

WESTERN RESERVE ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIANS CLEVELAND, OHIO

A Chapter of the SOCIETY of ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIANS



FALL 2022

PROGRAM & INFORMATION

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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PURPOSE:

Western Reserve Architectural Historians was founded in 1965 to provide an opportunity for persons from all professions and backgrounds to meet regularly so that they might understand and enjoy the region's architectural heritage. At least 6 times per year, through walking tours, on-site visits, lectures, and discussions, WRAH members explore the notable, unusual, and significant in the built environment.

AWARDS:

The Western Reserve Award is given when merited, to recognize significant achievements and outstanding contributions to the architectural history of Ohio and the Western Reserve in particular. Some years, as a memorial to Edmund H. Chapman, Professor of Art History, Western Reserve University, a topical book is presented to a local library. On occasion, WRAH trustees may present an award of achievement.

2022 WRAH OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES

President	Sarah Klann	Barbara Flinn	Immediate Past President
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RECENT RECIPIENTS OF THE SAH WESTERN RESERVE AWARD

1997:	Foster Armstrong, Richard Klein, & Cara Armstrong A Guide to Cleveland's Sacred Landmarks	2009:	Timothy Barrett, for Research and Advocacy towards Preservation of Significant Sacred Structures.
1998:	Eleven Authors in Search of a Building Edited by Cynthia C. Davidson	2012:	Walter Leedy, (Awarded Posthumously) Eric Mendelson's Park Synagogue Edited by Sara Jane Pearman
1999:	Elwin C. Robison First Kirtland Temple: Design, Construction, and Historic Context	2014:	Nina Freedlander Gibans and James D. Gibans Cleveland Goes Modern: Design for the Home, 1930-1970
2000:	Eric Johanneson (Awarded Posthumously) A Cleveland Legacy: the Architecture of Walker and Weeks	2018:	Laura DeMarco Lost Cleveland
2001:	Ann Marie Wieland, Cleveland State University A Century of Planning in Cleveland	2021:	Jeannine DeNobel Love Cleveland Architecture 1890-1930 Building the City Beautiful
2008:	Bratenahl Historical Society A Place Apart: The History of Bratenahl, Ohio Dianna Tittle, author, Color photos by Jennie Jones		

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ALL PROGRAMS SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION

Masks May Be Required at Certain Venues

Date: Saturday September 17, 2022 at 1:00 PM **LIMITED TO 40**
Subject: Tour of Lake View Cemetery
Speaker: Guide provided by Lake View Cemetery
Place: Begin at the Garfield Monument

Lake View Cemetery, is a nationally recognized landmark of historical and architectural significance, on 285 breathtaking acres. Founded in 1869 by pioneering leaders of Cleveland, it is one of the largest and most beautiful *garden cemeteries* in America. Modeled after the Victorian and Edwardian *garden cemeteries*, of France and England. Lake View is filled with natural landscapes and carefully designed monuments.

Wade Memorial Chapel and the Garfield Monument are featured in the tour. Wade Chapel has one of the few remaining interiors totally designed by Louis Comfort Tiffany and placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1973. The newly restored Garfield Monument features a circular tower 180 ft. high, built of native sandstone, with five bas-relief panels highlighting Garfield's life. The President is entombed in the Monument along with his wife Lucretia. Maps will be given out to guide both driving and walking visitors.

Parking: Enter at Mayfield Rd. (2588 house number across street) Follow the *white line to the left*. Just ahead, park around the Garfield Monument, where the Tour will begin at 1pm.

Please RSVP reservations to Sarah Klann at (216) 226-2820 or email saklann@netzero.net by Monday, September 12. Covid-19 Restriction: Masks may be required depending on governmental health recommendations and/or host preference at the time of the event.

Date: Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at 5:00 PM **WRAH MEMBERS ONLY**
Subject: Rorycrest and the new book, *Monuments Man*
Host: Louis and Savery Rorimer
Place: Rorycrest at Snakehill Farm, L.P.
18171 Geauga Lake Road, Chagrin Falls, Ohio 44023

The host's grandfather, Louis Rorimer, led one of the premier interior design and furniture companies in the Midwest, known as Rorimer-Brooks Studios. He built this stone house known as "Rorycrest" in the 1920's as a home for his family and an example of his style. In 1950, his son, James Rorimer, wrote the recently re-published book *Monuments Man* to tell the story of his service as a monuments officer in World War II. He later became Director of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. Louis and Savery Rorimer will offer a tour of this recently restored home and present the new edition of *Monuments Man*, James Rorimer's account of the quest to save artworks looted by Hitler and Nazi Germany.

References: For additional information about The Rorimer-Brooks Studios, see Leslie Piña, *A Man of Style*. For more about Snake Hill Farm, L.P., go to snakehillfarm.com. For more about *Monuments Man*, go to louisrorimer.com.

Directions: The farm entrance is located across the road from the brown house with red shutters at 18174 Geauga Lake Road, which is next to the farm's market garden, on the west side of Geauga Lake Road. Please do not attempt to program the Rorycrest street address (18171) into your GPS, as it will lead you astray. On the other (east) side of the road is an ascending driveway flanked by stone walls at the entrance. To arrive at Rorycrest, proceed up this driveway bearing to the right. At the fork in the driveway, continue to bear right until arrival in front of the house, where you will be directed to the parking area.

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Date: Saturday, November 12, 2022 at 11:00 AM
Subject: Tour of a Contemporary Home built in 1989/90
Host: Margaret Calkins, Homeowner
Place: 3345 North Park Boulevard, Cleveland Heights, OH 44118

3345 North Park, at the southern edge of Cleveland Heights is located across from what used to be Horseshoe Lake. It was co-designed by Ann Calkins(owner) and Al Yanda (architect) in the late 1980's and construction was finished in 1990. Planned for aging-in-place, this contemporary (think Danish Modern) home features an open floor plan and subtle accessible features throughout. For example, all doors are at least 36" wide to accommodate a wheelchair or scooter, there is a 0-threshold entrance, and adaptable accessible bathroom features were added when needed as Ann and Hugh aged into their 90's. The triangular lot, which abuts the playing field of Beaumont school, is wooded and left natural giving the property the sense that one is further out "in the country" rather than in an inner-ring suburb. The expansive back deck features a light fixture that once hung at the main north entrance of the original Cleveland Museum of Art building. Dr. Margaret Calkins, the current owner, is the daughter of the original residents and is herself a consultant in the field of environments for elders.

Parking is available on North Park Boulevard, in front of the house.

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