



# Wright on the River

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

June 2022

## Tours

2022 Tour Season

**ALL TOURS ARE BY  
ADVANCE RESERVATION  
ONLY**

**Sundays:** 12:30 & 1:30  
Standard, 1-hour

**Thursdays:** 10:00 & 12:30  
In-Depth, up to 2 hours

**Off-Schedule Tours:**  
9 am—4 pm. Any days/times  
by appointment, other than  
regularly scheduled tour  
times.

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


[www.wright1900.org](http://www.wright1900.org)

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

*Masks required.*

**Each tour slot is limited to 9  
individuals.**

For more information call  
815-936-9630




### ART GLASS RESTORATION—ACT II

The Bradley House Art Glass Restoration Project continues to progress for Wright In Kankakee. Act II is now complete in the Dining Room and was made possible through the generosity of Rick and Patti Manuel, active Bradley House volunteers since 2010.

Art glass craftsman Jesse Mulligan used vintage photographs to make the template from which two exact replicas of the original glass panels were re-created. The panels were recently installed in the china cabinet doors. The exquisite details of the glass enhance the elegance of the room. Now in place, they are being enjoyed by all who visit the Bradley House.

ACT III, now in production, is the restoration of the four Living Room bookcase panels thanks to a donation from Karen Janik.

Future art glass projects include the windows on the front of the Carriage House and other locations. This is a continuation of the Bradley House Restoration Project initiated by Gaines & Sharon Hall in 2005. Contact Debi Barrone, office assistant, for information on future art glass restoration opportunities.



## From the Executive Director

I had the privilege of attending my second FLW Building Conservancy Wright Site Directors Summit this last March at Wingspread, the home of S.C. Johnson, located in Racine Wisconsin. This year's theme was "Building On Our Strengths." The three day event included topics such as Board Governance: Assessing your organization's needs; Fundraising: Building relationships in your community; Identifying Government Opportunities and Programming: Making great programming at Wright Sites, just to mention a few. The picture to the right is of the Wingspread mezzanine fireplace and spiral stairs to the lookout turret. The Johnson Foundation hosts the event and does a wonderful job; meeting other directors and Conservancy staff provides a wealth of information.

*Bob Bohlmann*



## Wright In Kankakee Annual Meeting

Saturday, July 23, 2022

2:00 p.m.

**B. Harley Bradley House  
701 S. Harrison  
Kankakee, IL 60901**

# Meet Our Volunteers!

Volunteers are essential to our operations. Each newsletter will include a profile so you may know them better.

**Ellen Schmidt** has volunteered at the Bradley House since August 2011. She has worked in the gift shop and helped decorate the house for the holidays. Her husband, Eric, and stepson, Lucas, have also helped with decorating. Over the years, Ellen has helped maintain the grounds and volunteered at special events, including the River-view Historic District Annual Housewalk.

This spring, Ellen began a new role coordinating volunteers so interpreters and gift shop workers are scheduled for four times.

Ellen may be the only volunteer to have gotten married at the Bradley House! She and Eric were wed on the Bradley House lawn on June 3, 2017. Ellen's day job is coordinator in the Marketing and Public Relations Department at Kankakee Community College, where she has worked for 29 years.



**Ellen Schmidt**

Thank you, Ellen!

# Bradley House—A Group Destination

The Bradley House is a popular destination for group tours. In April, the "A's R Us" Model-A car club from Crete, Illinois visited the house. Following their one-hour tour, club president Nancy Serviss remarked, "The club was very impressed with the tour. We truly enjoyed every little detail. Thank you for your dedication in preserving history."



Individual tickets for groups of 10 or more are \$20. Contact our office to book a tour for YOUR special group today! 815-936-9630.

## Summer Solstice Sip, Shop & Stroll

**Tuesday, June 21, 4-7 p.m.**

**B. Harley Bradley House, 701 S. Harrison**

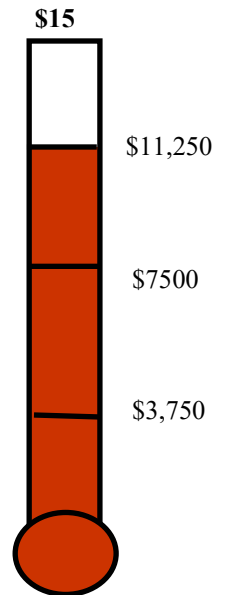
**Tickets \$5 Purchase online, Bradley House Gift Shop, Tholen's Bourbonnais, Kankakee County Historic Museum or call 815-936-9630**

**Gift Shop Open · Wine · Music · Food Truck · Garden Photo Ops**

### BUY A BOARD!

Help us complete the campaign to rebuild the Bradley House front veranda! New composite decking material and rough-sawn cedar wood trim will re-enforce the veranda in the same original design and make it a stable, usable space for many years to come.

If YOU would like to participate in this project, complete the form below and mail it today. The project is scheduled to be completed this summer. And don't forget—all project donors will be invited to and be recognized at the Veranda Preservation Celebration Party.



Yes, I would like to support the **"BUY A BOARD"** Preservation Fundraiser

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ boards at \$60 each for a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check Enclosed (Made out to Wright In Kankakee)

Credit Card No. \_\_\_\_\_ Exp date \_\_\_\_\_

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Please send your donation to: Wright In Kankakee, 701 S. Harrison, Kankakee, IL 60901

### "BUY A BOARD" PRESERVATION FUNDRAISER

