

# WESTERN RESERVE ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIANS CLEVELAND, OHIO

A Chapter of the SOCIETY of ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIANS



**FALL 2024**

## PROGRAM & INFORMATION

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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### WESTERN RESERVE ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIANS

**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.

#### 2024 WRAH OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES

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#### RECENT RECIPIENTS OF THE SAH WESTERN RESERVE AWARD

<p>1997: Foster Armstrong, Richard Klein, &amp; Cara Armstrong <b>A Guide to Cleveland's Sacred Landmarks</b></p> <p>1998: <b>Eleven Authors in Search of a Building</b> Edited by Cynthia C. Davidson</p> <p>1999: Elwin C. Robison <b>First Kirtland Temple: Design, Construction, and Historic Context</b></p> <p>2000: Eric Johanneson (Awarded Posthumously) <b>A Cleveland Legacy: the Architecture of Walker and Weeks</b></p> <p>2001: Ann Marie Wieland, Cleveland State University <b>A Century of Planning in Cleveland</b></p> <p>2008: Bratenahl Historical Society <b>A Place Apart: The History of Bratenahl, Ohio</b> Dianna Tittle, author, Color photos by Jennie Jones</p>	<p>2009: Timothy Barrett, for Research and Advocacy towards Preservation of Significant Sacred Structures.</p> <p>2012: Walter Leedy, (Awarded Posthumously) <b>Eric Mendelson's Park Synagogue</b> Edited by Sara Jane Pearman</p> <p>2014: Nina Freedlander Gibans and James D. Gibans <b>Cleveland Goes Modern: Design for the Home, 1930-1970</b></p> <p>2018: Laura DeMarco <b>Lost Cleveland</b></p> <p>2021: Jeannine DeNobel Love <b>Cleveland Architecture 1890-1930</b> <b>Building the City Beautiful</b></p>
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# WRAH FALL 2024 PROGRAM

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**Date:** Saturday, August 24, 2024 at 10:00 AM  
**Subject:** Northern Ohio Railway Museum  
**Speaker(s):** Dale Rothenberger, Director, Visitor Experience and Staff  
**Place:** Northern Ohio Railway Museum  
5515 Buffham Road  
Westfield Township, Ohio 44273

Established in 1965, the Northern Ohio Railway Museum is dedicated “to collect, preserve, restore, display, and operate streetcars and other railway equipment for the education and entertainment of the public.” Over forty pieces of equipment including streetcars and other rolling stock are housed at the museum. Attendees will tour the barns and grounds, take a streetcar ride, and view a film “Trolley” about the past, present, and future of electric transit.

**Directions:** The museum is located in Westfield Township between Chippewa Lake and Seville. From the I-71/I-76/224 interchange, take Route 224 west 0.4 mile to Medina County Road 19 (Lake Road). Turn right (north) on Lake Road and go 0.6 mile to Buffham Road. Turn right (east) on Buffham Road and drive one mile to the museum (located on the left).

**RSVP to Sarah Klann at (440) 409-4245 or email saklann@netzero.net by Monday, August 19.**

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**Date:** Sunday, September 15, 2024 at 11:00 AM & 2:00 PM **MEMBERS ONLY**  
**Subject:** The Averbook Magic Art Museum & Library, Magic Art LLC  
**Speakers:** Bruce J. Averbook, MD, Facs & Associates  
**Place:** 205 Lake Meade Drive  
Orange Village, Ohio 44022

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**Date:** Saturday, October 5, 2024 at 1:30 PM  
**Subject:** Look About Lodge  
**Speaker:** Judy MacKeigan, Cleveland Metroparks, Author and Historian  
**Place:** 37374 Miles Road (within the South Chagrin Reservation of the Cleveland Metroparks)  
Bentleyville, Ohio 44022

Look About Lodge was completed in 1938 by the Works Progress Administration for a final cost of \$26,000. The Cleveland Natural Science Club (CNSC) had outgrown its meeting place and requested a new location from the Cleveland Metropolitan Park Board which led to the current site on Miles Road. The CNSC was a group of Cleveland educators who met to teach students about nature and science. Look About Lodge was placed on the National Register of Historic places in 2006. The rustic design by architect, Anton George Nosek, was inspired by Old Faithful Lodge in Yellowstone National Park. Nosek's designs are seen in numerous shelters throughout the Cleveland Metroparks as well as the American Legion Camp in North Chagrin. The CNSC raised \$8,500 through fundraisers and donations to purchase the construction materials including 300 American chestnut logs from Loudonville, Ohio. A hand-wrought iron chandelier and deck chairs were built and contributed in 1939 by the wood shop class at Bedford High School. The CNSC continues to hold monthly meeting at Look About Lodge but, in 1993, turned the responsibility for the Lodge over to the Metroparks.

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**Date:** Sunday, December 8, 2024 at 2:00 PM  
**Subject:** Hotel Cleveland, an Autograph Collection Hotel by Marriott  
**Speaker:** Kim Romance, Event Coordinator  
**Place:** Hotel Cleveland, 24 Public Square, Cleveland, Ohio 44113

The southwest corner of Cleveland's Public Square has been a hostelry location since 1815. Various hotels and many ownerships are associated with the site over the centuries. Today's Hotel Cleveland replaces the previous Renaissance Hotel. A grand hotel built here in 1918 was acquired by the Van Sweringen brothers in 1922 and interconnected into their Tower City Group. The building appears to bookend, along with the 1931 Higbee Department Store, the majestic Beaux Arts entrance to the lobby for the 708 foot tall Terminal Tower (1927). Marriott has just completed a 9 year restoration and renovation program of the hotel. Our tour will highlight its orientation to Public Square, plus we'll see the mix of original architectural features and interior appointments such as the massive chandeliers in the reconfigured restaurant. Photographs depicting Cleveland's history and past hotel guests decorate this “Autograph” hotel. This grand hotel has the distinction of being a charter member of the National Trust's Historic Hotels of America.

**Directions:** Use Superior Road main entrance. Proceed to 2nd floor lobby front desk.

**Parking:** Hotel Garage. Exchange parking ticket for \$15.00 discount pass from tour guide.  
Consider riding RTA to Tower City.

**Limit of 40 persons for the tour.**

**RSVP to Sarah Klann at (440) 409-4245 or email saklann@netzero.net by Saturday, November 30.**

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