WESTERN RESERVE ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIANS
CLEVELAND, OHIO

A Chapter of the SOCIETY of ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIANS

FALL 2021

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.

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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

1998: Eleven Authors in Search of a Building
Edited by Cynthia C. Davidson

1999: Elwin C. Robison
First Kirtland Temple: Design, Construction, and Historic Context

2000: Eric Johanneson (Awarded Posthumously)
A Cleveland Legacy: the Architecture of Walker and Weeks

2001: Ann Marie Wieland, Cleveland State University
A Century of Planning in Cleveland

2008: Breatenahl Historical Society
A Place Apart: The History of Breatenahl, Ohio


2012: Walter Leedy, (Awarded Posthumously)
Eric Mendelson’s Park Synagogue
Edited by Sara Jane Pearman

2014: Nina Freedlander Gibans and James D. Gibans
Cleveland Goes Modern: Design for the Home, 1930-1970

2018: Laura DeMarco
Lost Cleveland

2021: Jeannine DeNobel Love
Cleveland Architecture 1890-1930
Building the City Beautiful
WRAH FALL 2021 PROGRAM
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Date: Saturday, September 25, 2021 at 10:00 AM
Subject: Edgewater Beach House, Wendy Park Bridge, Former Cleveland Coast Guard Station
Speakers: David W. Craun, AIA, LEED AP, Principal, Bialosky Cleveland
Sean E. McDermott, P.E., Chief Planning and Design Officer, Cleveland Metroparks
Place: Edgewater Beach House, Edgewater Park
7600 Cleveland Memorial Shoreway
Cleveland, Ohio 44102

Over the last few years, under the auspices of the Cleveland Metroparks, Edgewater and Wendy Parks have been transformed into vibrant oases in the city. The $4,500,000 Edgewater Beach House, opened in June, 2017 has been enjoyed by thousands of parkgoers. The Wendy Park Bridge, opened earlier this year, provides a needed link to Whiskey Island and Wendy Park for both pedestrians from nearby neighborhoods and bicyclists from lakefront and towpath trails. The former Coast Guard Station, a striking example of Art Moderne opened in 1940, now provides a home for a local sailing school. Mr. Craun, the principal designer of the Beach House, will discuss how the structure came to fruition. After his talk, attendees will reconvene at the northern end of the bridge where Mr. McDermott will address the design and construction of the span. Thereafter, those interested may walk as a group to the former Coast Guard Station where the history of the building will be reviewed.

Directions: Edgewater Park is best accessed by automobile from the Memorial Shoreway either from the east or west. Multiple approaches to the park are available by bicycle or on foot. After Mr. Craun finishes his presentation, attendees will be directed to Whiskey Island. Ample parking spaces are present at Edgewater Park and Whiskey Island, near both the beach house and bridge.

Please RSVP reservations to Sarah Klann at (216) 226-2820 or email saklann@netzero.net by Monday, September 20.

Date: Saturday, October 16, 2021 at 11:00 AM
Subject: A Tour of Mill Creek Park, Youngstown, Ohio
Speaker: Lynn Zocolo, Mill Creek MetroParks Educator
Place: Lanterman’s Mill main parking lot on East Park Drive
Limited to 24 attendees, Cost of Tour $10

Established in 1891 as Ohio’s first park district by Volney Rogers, Mill Creek Park in Youngstown is Ohio’s oldest MetroPark. The natural beauty of the Mill Creek Gorge inspired Rogers (an attorney by trade) to promote the preservation of the site, and his work at Mill Creek became a model for public parks across the state. Led by Lynn Zocolo, Mill Creek MetroParks Educator, this tour will explain the park’s natural and industrial history with guided tours of Lanterman’s Mill (on foot) and other sites in the park (aboard the Cohanse Trolley). Following the tours, members can reconvene for lunch at Mill Creek’s Garden Café by Kravitz Deli, a Youngstown dining institution. Self-guided tours of Fellows Riverside Gardens will follow. This tour is limited to 24 attendees, and costs $10 per person. When you RSVP, please indicate if you intend to join us for lunch (not included in the tour fee). Meet at 11:00 AM in the Lanterman’s Mill main parking lot on East Park Drive near the intersection with Canfield Road. Physical address for the mill: 1001 Canfield Rd., Youngstown, OH 44511.

Please RSVP reservations to Sarah Klann at (216) 226-2820 or email saklann@netzero.net by Monday, October 11.

Date: Sunday, November 7, 2021 at 1:30 PM
Subject: Cozad-Bates House
Speaker: Elise Yablonsky, Planning Director, University Circle, Inc.
Place: Cozad-Bates Interpretive Center.
11508 Mayfield Road
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Dating to the mid-nineteenth century, the Cozad-Bates House is the oldest surviving structure in University Circle. The house was constructed in 1853 by abolitionist Andrew Cozad and was an important stop on the Underground Railroad. In 1872, an Italianate front was added to the structure. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1974, recently the house was renovated and repurposed into the Cozad-Bates Interpretive Center which focuses on the abolitionist movement and the Underground Railroad. Ms. Yablonsky will discuss the history of the structure including the recent renovation of both the house and grounds as well as lead the attendees through the exhibits inside. Directions: The Cozad-Bates House is located on the southeast corner of the intersection of Mayfield Road and East 115th Street. Parking is available on nearby streets or, for a nominal charge, at the public parking facility across the street and slightly to the northwest on Mayfield Road.

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