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Historic Pleasant Home



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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.

Pleasant Home Special Events

19th Century Children's Day at Pleasant Home
Sunday, September 27 from 1-4pm



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. 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!



Beautiful Bungalows
Saturday, October 3, 2009

Join us for "Beautiful Bungalows: A Celebration in Oak Park" as we open the doors of six extraordinary bungalows for a

first-hand look at great architecture. Interior walking tour of bungalows from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., with registration beginning at historic Pleasant Home. Tickets \$35 in advance; \$40 at the door.

Historic Book Club



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 Mills Park in warmer weather. Coffee and seasonal tea provided.

Every 3rd Saturday, from 10am - Noon

Turn of the Century Toys Family Workshops

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

10-11:30 am \$55 per family OR \$100 for both workshops

Sa, Oct 17 Kites!

Sa, Nov 21 Jacobs Ladder

Register through Pleasant Home, (708) 383-2654.



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

Call for Artists

The Pleasant Home Annual Holiday Artisans Sale will feature moderately priced vintage, creative recycling and Earth-friendly art. Please contact Georgia at 708-383-2654 or email: ecoartmom@yahoo.com for guidelines and application.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Open House & Artisans Sale
Sun. Dec. 6 1-4pm Open House and Artisans sale opening FREE
Art Sale runs from Dec 5 through Dec.-14 10 am-8 pm

Things to Do At Pleasant Home

Find Pleasant Home Arts Classes on page 63.

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.

Th, 2:30-4:30pm

\$25 includes tour