

WESTERN RESERVE ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIANS CLEVELAND, OHIO

A Chapter of the SOCIETY of ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIANS



FALL 2023

PROGRAM & 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.

2023 WRAH OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES

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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		

WRAH FALL 2023 PROGRAM

WRAH MEMBERS ONLY

Date: Saturday, September 23, 2023 at 10:30 AM
Subject: The Tremaine-Gallagher House
Speaker: Sarah Phelps Smith, Ph.D., Homeowner and professional art historian
Place: 3001 Fairmount Boulevard, Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44118

Designed by Frederic W. Striebinger for Henry Tremaine and, after a short occupancy, sold to Michael Gallagher, the 1914 Tremaine-Gallagher House is an exquisite example of Beaux Arts style. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the structure is constructed of stucco on masonry with terra cotta detailing and features a loggia with three arches on the façade. Eric Johannesen, author of *Cleveland Architecture 1876-1976*, termed the interior “truly eclectic.” Dr. Smith, informally known as “Sally,” will lead a tour of the house and will discuss its design, construction, and history.

Directions: The Tremaine-Gallagher House is located on the north side of Fairmount Boulevard at Stratford Road. On-street parking is available on both Fairmount and Stratford.

Please RSVP reservations to Sarah Klann at (216) 226-2820 or email saklann@netzero.net by Monday, Sept. 18

Date: Sunday, October 8 at 2:00 PM
Subject: The Judge Lester Taylor House
Speakers: Janet Lichtkoppler, Resident and Friends
Place: 12065 Taylor Wells Road, Chardon, OH 44024

Coming to the Western Reserve as a young man, Lester Taylor settled in Claridon Township in Geauga County. From the beginning he was active as a schoolmaster and participant in community affairs. After his marriage in 1821, he lived in a log cabin which burned in 1824 along with all the family’s possessions. By 1835, he was already serving in the General Assembly of Ohio, was elected associate judge in 1846 and in 1856 served in the Ohio Senate. He died at the age of 101. The Greek Revival gem we will be touring today was completed in 1828 and remains much the same. It was included in Richard Campen’s 1971 book *Architecture of the Western Reserve*. In 1900, the farm was purchased by Wm. Dean Taylor and his sister Janet Augusta Taylor and used as a summer retreat for many years. This branch of the family still owns the property. The current farm is 120 acres on both sides of the road. It is operated as an LLC by 4 sisters.

Directions: On Mayfield Road (Route 322) travel 1.6 miles east from the intersection with Route 44 then turn north on Taylor Wells Road for .7 miles to the house. It is close to the road and hard to miss.

Please RSVP reservations to Sarah Klann at (216) 226-2820 or email saklann@netzero.net by Wednesday, Oct. 4.

Date: Saturday, November 18, 2023 at 10:30 AM
Subject: Historic Preservation and Tax Credits
Speaker: Peter Ketter, Director of Historic Preservation at Sandvick Architects
Place: Rocky River Public Library Auditorium
1600 Hampton Road, Rocky River, Ohio 44116

The use of historic tax credits has become an important catalyst for the renovation, restoration, and repurposing of structures in Northeast Ohio in recent years, and the City of Cleveland, especially, has been the beneficiary of much of this work. Mr. Ketter will discuss the general historic tax credit process and specific historic preservation projects which have come to fruition through the use of these credits. A short question and answer period will follow his presentation. Attendees may browse in the library before or after the talk and view the Cowan Pottery Museum collection as well as the enlarged and mounted photographs of historic Rocky River.

Directions: The Rocky River Public Library is located north of Interstate 90 in Rocky River and can be accessed via local streets from either the Hillard Road exit (westbound) or the Detroit Road exit (eastbound). Parking is available both in the library parking lot and on nearby streets.

Please RSVP reservations to Sarah Klann at (216) 226-2820 or email saklann@netzero.net by Monday, November 13.