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Historic Pleasant Home



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Pleasant Home Special Events

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.

Exploring a Landmark: Design and Detail at Pleasant Home For Ages 8-12

Architectural Educator Chris Payne will lead a two-day class at historic Pleasant Home teaching students age 8-12 to experience and appreciate the work of architect George Washington Maher. This class includes the basics of architectural design and drawing, "treasure hunt" to find and sketch various motifs in this historic mansion, and an interactive lecture to help students age 8-12 "really see" architecture design and detail.

F, Jun 19 and 26 \$45

9am-1pm

Register through Pleasant Home, (708) 383-2654

Friday Night Movies on the Porch at Pleasant Home

Enjoy watching an old flick on the front porch of historic Pleasant Home (indoors if weather doesn't cooperate).

Bring your own popcorn! Movies begin at 8pm.

Fridays, Jun 12 - 26 and Jul 10-31

No reservations needed; donation suggested.

Call (708)383-2654 for movies.



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 Home Workshops

The Village of Oak Park Historic Preservation Commission and Pleasant Home Foundation present a series of six workshops for historic home owners in Oak Park. All programs are free of charge, and are at historic Pleasant Home unless otherwise noted. Workshops begin at 7pm and will include:

Tu, May 5: Historic Home Research

Tu, May 12: Save Money with Preservation

Th, Jun 4 at Unity Temple: Preservation and a Sustainable Community

Tu, Jun 9: Historic Windows

Tu, Jun 16: Historic Interiors

Tu, Jul 14: Architectural Styles



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!



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

Things to Do At Pleasant Home

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

Thursday Afternoon Tour & Tea at Pleasant Home is a great way to catch up with friends and tour Pleasant Home! Come for the 1:30pm tour and stay for tea and light sandwiches immediately following. Reservations required at least one day in advance.

Th, 2:30-4:30pm \$30 includes tour