

WESTERN RESERVE ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIANS CLEVELAND, OHIO

A Chapter of the SOCIETY of ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIANS



SPRING 2019 PROGRAM & INFORMATION

MEMBERSHIP 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.

2019 WRAH OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES

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RECENT RECIPIENTS OF THE SAH WESTERN RESERVE AWARD

1993:	Jan Cigliano Showplace of America: Cleveland's Euclid Avenue, 1850 – 1910	2001:	Ann Marie Wieland , Cleveland State University A Century of Planning in Cleveland
1996:	Susan P. McKiernan & Joann King Building a Firm Foundation: Medina County Architecture, 1811 – 1900	2008:	Bratenahl Historical Society A Place Apart: The History of Bratenahl, Ohio Dianna Tittle, author, Color photos by Jennie Jones
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

WRAH SPRING PROGRAM 2019

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Date: Sunday, March 10, 2019, 2:00pm
Subject: East 105th & Euclid – Cleveland's Iconic Crossroads
Speaker: Dennis Sutcliffe
Place: Dunham Tavern Barn, 6709 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH

The area, also known as Doan's Corners, began as a stagecoach stop on the road from Buffalo. By the first half of the 20th Century it had become an entertainment mecca offering Clevelanders a taste of New York City high life featuring lavish theaters and posh hotels. By the 1970's it was the flash-point for battles with the city's power structure. Today it is part of the sprawling campus of Cleveland Clinic. The program includes audio clips from famous celebrities who performed in the neighborhood.

Mr. Sutcliffe is a life-long Clevelander, a Cleveland Heights resident and a retired executive. Over the past nine years he has made over 300 "Lost Cleveland Memories" presentations at public libraries, senior centers, community centers and historical societies in the Cleveland, Akron, Lorain, and Lake County areas.

Please RSVP reservations to Sarah Klann at (216) 226-2820; e-mail saklann@netzero.net by Wednesday March, 6

Date: Sunday, April 28, 2019, 1:00 PM
Subject: A Century of Landscape Design around the Cleveland Museum of Art: From the Fine Arts Garden to the Nord Family Greenway and Doan Brook Restoration Project
Speaker: Jeffrey Streaan, Director of Design and Architecture, Cleveland Museum of Art
Place: Cleveland Museum of Art, Lower Level, Classroom A, 11150 East Blvd., Cleveland, OH

The recent completion of the Nord Family Greenway and Doan Brook restoration project have opened new vistas around the Cleveland Museum of Art complimenting the original 1928 design of the Fine Arts Garden. The new east-west promenade and creation of new parkland abutting the brook unify the grounds of the museum with both Rockefeller Park and the Maltz Performing Arts Center of CWRU. Mr. Streaan will discuss the history of landscape design around the museum including the recent developments. A walking tour of the area around the museum will follow the talk.

Comfortable shoes are suggested.

Directions: The Cleveland Museum of Art is located at University Circle and is readily accessible by public transportation and local roads from all directions. The most convenient parking for this event will be found on level P2 of the museum parking garage with direct access to the building by tunnel.

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Date: Saturday, May 18, 2019, 1:00pm
Subject: Landscape Architecture tour of Eastman Reading Garden, Public Square and Perk Park
Speaker: Charles Frederick, Assistant Professor of Landscape Architecture, Kent State University
Place: The tour will begin at 1:00pm in the Eastman Reading Garden, adjacent to the Cleveland Public Library, 525 W. Superior Ave, Cleveland, OH.

Downtown Cleveland is known for its remarkable architecture, but it also has several urban spaces designed by nationally- and internationally-recognized landscape architects. Join us on Saturday, May 18th for a guided walking tour of the Eastman Reading Garden, Public Square and Perk Park. The Eastman Reading Garden at the Cleveland Public Library was designed collaboratively by LAND Studio, Olin Partnership and Maya Lin, in an effort to incorporate both public art and exterior spaces into the Louis Stokes building. James Corner Field Operations and LAND Studio converted Public Square's four separate quadrants into one unified public space, thereby making it more pedestrian-friendly, while still maintaining much of the vehicular traffic through the site. Thomas Balsley Associates, who partnered with Jim McKnight, transformed Perk Park from a sunken Brutalist plaza into a lively 21st century urban space. This is an outdoor walking tour, so bring good walking shoes and weather-appropriate attire.

Directions: Garage and street parking are available near the Library.

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Date: Saturday, June 15, 2019, 10:30am
Subject: The 1828 Elam Jones House, The Early Trumbull County Clock Industry
The 1821 Peter Allen Inn, Gem of the Western Reserve
Speaker: Chris and Diane Klingemier, Homeowners, Restorers, Collectors
Place: Hartford, OH and the Peter Allen Inn, Kinsman, OH

The day will start at 10:30am in Hartford, OH with a tour of one of the best restored early Western Reserve homes that also includes a fine collection of antique furnishings and decorative items. A recent addition was added to house the extensive collection of Trumbull County clocks. Mr. Klingemier received his master's degree from Youngstown State University with his thesis on the history of the clock industry in Hartford and its environs. He teaches classes on historic preservation at YSU. Following the visit we will drive to the Peter Allen Inn, about 20 minutes to the north, in Kinsman, OH for lunch and a visit to one of the grandest houses in the Reserve. In 1821, Dr. Peter Allen hired architect Willis Smith of Connecticut to construct his home. This would become Smith's most memorable accomplishment and a jewel in the Federal Neo-Classical style. The building was recently completely restored and is now a two room bed and breakfast and fine dining destination. An announcement will be sent in May with directions and a reservation form. Both of these sites are prime examples of the best in the early Western Reserve.

For more information about The Peter Allen Inn, check out the website at peteralleninn.com