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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

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.

Things to Do at Pleasant Home

Arts & Crafts Oak Park Historic House Tour Set for Oct 2

Join us Saturday, October 2 for an interior architectural tour of the great Arts & Crafts Homes of Oak Park. Six exquisitely crafted homes, as well as historic Pleasant Home, will be open for docent-led tours, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. These private homes – most never before opened to the public – feature the intricate carved woods, beautiful stained glass and decorative motifs found in the great homes of the early 20th century. For reservations and more information, call Pleasant Home Foundation at 708-383-2654 or visit www.pleasanthome.org.

Sketchbook & Journal Keeping Class

Learn basic drawing skills and sketch from nature and the prairie style environment of Pleasant Home. Monday evenings from 6:30-8pm
May 3-June 14
\$120. all materials included

Printmaking at Pleasant Home

Produce small editions of drypoint, hardground, and/or softground etchings. Supplies provided: 2 4"x5" zinc plates, 1 etching needle, printmaking paper. Taught by NIU instructor and fine artist, Brian Hammond.
Tuesdays at 6:40pm
June 21-29
\$150. All materials included
Min 3 /Max 8

FREE Admission 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!

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.

Pleasant Home Art Club

Art chat, work time and planning seasonal exhibits at Pleasant Home. First Thursday of each month 6pm!

Open Studio for Artists

Visual artists, writers, musicians welcome.
Monday 6:30-8pm Thursdays 6:30-9:30pm
Suggested donation of \$5 per visit.



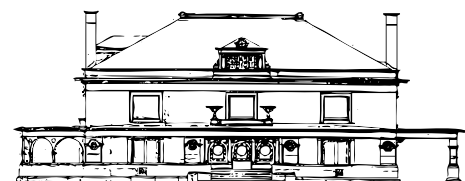
Arts programming at Pleasant Home is partially supported by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency.

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



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