

WESTERN RESERVE ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIANS

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A Chapter of the SOCIETY of ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIANS



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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 six 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.

2025 WRAH OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES

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RECENT RECIPIENTS OF THE SAH WESTERN RESERVE AWARD

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	2024:	Lauren Pacini Empire Builders
2012:	Dianna Tittle, author, Color photos by Jennie Jones Walter Leedy, (Awarded Posthumously) Eric Mendelson’s Park Synagogue Edited by Sara Jane Pearman	2025:	Stephanie Ryberg-Webster Preserving the Vanishing City

WRAH FALL 2026 PROGRAM

Events Free and Open to the Public Except as Specified Below
Membership Information Available at www.wrah.org

Date: Saturday, September 19, 2026 at 1:30 PM

Subject: A Walking Tour of Lakeside

Speaker: Douglas Huber, Lakeside Heritage Society & Ottawa County Historical Society

Place: The Fountain Inn Hotel, 225 Maple Avenue, Lakeside, Ohio 43440

Attendees will assemble in the lobby of the Fountain Inn Hotel, where Douglas Huber will provide a brief orientation about the tour and the work of the Lakeside Heritage Society followed by an approximately 1 ½ mile walk through the community. The first stop will be inside the Lakeside Hotel where the group will hear the story of this historic structure as well as the history of the early “Board Tent” cottages, once common in Lakeside. Leaving the hotel, the group will see a cottage from the late nineteenth century, then, view a “Shingle-Style” house. Walking past some “Mission Revival” buildings, the group will stop at the Hoover Auditorium noteworthy for a free-standing dome with a fascinating story. Visible from the grounds of the auditorium are various cottages built in a “Camp Meeting” style. The tour will continue past houses constructed in “Second Empire,” “Tudor,” and “New Traditional Craftsman” styles --- all with interesting histories. The walk will conclude at the museum and archives of the Lakeside Heritage Society, at 210 Walnut Avenue, near the original starting point of the tour, where attendees may browse and Mr. Huber will take any final questions. **Parking:** On street. **Reservations:** RSVP to Laura Peskin at 440.637.5829 or email LDEEPCLVLND@gmail.com by Monday, September 14.

Date: Sunday, October 4, 2026 at 10:00 AM

Subject: Mayfield Cemetery

Speaker: Ryan Corrigan, Manager/Superintendent

Place: Mayfield Cemetery Mausoleum/Chapel, 2749 Mayfield Road, Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44106

Established in 1887 with the purchase of the land by Jacob Mendelson of The Temple-Tifereth Israel, Mayfield Cemetery is now one of the major Jewish cemeteries in Northeast Ohio. In 1890, congregations Tifereth Israel and Anshe Chesed joined together to create an organization, United Jewish Cemeteries of Cleveland, to own, operate, and maintain the garden-style cemetery. In 1930, a magnificent Byzantine style mausoleum was constructed with a chapel seating up to 130 people. Mr. Corrigan will discuss the history of the cemetery, the architecture of the mausoleum and chapel, and afterward will lead a tour of the cemetery grounds highlighting the gravesites of the well-known and famous people buried at Mayfield Cemetery. Attendees should assemble at the mausoleum/chapel for the start of the program. **Accessibility:** The tour will require attendees to navigate stairs and uneven ground. **Parking:** Adjacent to mausoleum/chapel. **Reservations:** RSVP reservations to Steve Kish at 440.382.7454 or email stevekish74@aol.com by Monday, September 28.

Date: Saturday, October 17, 2026 at 1:00 PM (check-in 12:45 PM)

Subject: Tour of Three Historic Properties in Alliance

Speakers: Alliance Heritage Group and associates

Place: Glamorgan Castle, 200 Glamorgan Street, Alliance, Ohio 44601

Glamorgan Castle, dubbed “a castle with four lives” was built in 1904 as the palatial home of inventor-industrialist Colonel William Henry Morgan (1865-1928). During the Great Depression, the castle became an Elks lodge and later the corporate headquarters of Alliance Machine. From 1973 to the present, the Castle has been owned by Alliance City Schools. The sumptuous Italianate Mabel Hartzell Home started life in 1867 as the residence of Matthew and Mary Earley, adoptive parents to Mabel Hartzell (1875-1954). Hartzell, who enjoyed a distinguished career in education and was active in several community groups, willed her home to the Alliance Historical Society. The Haines House was constructed 1827-1842 by John and Nancy Grant. In 1852, their daughter Sarah (1822-1903) and her husband Ridgeway Haines (1821-1899) made their home a station on the Underground Railroad. After Sarah Haines’ death and an era as a double house, the residence was restored and occupied by noted architectural historian Eric Johanessen. In 2001, the Haines House was purchased by the Alliance Area Preservation Society and opened to the public. **Accessibility:** To enjoy the full tour, attendees will be required to navigate staircases. **Check-in:** 12:45 PM in the Glamorgan Castle parking lot or under portico if rain. **Parking:** In adjacent lot and on street. Driving directions to the Hartzell Home, the second tour stop, and Haines House, the last tour stop, will be distributed at the Castle along with parking recommendations. **Fee:** WRAH members free & guests \$20 at door - check payable to WRAH (preferred) or cash - includes membership for remainder of 2026. **Reservations:** RSVP to Laura Peskin at 440.637.5829 or email LDEEPCLVLND@gmail.com by Monday, October 12.

Date: Friday, November 6, 2026 at 2:00 PM

Subject: The Streamline Moderne Greyhound Bus Station of Cleveland

Speakers: Professor Brett Tippey, College of Architecture & Environmental Design, Kent State University
Thomas Einhouse, retired Vice President of Facilities & Capital, Playhouse Square

Place: The Hermit Club, 1629 Dodge Court, Cleveland, Ohio 44114

Constructed in 1948, the former Greyhound Bus Station in downtown Cleveland is a classic example of Streamline Moderne architecture. Awaiting a “second life” after being purchased by Playhouse Square, the structure will be an anchor for a potential “North Campus” for the organization. Dr. Tippey, an architect and professor at KSU, will discuss the Streamline Moderne style. After a short Q&A session, attendees will proceed across Chester Avenue to the bus station where Mr. Einhouse will comment on potential plans for adaptive reuse of the station and lead a causal walk through the building. Light refreshments will be served. **Parking:** Playhouse Sq. garage, nearby lots or on street. **Reservations:** RSVP to Steve Kish at 440.382.7454 or email stevekish74@aol.com by Monday, November 2.