

WESTERN RESERVE ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIANS

CLEVELAND, OHIO

A Chapter of the SOCIETY of ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIANS



FALL 2024

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.

2024 WRAH OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES

President	Sarah Klann	Barbara Flinn	Immediate Past President
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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	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
2001:	Ann Marie Wieland, Cleveland State University A Century of Planning in Cleveland	2021:	Jeannine DeNobel Love Cleveland Architecture 1890-1930 Building the City Beautiful
2008:	Bratenahl Historical Society A Place Apart: The History of Bratenahl, Ohio Dianna Tittle, author, Color photos by Jennie Jones		

WRAH FALL 2024 PROGRAM

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.

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

WRITUP AND RESERVATION FORM ON ENCLOSED PAGE

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.

RSVP to Sarah Klann at (440) 409-4245 or email saklann@netzero.net by Friday September 27.

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.

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