



Wright on the River

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

March 2023

Tours

**2023 Tour Season
Opens March 2**

Saturdays: 10 a.m.
Standard, 1-hour

Sundays: 1:30 p.m.
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

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

Off-Schedule Tours:
Arrange in advance by calling
815-936-9630. Tours can be
9 am—4 pm on any days/
times, other than regularly
scheduled tour times.

For more information call
815-936-9630



Bradley House Education Lab



"Inspiring the Next Generation"

With the lowering of Covid restrictions, grade schools are planning field trips once again. In 2022, 179 students from five different schools visited our Education Lab. The first two 2023 school groups will visit in March. Each group will be here for a "full day" four hour experience .

Upon arrival, the students are divided into two groups. The first group begins with an introductory lesson about drafting/drawing and the various associated professions that utilize these skills such as architecture, engineering, interior design, graphic design and fine art. During that same time, the other students engage in activities based on the building trades by working with Lincoln Logs, Legos, Froebel Blocks and making art glass designs. One of the highlights of their visit is the ability for the students to take home a copy of their very own art glass design.

The purpose of the Education Lab is to 'seed plant' and inspire third through eighth graders. What are their interests? What goals in life might possibly be achieved through those interests? Teachers and students alike have left the Education Lab excited and enthused.

Many thanks to our Education Lab facilitators for their time in assisting with this great program. For more information or to schedule a visit for your third through eighth grade class, call or email education@wright1900.org.

From the Executive Director

Wright in Kankakee has been blessed by the skills and expertise of local artisan Jesse Mulligan. Jesse, a professional glass artist, has been instrumental in the restoration of the Bradley House leaded art glass. His first project was the re-creation of the magnificent laylights in the ceiling of the dining room. Most recently he has restored glass in the dining room china hutch and living room bookcase doors. All three projects were made possible by two generous donors. Future art glass projects include the bookcase in the first floor master bedroom, windows in the dressing room and bathroom, as well as the windows in the front of the stable/carriage house. Having visited many Wright sites, I can confidently state that the art glass of the Bradley House is second to none.

Bob Bohlmann



Jesse Mulligan in his studio

Meet Our Volunteers!

Volunteers are essential to our operation. In each newsletter we will profile one of them to familiarize you with our dedicated volunteers.



Anita Schluter is pictured in the dining room. The beauty of the overhead laylights, the built-ins, and view of the river make it her favorite room of the house.

Anita Schluter was raised on a farm near Rantoul Illinois which has been in her family for over 100 years. She moved to Kankakee County in the early 1970s where she began a 34-year teaching career with the Herscher School District.

Anita has lived in several locations in Kankakee. For eleven of those years she lived at 650 S. Harrison, just north of the Bradley

House. "During that time I saw the Bradley House on a daily basis. I had always admired its beauty, history and architecture."

Once retired, Anita began volunteering as an Interpreter in 2017. "I really enjoy working with the other volunteers and meeting the visitors that come to tour the house. There are many, many Frank Lloyd Wright fans out there! I particularly remember two fellows who flew their plane from New Jersey in the morning to the Kankakee airport for an afternoon tour of Bradley House! One of us even gave them a ride back to the airport! You just never know who you will meet when you are a volunteer!"

High Tea

with the

Ladies of the Bradley House

Saturday, May 20, 2 p.m.

Enjoy high tea in the living room as actors portray six of the women who were part of the rich history of the B. Harley Bradley House. Tickets are \$40 with only 48 available. Purchase on-line through our website: www.wright1900.org

For more information call 815-936-9630.



Save the Date!

Check our website www.wright1900.org for details and to purchase tickets

Tuesday, June 20 - Summer Solstice Sip, Shop & Stroll.
5-8 p.m. Back by popular demand! Music, garden tour, wine, food truck, gift shop, indoor and outdoor art exhibit by **Governors State University "the Nate" and artist Karen Gubitza along with invited GSU and KCC art students.**

Rain date is Tuesday June 27, 2023.



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