthur St. The church is expected to be ready for use in about 18 months and will seat 1200 persons, according to the Rev. Father Francis C. Byrne, pastor. The white brick structure will face Penniman Ave. Estimated cost of the construction is \$400,000. General Contractor is the A. J. Anderson Co. Architect Charles D. Hannan, of Farmington, also designed the present church and school. The Rev. Alfred H. Renaud is assistant pastor of the church.



**50 Years Ago**

**A TOW TRUCK** operator prepares to haul away one of two mangled cars that came to grips Monday afternoon in front of the First Federal Building in downtown Plymouth. Police said the accident was caused when Diane Lee Clouser of Livonia, driving east on Penniman in the convertible above, turned left in front of westbound Elwood G. Kime of 14871 Lakewood. No tickets were issued.

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*A photo of the Cloverdale Farms Dairy Store and Soda Shop on Forest Avenue in the city of Plymouth, circa 1953. Cloverdale was at this site from 1948 until 1992, when the business finally closed. Cloverdale was a favorite hangout for teens and the cruising crowds of the 1950s, and was a popular place for Plymouth families and visitors to gather. Recently the building has been used for various restaurants, including the former 1999 Tavern and Panache 447. Image from the Plymouth Historical Museum archives.*



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## Calendar of Events

For a detailed list of events, visit the Museum website at  
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### June

15–25—Museum closed for exhibit changeover.

26—Friday, “The Fair that Changed America,” our new special exhibit, opens devoted to the 1893 Columbian Exposition in Chicago. Grand opening and celebration of Margaret Dunning, 6–8 PM; open house.

### July

26—Sunday, “Frozen Princess Tea Party,” 12-2 PM. Sold out.

### October

4—Sunday, “A Teatime Tragedy at Downton Abbey,” 2-4 PM, Tickets are \$25 for Plymouth Historical Museum members, \$30 for non-members by September 25. Add \$5 to ticket price after September 25.

24—Saturday, Plymouth Ghosts Cemetery Walk at Riverside Cemetery. Walks begin at 4 p.m. with small groups departing every 15 minutes. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be available for purchase between about 3:45 and 6 PM. The walk lasts 60-90 minutes. Tickets are \$10 each in advance; \$15 at cemetery.

PLYMOUTH  
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—CHICAGO'S 1893 WORLD'S FAIR—

ON EXHIBIT JUNE 26 THRU NOVEMBER 1, 2015

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\$2 students 6-17;  
children 5 and under are free.

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Saturday, Sunday  
Closed Holidays  
groups and tours, please call ahead.



GRAND OPENING AND  
CELEBRATION OF  
MARGARET DUNNING

FRIDAY, JUNE 26,  
6-8 PM

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