



Laura Thompson, Executive Director
mahergw@sbcglobal.net
Georgia Braun, Program Manager
Carol Garman, Volunteer Coordinator

Things to Do at Pleasant Home

About Pleasant Home

Pleasant Home is a National Historic Landmark building designed in 1897 by noted Prairie School architect George W. Maher for investment banker and philanthropist John W. Farson. Pleasant Home is one of the earliest and most distinguished examples of Prairie architecture in the country and has one of the best-preserved interiors of that design era. Visitors experience the extraordinary art glass, custom furniture, intricately carved woodwork, and unique design details in this historical and architectural treasure through guided tours. The Pleasant Home Foundation, a non-profit organization established in 1990, is dedicated to restoring, preserving, and operating this 30-room architectural landmark as an historic house museum.

Tours

Offered year-round to individuals and groups (school groups welcome!), our tour program is the perfect "hands-on" learning experience to complement a curriculum encompassing history, arts, or architecture. Pleasant Home can also provide breakfast, lunch, tea or dinner for group tours. The first floor is wheelchair accessible.

General tours: Th-Su: 12:30pm, 1:30pm, and 2:30pm (Dec 1-Feb 28: 12:30pm and 1:30pm only. Closed major holidays.)

PHF members: Free /**Individuals:** \$5 /**Students:** \$3
For group tours and rate information, please call Georgia Braun at (708) 383-2654.

Rental Opportunities

The many spacious rooms, layout, and expansive windows looking onto the four-acre park make Pleasant Home a truly wonderful setting for the most intimate meetings or festive affairs: corporate meetings, luncheons, private parties, wedding ceremonies, and receptions. John Farson, a civic leader in the Oak Park community, was the original owner of the home and frequently opened his residence and grounds for grand gatherings. We welcome your event to Pleasant Home. Call Georgia Braun at (708) 383-2654 for rental information.

FREE Admission Annual Lecture Series Global Influences: Women in the Arts and Crafts Movement

A free lecture series focusing on important women in the movement, including architecture, decorative arts, and interior design. Held in partnership with the Oak Park Public Library. FREE!

Th, March 4 at 7pm

Th, Mar 11 at 7pm



Go Fly a Kite! Turn of the Century Toy Workshop

Every child should know how to make - and fly - a kite! This season's Turn-of-the-Century-Toy workshops will show you how to build beautiful kites out of ordinary materials that really fly! Register through Pleasant Home, (708) 383-2654

\$15 per person all materials included

Sa, Apr 10 from 10-11:30am

Sa, May 8 from 10-11:30am



Arts programming at Pleasant Home is partially supported by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency.

Pleasant Home Gift Shop

We have books, jewelry, pottery, scarves, stationery, wrapping paper and lots more! You'll find a unique gift for yourself or someone else! All proceeds go toward the restoration of Pleasant Home.

GIFT SHOP HOURS:

Th - Su 12:30-3:30pm or any time by appointment

FREE Admission Historic Book Club Every 3rd Saturday from 10am-Noon

Book list reflects the turn of the century years when Pleasant Home was built and in its full glory. Held in the mansion's beautiful mahogany library in fall and winter or on the sun porch overlooking Mill's Park in warmer weather. Coffee and seasonal tea provided.

Thursday Afternoon Tour & Tea

Special Tour & Tea Dates Th, Apr 15, May 20 & Jun 17

Come for the 2:30 p.m. tour. Stay for light seasonal fare and the finest tea from local tea merchants, Todd & Holland. A wonderful way to reconnect with friends or treat yourself to a little quality time out! Guests for this program may stay until 5pm.

\$30 includes tour of Pleasant Home.

Reservations are required at least 3 days in advance:
(708) 383-2654.

Save the Date

19th Century Children's Day

Su, Sep 26, from 1-4pm

Arts & Crafts Homes Tour

Sa, Oct 2, from 10am-3pm

Forever Operetta, Songs of the Silver Age

Th, Mar 11 & F, Mar 12

The Chicago Folks Operetta kicks off its 2010 season with its annual benefit concert highlighting the composers of Vienna's Silver Age of Operetta. Singers from the Lyric Opera and Chicago Symphony Chorus. Viennese coffee and pastries following performance.

Th, Mar 11 and Fri Mar 12, at 8pm each night

Tickets: \$30

For info, visit www.chicagofolksoperetta.org or call (708) 383-2742.