



Wright on the River

News of the Historic B. Harley Bradley House
Frank Lloyd Wright's First Prairie Design - 1900

December 2022A

Tours

**2022 Tour Season
Is coming to a close!**

Saturdays: 10:00

Sundays: 1:30

Standard, 1-hour

Thursdays: 10:00 & 12:30

In-Depth, up to 2 hours

**ALL TOURS ARE BY
ADVANCE RESERVATION
ONLY**

For pricing or to book your
Standard or In-depth tour
online, go to:

www.wright1900.org

Click "About", then click
"Book a Tour".

Each tour slot is limited to 9
individuals.

WINTER SCHEDULE

Closed January & February
except for Off-Schedule Tours
by appointment only. Call to
reserve: 815-936-9630
or email info@wright1900.org

For more information call
815-936-9630

Membership and Fellowship

It was a busy year at the B. Harley Bradley House. Following a reduced number of visitors in 2020 and 2021 due to the pandemic, we welcomed the ability to re-open in 2022 to a near normal capacity. By the end of November, 963 visitors had toured the house. Events such as weddings, showers, parties, corporate meetings and retreats resumed and resulted in an additional 1,351 people enjoying their unique surroundings. School groups returned for field trips allowing their students to experience the Education Lab. New public events including Sip, Shop & Stroll, Wright at Twilight and our Halloween event, "Mouse in the House" were added, allowing for additional opportunities to share the house, especially with the local residents.

As we look forward to 2023, Wright in Kankakee invites you to join us in our efforts to showcase the B. Harley Bradley House. A variety of membership levels provides for a giving amount that best fits you. Large or small, we are appreciative of each and every one.

Individual \$50	Family \$85	Wright Reciprocal \$125
Dodson-\$250	Glenlloyd \$500	Yesteryear \$1,000
	Hickox \$2,500	

For a membership form and information about member benefits, go to our website www.wright1900.org. Click "WAYS TO HELP" and "JOIN". Your donation is tax deductible.



Thank you to our Buy-a-Board donors!

On October 16 we gathered to celebrate the completion of the Veranda Restoration Project and thank our donors and the craftsmen. Over fifty donors and two organizations made this financially possible. We especially wish to thank Matt Hemenover of Hemenover Construction and his three craftsmen Kurt, Dave and Roaul for their excellent work with the materials provided by Security Lumber. Again, our thanks to all.

Bob Bohlmann



Meet Our Volunteers!

Volunteers are essential to our operations. Each newsletter will include a profile so you may know them better. This quarter's volunteer profile features Marilou Martin. Marilou writes:

I retired from the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency after 30 years as a project manager. A friend suggested I get involved at the Bradley House which was looking for gardeners, and I love to garden. I have been gardening for over 40 years. Being a gardener at the Bradley House checked a number of boxes – working at a Frank Lloyd Wright House, learning about Wright's vision for the landscaping of his Prairie House, and gardening in the rich light soil of the river valley.

Early morning visitors to the House, while disappointed they arrived too early to take a house tour, are more than eager to spend some time talking about Frank Lloyd Wright, their trips to see other Wright Houses, and learn about this Kankakee treasure, its history, and its role in Wright's development. Volunteering at the house has also been a wonderful place to make friends like I have with the garden team - Max Michels, Ray Eads, and Kathi Dodds. There is something special about gathering at the break of dawn in the heat of summer or now in the cool mornings to share thoughts on what jobs can be done in order to maintain the beauty and serenity of the gardens. I consider myself very lucky to be a member of this band of volunteers at the Bradley House.



Marilou Martin

Annual Riverview Historic District Holiday Housewalk - 2022

Sunday, December 4, 11 am - 4 pm

The B. Harley Bradley House is featured along with four additional historic homes. (No regular tours that day.)
Advance tickets \$20. To purchase online and for additional information <http://riverviewhistoricdistrict.org/>



Yoga @ Frank's

Sundays, January 1, February 5, March 5.
Registration required · Donation based practice.
Limited space within this beautiful historic home.
For more information email info@wright1900.org

Frank Lloyd Wright Conservancy Tour

October 19, the Bradley House was featured on a Frank Lloyd Wright Building Conservancy bus tour as part of their 2022 annual conference held in Chicago. The 85 attendees from all over the world expressed favorable comments about the House and their visit to Wright's first prairie design. A tour, lunch on-site and some early holiday shopping in the stable gift shop completed their memorable visit.



Bob Bohlmann greets as Laura Golowski and ten Bradley House volunteers welcomed the guests during their visit.



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