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## 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

Tours are offered year-round to individuals and groups. School groups are 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.



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## Pleasant Home Special Events

### Holiday Open House at Pleasant Home FREE

Sunday, December 6, 1-4pm

A wonderful way to enjoy a Sunday afternoon, kick off the holiday season and get in a little early shopping! Refreshments provided by our preferred caterers and Todd & Holland Tea Merchants, live music, children's crafts in the kitchen, winter stories in the library, and station tours of Pleasant Home.

### Annual Artisans Holiday Sale

December 6-13

Local artists and collectors will display their work throughout Pleasant Home for an entire week! Earth friendly, functional and affordable art are featured among the many unique items from ships-in—the-bottle and wood carvings to paintings, clothing and jewelry all available for purchase. Pleasant Home Museum Store will be open extended hours during the art sale with gift certificates available. Ephraim Faience Pottery, Arts and Crafts note cards, scarves, books, posters and more, make wonderful holiday gifts  
Su, Dec 6 from 1-4pm  
M, Dec 7 through Su, Dec 13 from 10am-8pm daily

### Holiday Stories F, Dec 18 at 7pm

Everyone has a favorite holiday tale at this time of the year. Please join us for Glenn Braun's dramatic reading of 'Twas the Night Before Christmas, Hershel and the Goblins, Seven Spools of Thread (a Kwanzaa story), and others.

Tickets are \$10

Students & Seniors: \$7

Advance registration is strongly encouraged.

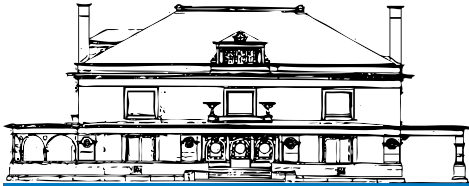
### "A Christmas Carol" Su, Dec 20 at 7pm

Peter Baker is back! Pleasant Home's traditional one-man presentation of this touching holiday classic will delight ages 5 and up!

Tickets are \$12

Students & Seniors: \$8

Advance registration is strongly encouraged.



## Things to Do at 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

### Thursday Afternoon Tour & Tea

Set aside time to relax, reflect and enjoy some quality time visiting with friends over a perfect cup of tea in the peaceful and extraordinarily beautiful surroundings of Pleasant Home. Seasonal fare means fresh, colorful and delicious! Organic, vegetarian, vegan and allergy free upon request. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. Call (708) 383-2654.

Th, 1:30-3:30pm \$25 includes tour

### Historic Book Club FREE

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. Every 3rd Saturday from 10 am-noon

### Save The Date! 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.

Th, Feb 18 at 7pm  
Th, Feb 25 at 7pm  
Th, March 4 at 7pm  
Th, Mar 11 at 7pm

### Turn-of-the-Century Toys Family Workshop

Learn how and why many toys were made long ago and what games were popular in the late 1800's! Each workshop will focus on one project with stories in-between and patterns to go.

Select Saturdays from 10am-Noon

Sa, Feb 20 from 10am-Noon: Magic Tricks & Games!

Sa, Mar 20 from 10am-Noon: Jumping Jacks & Toys that Move

\$55 per family per workshop - Save \$10 when you sign up for both workshops!

### Public Speaking and Elocution Workshop

Taught by theater and film director and educator Deborah R. Salisbury

Speak more confidently! Entertain your listeners and keep them glued to your presentation! This class teaches how to: prepare for a presentation, protect your voice and project your voice, build vocal muscles for strength and tone, take control from the start, use space well, draw your audience in, get rid of distractions to your message, use vocal tricks, make it more entertaining for your listeners. Class is held two Saturday workshops.

Sa, Feb 6 and 13 from 10am-Noon

\$170 per person

Student and group rates also available

### Intermediate Wood Carving

More advanced than the wood carving class we have offered to date. Learn to carve a decorative Eagle, a popular turn of the century motif. Taught by master maritime artisan and wood carver, Glenn Braun.

M, Jan 18 - Mar 8 from 6:30-8pm

\$175

### Drawing 217

Inspired by Pleasant Home and its wonderful, decorative interior, this class will cover still life, interior, landscape, simple figure drawing, shading and perspective using dry medium and paper.

M, Jan 18 - Mar 8 from 6:30-8pm

Pencil, Charcoal and Chalk

\$145

Th, Jan 21 - Mar 11 from 6:30-8pm

Ink, Watercolor and Prints

\$145



AN ORIGINAL SHOWCASE FOR  
ALL THINGS WEDDING.

### Bridal Show at Pleasant Home

F, Feb 19 & Sa, Feb 20

An original showcase for all things wedding. Local wedding service providers will be featured. Donation of \$10 waived with gift of gently used formalwear. Proceeds will benefit the Glass Slipper Foundation.

Location: Pleasant Home

F, Feb 19 from 6-8 pm

Sa, Feb 20 from 11am-2pm

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