



Grosse Pointe Historical Society

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Local History Brought to Life!

Dr. Frank Bicknell Educational Lecture Series Spring 2010

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial

Wednesday, March 17, 2010 7:30 p.m.

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial, presented by Suzy Berschback and Ann Marie Aliotta.

Location: *Grosse Pointe War Memorial*, 32 Lake Shore Road, Grosse Pointe Farms. Event co-sponsors include Grosse Pointe War Memorial and Grosse Pointe Historical Society

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial, designed by New York architect Charles A. Platt, was built in 1910 for Russell Alger, Jr. and his family. Alger was Vice President and stockholder of Packard Motor Car Co. The mansion was donated to the Detroit Institute of Arts in 1936 but ownership reverted back to the Alger family in 1948 when the Detroit City Council declined to continue supporting a suburban facility. The following year it was given to the Grosse Pointe community in honor of WW II veterans. It is a local, state and national historic site. Book signing will follow the talk.

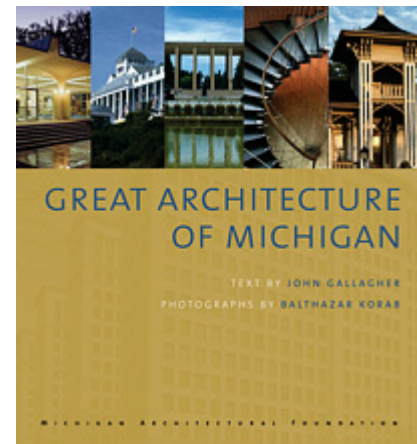


Great Architecture of Michigan

Wednesday, April 21, 2010 7:30 p.m.

Great Architecture of Michigan, presented by John Gallagher
Location: *Edsel & Eleanor House*, 1100 Lake Shore Road, Grosse Pointe Shores. Event co-sponsors include Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, Wayne State University Press and Grosse Pointe Historical Society.

This book, which includes superb photography by Balthazar Korab, underscores and exemplifies the diversity and sophistication of Michigan's architectural heritage. In addition to four distinct homes in the Grosse Pointe community, this volume includes icons like the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, the Michigan State Capitol in Lansing, and the Fisher Building in Detroit. Book signing will follow talk.



Arrive early for a special pre-lecture dinner at the new Cotswold Café in the Ford House Activities Center. Dinner is available starting at 6 pm. Experience the new décor and selection of exciting new menu items.

Storied Independent Automakers

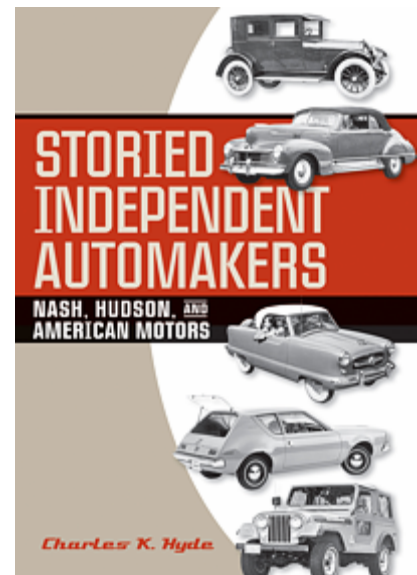
Wednesday, May 19, 2010 7:30 p.m.

Storied Independent Automakers: Nash, Hudson and American Motors, presented by Dr. Charles Hyde.

Location: *Grosse Pointe War Memorial*, 32 Lake Shore Road, Grosse Pointe Farms

With roots extending back to the early twentieth century, Nash Motor Company and Hudson Motor Car Company survived until 1954 when they merged to form American Motors Company. AMC remained independent until it became part of Chrysler Corporation in 1987. These companies, often overlooked, made notable contributions to automotive engineering and styling and were an important part of the American automobile industry.

Dr. Hyde will focus on the visionary leaders who managed the companies, including Grosse Pointers Roy D. Chapin, A. Edward Barit and Roy D. Chapin Jr. Book signing will follow talk.



All lectures are open to the public free of charge.