

WESTERN RESERVE ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIANS CLEVELAND, OHIO

A Chapter of the SOCIETY of ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIANS



SPRING 2018 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 annually, 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

<p>1992: Walter C. Leedy, Jr Cleveland Builds an Art Museum: Patronage, Politics, and Architecture, 1844 – 1916</p> <p>1993: Jan Cigliano Showplace of America: Cleveland's Euclid Avenue, 1850 – 1910</p> <p>1996: Susan P. McKiernan & Joann King Building a Firm Foundation: Medina County Architecture, 1811 – 1900</p> <p>1997: Foster Armstrong, Richard Klein, & Cara Armstrong A Guide to Cleveland's Sacred Landmarks</p> <p>1998: Eleven Authors in Search of a Building Edited by Cynthia C. Davidson</p> <p>1999: Elwin C. Robison First Kirtland Temple: Design, Construction, and Historic Context</p>	<p>2000: Eric Johanneson (Awarded Posthumously) A Cleveland Legacy: the Architecture of Walker and Weeks</p> <p>2001: Ann Marie Wieland, Cleveland State University A Century of Planning in Cleveland</p> <p>2008: Bratenahl Historical Society A Place Apart: The History of Bratenahl, Ohio 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) Eric Mendelson's Park Synagogue Edited by Sara Jane Pearman</p> <p>2014: Nina Freedlander Gibans and James D. Gibans Cleveland Goes Modern: Design for the Home, 1930-1970</p>
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WRAH SPRING PROGRAM 2018

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Date: Sunday, February 25, 2018 at 10:30 a.m.
Subject: The New Children's Museum of Cleveland
Speaker: Kelsey Tarace, Director of Education
Place: The Historical Stager-Beckwith Mansion, 3813 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH 441

Join us for a tour of Cleveland's newest museum in one of the last mansions on Euclid Avenue's Millionaires Row. Built as a private home in 1866, it became the University Club in 1898 and the club closed in 2003. From 2004 until 2007 the building was the home of Myers College. The Children's Museum purchased the site in 2014 when the lease on their University Circle home was not renewed so a high rise apartment building could be built. A two year intensive adaptation into the new function was completed in November 2017 when the building opened to the public. Featuring interactive exhibits and several rooms of doll houses, we will be able to channel our inner child. We have received a special dispensation to visit without being accompanied by a child. There will be a \$5.00 fee per person.

Directions: The parking lot is on Euclid Avenue in front of the museum.

Please RSVP reservations to Sarah Klann at (216) 226-2820 or e-mail saklann@netzero.net by Tuesday, February 20.

Date: Saturday, March 24, 2018 at 1:30 p.m.
Subject: The Starr Mansion and The Hickories
Speaker: Bill Bird, Former Executive Director, Lorain County Historical Society
Place: Lorain County History Center
284 Washington Avenue
Elyria, Ohio 44035

The Lorain County Historical Society has preserved two nineteenth-century mansions in Elyria: The Horace Starr House and The Hickories. Both structures are located on Washington Avenue, once the "Euclid Avenue" of Elyria. The Italianate-Style Starr House, built in 1857, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and houses offices of the historical society, seven galleries, a research library, and a gift shop. The Hickories, constructed in 1895 by Arthur Garford, is a Richardsonian Romanesque and Shingle-Style home with Tiffany-inspired windows, six fireplaces, a private chapel, and magnificent oak, cherry, and mahogany woodwork. After a tour of the Starr House and gallery tour, attendees will travel 0.2 mi. north to The Hickories, 509 Washington Avenue, where the program will resume.

Directions: The Lorain County History Center is located to the north of downtown Elyria. Parking is available at both properties as well as on nearby streets. Reservations for this meeting are mandatory.

Please RSVP reservations to Sarah Klann at (216) 226-2820 or e-mail saklann@netzero.net by Tuesday, March 20.

Date: Sunday, April 22, 2018 at 1:30 p.m.
Subject: *Lost Cleveland*
Speakers: Laura DeMarco, Author and *Plain Dealer* writer
Lauren Hansgen, Curator, Cowan Pottery Museum
Place: Rocky River Public Library
1600 Hampton Road
Rocky River, Ohio 44116

Published in 2017, *Lost Cleveland* by Laura DeMarco is an exquisitely-crafted book with photographs of vanished buildings and scenes from Cleveland's past accompanied by stories that bring these images to life again. Ms. DeMarco, recipient of the 2018 Society of Architectural Historians Western Reserve Award, will talk about the ideas, the research process, and the writing that brought this book into print. Upon completion of the author's presentation, Lauren Hansgen, curator of the Cowan Pottery Museum housed in the library, will lead us on a tour of the collections and discuss the history of the pottery which began in 1912 and closed as a result of financial stresses caused by the Great Depression. The pottery went bankrupt in 1931. The collection features over 1,200 pieces of this distinctive form of American Art Pottery.

Directions: The Rocky River Public Library is easily accessible via local streets or from Interstate 90 (Hilliard Road exit westbound or Detroit Road exit eastbound). Parking is available adjacent to the library and on nearby streets.

Please RSVP reservations to Sarah Klann at (216) 226-2820 or e-mail saklann@netzero.net by Tuesday, April 17.

Date: Friday, May 25, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.
Subject: The Kirtland Temple
Speaker: Professor Elwin Robison, PhD, College of Architecture & Environmental Design, Kent State U
Place: The Kirtland Temple
7809 Joseph Street
Kirtland, OH 44094

The Kirtland Temple is the first permanent building constructed by the Mormon faith. One of the larger structures in northeast Ohio when it was completed in 1836, it has a unique format with two congregational spaces one over the other. The plan was developed by the faith's leaders, Joseph Smith, Sidney Rigdon, and Frederick Williams. These men reported receiving a vision of the building, which they described with crude drawings and a written description. Experienced craftsmen then worked out the details of the building. Many of these details came from Asher Benjamin's *Practical House Carpenter*. Stone was quarried from local ravines, and a sawmill was built in the Kirtland Flats at the base of the hill to provide lumber and millwork. The Kirtland Temple served as the pattern for later temples built in Illinois and Utah.

Directions: From I-90 take Exit 193 for Mentor/Kirtland and turn south on Ohio Route 306. Follow the signs to the Temple at the top of the hill on the right. Meet in the visitor center.

Please RSVP reservations to Sarah Klann at (216) 226-2820 or e-mail saklann@netzero.net by Monday, May 21.