WESTERN RESERVE ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIANS
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A Chapter of the SOCIETY of ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIANS

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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
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 Johannesson (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: Bratenahl Historical Society
A Place Apart: The History of Bratenahl, Ohio
Dianna Tittle, author, Color photos by Jennie Jones

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 SPRING 2023 PROGRAM

Date: Saturday March 11 at 10:00 AM
Subject: Tour of St. Mary's Romanian Orthodox Cathedral and Romanian Ethnic Art Museum
Speaker: Rev. Father Remus Grama
Place: 3256 Warren Road, Cleveland, OH 44111 Website www.smroc.org

A tour of the cathedral and museum will begin at 10:00 AM. Meet in the sanctuary for the history and highlights of the church followed by a tour of the museum and social hall. This parish is the oldest Romanian Orthodox church in the United States and was founded in 1904. It moved to the current location in 1960 from a building on Detroit Avenue. The current cathedral design is based on the wooden churches of Transylvania. The museum features paintings, textiles, costumes and pottery from Romania. The social hall has a 98.5' hammered copper frieze that was originally in the Romanian exhibit at the 1939 New York World's Fair. It tells the story of the Romanian people. It was stored in the basement of the old church after the fair closed. The old church burned to the ground in 1973 and the frieze was rescued and restored. It has become a focal point in the new social hall. The congregation has an active schedule of festivals and congresses that help keep the historic customs of their Romanian ancestors current in today's community. Off street parking is available in the large church parking lot.

Please RSVP reservations to Sarah Klann at (216) 226-2820 or email saksann@netzero.net by Friday, March 3.

Covid-19 Restriction: Masks may be required depending on governmental health recommendations and/or host preference at the time of the event.

Date: Sunday April 16 at 2:00 PM
Subject: The restored McDowell Phillips House
Speakers: Brian Feron, President Medina County Historical Society and guides
Place: 205 South Prospect Street, Medina, Ohio 44256 www.medinacountyhistoricalsociety.com

THERE WILL BE A $5.00 FEE COLLECTED AT THE DOOR FOR MEMBERS, $9.00 FOR NON-MEMBERS

The Medina County Historical Society is 101 years old and has been preserving the county history for that entire period. The McDowell Phillips House was considered the largest private home in Medina. The construction on this Queen Anne Shingle-Style house was begun in 1890 and finished in 1892 and was in the same family from that time until the MCHS acquired it in 2019. Original building cost was $10,000 and it was designed by Medina native George Nettleton who had a successful architecture firm in Detroit. The home was built by the Gruninger Brothers of Medina and includes twelve rooms, seven bedrooms, seven fireplaces, two full bathrooms, an attic cistern, a basement chemical plant to produce gas for lighting, and a dumbwaiter to carry items between floors from the basement to the attic. The family was home to four generations of bankers, insurance agents, merchants and educators. Come and learn about the dumbwaiter and other unique features of this house. Adjacent and on street parking.

Miss Molly's Tea Room, 140 Washington Street (2 blocks away) is open on Sundays for lunch at noon.

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Date: Sunday, May 7 at 2:00 PM
Subject: Tour of Frostville Museum - A living history museum of 19th-century Ohio
Speakers: Knowledgeable representatives from Frostville staff and Olmsted Historical Society Members
Place: 24101 Cedar Point Road, North Olmsted - at corner of Cedar Point and Lewis roads, just to the east of Columbus Road, and within the Cleveland Metroparks Rocky River Reservation.

There is a Columbia Road interchange, near Great Northern Mall, on I-480

The museum complex consists of seven historic buildings and two new structures maintained and operated by the Olmsted Historical Society. We expect to see the interiors of a majority of them. The Prechtel House (1876) is original to the site, with the other buildings - store, barn, church, carriage house, schoolhouse, and other structures - all having joined the complex at various times. Much restoration has taken place; buildings are furnished appropriately, with the barn filled with farm equipment and other historical materials related to the Township's history. The tour may interest you in coming back to Frostville on a Saturday morning when a large farmers' market is held through the year.

You may also wish to visit, before or after the tour, the Grand Pacific Junction in nearby downtown Olmsted Falls - just three miles away south on Columbia Road. This complex, within a Historic District on the National Register of Historic Places, includes many boutiques including two antique shops, a historic hotel, restaurants including a tearoom an ice cream parlor, and charming landscaping. A free brochure with details on the site history is available at various sites. If there is still time you may also want to visit other shops as well as see the exteriors of many private 19th-century buildings in that community.

Parking: The Frostville Museum has its own parking lot. The bridge just south of Frostville on Cedar Point Road has been closed. If that is still the case in May, Frostville must be approached from the north on either Cedar Point Road or Lewis Road.

Please RSVP reservations to Sarah Klann at (216) 226-2820 or email saksann@netzero.net by Sunday, April 30th.