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Cheney Mansion

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About Cheney Mansion

A 1970 Survey of Historic Buildings in Oak Park describes Cheney Mansion as a "simplified rectilinear design of first rank in architectural quality, significance, and originality." The architect, Charles E. White, Jr., a graduate of MIT, came to Oak Park after marrying local Alice Roberts. For two years, beginning in 1903, White worked in Frank Lloyd Wright's studio, and was strongly influenced by Wright's credo that a building should express the spirit of its natural surroundings. White also designed a number of Oak Park residences and the Oak Park Post Office. Jens Jensen, a well-known landscape architect, worked with White on several projects.

One of White's most important works, the 12,000-square-foot Cheney Mansion, designed in 1913 boasts many handsome reception rooms, six bedrooms, seven bathrooms, and separate servants' quarters. The two acres of beautifully-landscaped grounds also include a coach house and a greenhouse. Located in the Historic District of Oak Park, the home was built for the Sharpe family. In 1922, it was purchased by Andrew and Mary Dole. Their niece, Elizabeth Cheney, inherited the mansion in the late 1940s. Though she deeded it to the Park District of Oak Park in 1975, no funding was designated for its support.

A Perfect Setting

The Mansion, with its spacious rooms and landscaped grounds, is available for your most special occasions: weddings, private parties, recitals, memorial services, luncheons and tours. It provides the perfect setting for corporate seminars, meetings and receptions.
For more rental information, please visit our website: www.cheneymansion.com.

Friends of Cheney

Get involved! Are you interested in sharing your time, talent and treasures with a group of Cheney Mansion enthusiasts. Call the mansion at 708-383-2612 for further information.

Garden Events

Spring Plant Sale & Garden Fair



Unusual perennials, annuals, vines and herbs will be for sale on Sunday, May 21. Co-sponsored by the Garden Club of OPRF, the Fair will also include Garden Talks, the Garden Club's Horticulture Show, and more. Watch for more information in the Summer Brochure!

Su, May 21
Plant Sale 10am-5pm
Garden Fair Noon-5pm
No admission fee!

Perennials: Moving, Dividing & Placement

Do you have perennials that have overgrown their places in your garden? Are others just not doing well? This workshop teaches methods of dividing perennials and choosing the best new location for replanting. A hands-on morning in the Cheney Mansion gardens with head gardener Charlie Ruedebusch.

Sa, Apr 22 $12/$18
9-11am #3345-0
# of weeks: 1 Min 4/Max 16

Opus 3 Recital

Opus 3 trio, a group that has been performing since 1998, is constituted of pianist Dr. Gerald Anderson and Forest Park's husband-and-wife team of violinist Sarah Grasse and cellist Dr. Daniel Grasse. Dr. Grasse, a specialist on Argentinean music, has written an annotated catalogue that includes more than 400 pieces. This program is comprised of all Argentinean music and presents a large variety of styles and moods, including works by Alberto Ginastera, Astor Piazzolla, Constantino Gaito, Jose Bragato, and Carlos Guastavino.

Su, Apr 23 $15 in advance/
3pm $18 at the door
For more information please call 708-383-2612.

Music @ the Mansion

Melody Makers (K-2nd Grade)

An entry-level, pre-choral training program which includes finding the singing voice, moving to music to develop kinesthetic awareness, and singing age-appropriate repertoire. Call the OP & RF Children's Chorus at (708) 383-1971 to register.

Session Dates: Mar 13-May 22 (no class 3/27)

Kindergarten:	M, 4-4:45pm	$63
1st-2nd Grades:	Time TBD	$63
# of weeks: 7		Min 6/Max 20

Cooking Classes

Cheney Cooks! (Adults)

Classes cover a wide culinary curriculum, from basic techniques to intriguing ethnic cuisine. All classes are taught by professional chefs, and are a combination of hands-on and demonstration. Students will enjoy the convivial mood and social interaction in addition to the culinary instruction, but the best part of all is always the tasting! Held on weekday evenings, 7-9:30pm. Call the Mansion to be put on this mailing list.

7-9:30pm Cost per class: $60/$75
Min 5/Max 8

Date	Name	Code
M, Feb 27	Quick and Easy Pie Making *With "Joe the Pie Guy"*	#1473-0
M, Mar 6	Hearty Soups & Stews *Warm up your insides with these!*	#1470-0
W, Apr 19	Sangria and Tapas *An evening of Spanish flare!*	#3341-0

Kids Cook! (Ages 8-12)

Coming this spring, Kids Cook! has more great classes planned. Taught by chef Ron Martin, classes offer a unique opportunity to learn the proper way around the kitchen in a fun, yet educational way. Moms and Dads always benefit when the kids learn to help in the kitchen, and kids tend to make better food choices when they learn to cook for themselves.

Class schedule to be announced. For more information, to register or to get the latest class schedule, call 708-383-2612.

Sa, 9:30-noon Cost per class: $45/$50
Min 5/Max 8