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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.

Special Events

FREE Admission 19th Century Children's Day

Sunday, Sep 28 from 1-4pm
A partnership program with Wonder Works Children's Museum, Pleasant Home Foundation and the Historical Society of Oak Park and River Forest
 Make history come alive! Children's Day at Pleasant Home will be a special day set aside for families to take part in the activities and lifestyle of a typical 19th-century era child. Play hopscotch and hoop roll. Take your turn churning butter and beating rugs. Learn how to make vintage toys and crafts. Leave the digital life behind for a day and see what life was like before video games and television - you'll be surprised at the fun! FREE!



FREE Admission Annual Artisans Holiday Sale

December 7-14
 Find unique gifts and treasures while supporting local artisans! Sale begins during our Holiday Open House and is open an entire week with extended hours for holiday shopping, during which our museum store will also be open. Hand-painted ornaments from Illinois Prairie Painters, one of a kind items from Unique Freaque, hand spun and dyed yarns, handmade dolls, wood carving, metal tooling, glass beads and a variety of artwork from our community will all be for sale until December 14. Admission and refreshments are FREE!

Su, Dec 7	1-4pm
M-Sa, Dec 8-13	10am-8pm
Su, Dec 14	12:30-8pm

FREE Admission Holiday Open House at Pleasant Home

Sunday, December 7, 1-4pm
 Join us for this special event, which marks the opening of our annual Artisans Holiday Sale. Live music, hand painted ornaments by Illinois Prairie Painters, crafts in the kitchen, winter stories in the library, desserts provided by caterers and Todd & Holland Holiday Spice tea! FREE!



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

Pleasant Home Museum Gift Shop

Come visit the Pleasant Home Museum Gift Shop this holiday season. We have books, jewelry, pottery, scarves, stationery, wrapping paper and lots more! You'll find a unique gift for everyone on your list. All proceeds go toward the restoration of Pleasant Home.

GIFT SHOP HOLIDAY HOURS:

Su, Dec 7	1-4pm
M, Dec 8 - Sa, Dec 13	10am-7pm
Su, Dec 14	Noon-8pm
M, Dec 15 - W, Dec 24	during tour hours or by appointment

Thursday Afternoon

TOUR and tea



A great way to catch up with friends and tour Pleasant Home! Come for the 2:30pm tour and stay for tea and light sandwiches immediately following. Reservations required at least one day in advance.
 Th, 2:30-4:30pm \$20 includes tour