



# Wright on the River

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

June 2023

## Tours

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

**Sundays:** 1:30 p.m.  
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In-Depth, up to 2 hours

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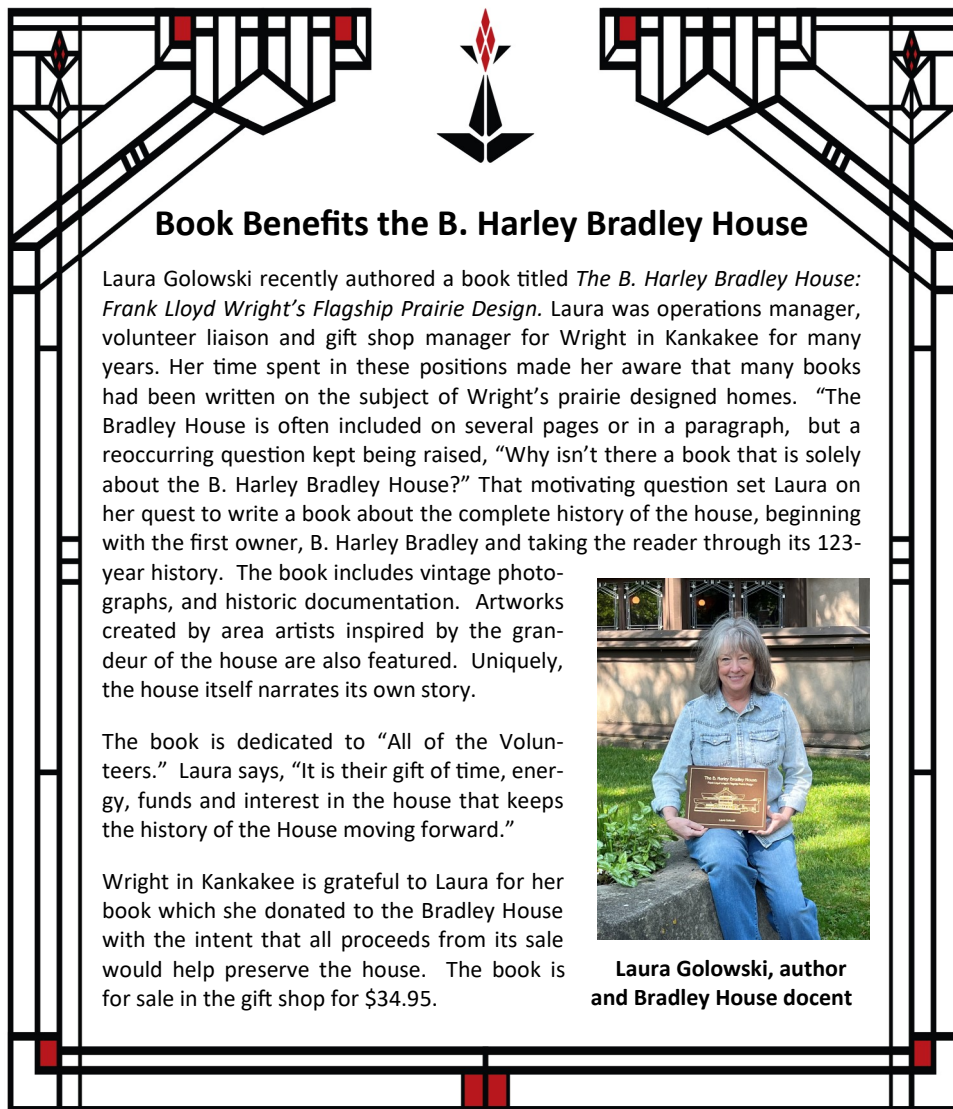
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### Book Benefits the B. Harley Bradley House

Laura Golowski recently authored a book titled *The B. Harley Bradley House: Frank Lloyd Wright's Flagship Prairie Design*. Laura was operations manager, volunteer liaison and gift shop manager for Wright in Kankakee for many years. Her time spent in these positions made her aware that many books had been written on the subject of Wright's prairie designed homes. "The Bradley House is often included on several pages or in a paragraph, but a reoccurring question kept being raised, "Why isn't there a book that is solely about the B. Harley Bradley House?" That motivating question set Laura on her quest to write a book about the complete history of the house, beginning with the first owner, B. Harley Bradley and taking the reader through its 123-year history. The book includes vintage photographs, and historic documentation. Artworks created by area artists inspired by the grandeur of the house are also featured. Uniquely, the house itself narrates its own story.

The book is dedicated to "All of the Volunteers." Laura says, "It is their gift of time, energy, funds and interest in the house that keeps the history of the House moving forward."

Wright in Kankakee is grateful to Laura for her book which she donated to the Bradley House with the intent that all proceeds from its sale would help preserve the house. The book is for sale in the gift shop for \$34.95.

**Laura Golowski, author  
and Bradley House docent**

## From the Executive Director

Wright In Kankakee recently enrolled in the "Museum Assessment Program (MAP)" offered by the American Alliance of Museums. The program is available to small and mid-sized museums of all types to strengthen their operations, plan for the future and meet standards. The Task Force gathered to perform the assessment and meet with the on-site peer reviewer are Lynn Ahlden and Bob de Oliveira, co-chairs and board members, Susan LaMore - governance as board president, Marilou Martin, groundskeeping team as volunteer, Debi Barrone, administrative assistant as staff and Bob Bohlmann as executive director. Of the five MAP Assessment types, we chose to start with **Organizational**. It is our intent that the process will guide the preservation, planning and promotion of the B. Harley Bradley House as it continues to be a cultural asset to of the community.



*Bob Bohlmann*

## Honoring our Volunteers

Volunteers are key to the success of the B. Harley Bradley House. In gratitude, Wright In Kankakee recognizes individuals with The Hall Award, (named after Gaines and Sharon Hall) which is bestowed upon volunteers displaying dedication, diligence and enthusiasm in their service during the past year.



**Diana Pappas, left, being presented with the 2022 Hall Award by WIK President Susan LaMore**

This year's honoree was Diana Pappas. Diana received her award at the annual Volunteer Brunch, April 22.

Volunteers who have been honored with this distinction in the past are:

- 2011 Elisabeth Dunbar, Gaines & Sharon Hall,  
Mardene Hinton, Norm Strasma
- 2012 Relda Kelly
- 2013 Marilyn Campbell, Laura Golowski,  
Gary Seiner
- 2014 Halina Gumiel, Patti Manuel,  
Bob Rashkin, Keith Schweitzer
- 2015 Rick Manuel
- 2016 Tom Knicklebine
- 2017 Robert Bohlmann
- 2018 Marilou Martin, Max Michels
- 2019 Loretto Cowhig, Suzanne Thompson
- 2020 Raymond Eads
- 2021 Valerie Schweitzer

## Summer at the Bradley House

Tickets for all events are available on the Wright In Kankakee website

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

### June 2,3 Mike Block, Cellist

Cellist Mike Block will perform at the Bradley House in two intimate solo concerts. Inspired by the life and work of Frank Lloyd Wright, Mike is making his third appearance at the House. Proceeds will go to the House Preservation Fund.



### June 17 Book Review, Melanie Holmes

Come and hear author Melanie Homes share her experiences and suggestions as to what to see here in Illinois. Frank Lloyd Wright homes including the Bradley House are on her list.



### June 20 Sip, Shop & Stroll

Music, garden tour, wine, food truck, gift shop, indoor and outdoor art exhibit by Governors State University. Rain date is Tuesday June 27, 2023.



### August 19 Let's Do It!

#### Encore Performance, Gaines Hall Jr.

The Gaines Hall Jr. Show featuring the music of the Thilo Wolf Big Band. 6 p.m. show-Kankakee Country Club Followed by VIP reception at The Bradley House.



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For more information call the Bradley House office 815-936-9630**