



Wright on the River

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

June 2024

Tours

Saturdays: 10:00
Standard 1-hour

Sundays: 1:30
Standard 1-hour

Thursdays: 10:00 & 12:30
In-Depth, up to 2-hrs.

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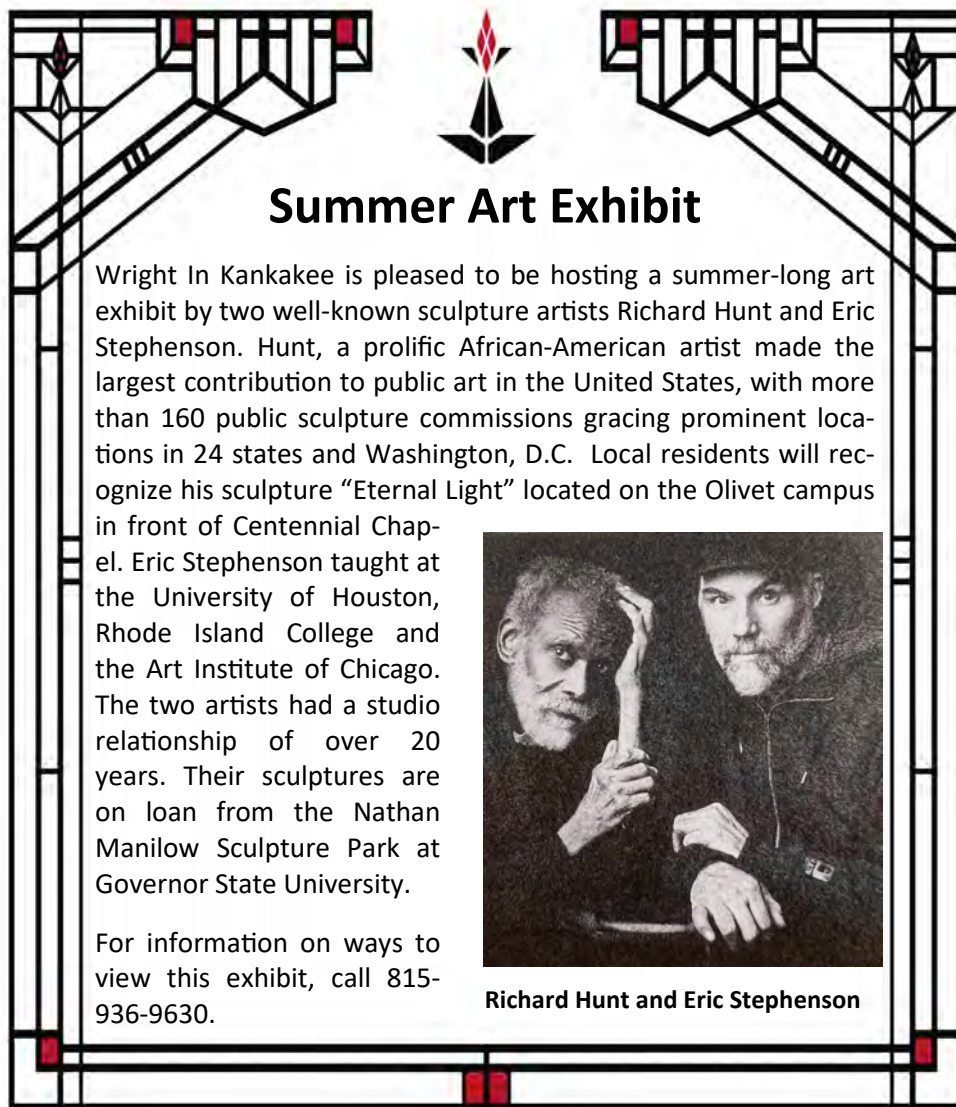
**For pricing or to book your
Standard or In-depth tour
online, go to:**

www.wright1900.org

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

Off-Schedule Tours can be arranged on most days/times, other than regularly scheduled tour times. Tours can be scheduled between 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. Call the number below or email: info@wright1900.org

**For more information call
815-936-9630.**



Summer Art Exhibit

Wright In Kankakee is pleased to be hosting a summer-long art exhibit by two well-known sculpture artists Richard Hunt and Eric Stephenson. Hunt, a prolific African-American artist made the largest contribution to public art in the United States, with more than 160 public sculpture commissions gracing prominent locations in 24 states and Washington, D.C. Local residents will recognize his sculpture "Eternal Light" located on the Olivet campus in front of Centennial Chapel. Eric Stephenson taught at the University of Houston, Rhode Island College and the Art Institute of Chicago. The two artists had a studio relationship of over 20 years. Their sculptures are on loan from the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park at Governor State University.

Richard Hunt and Eric Stephenson

For information on ways to view this exhibit, call 815-936-9630.

From the Executive Director—Buy a Bucket Campaign!



This summer's project is painting the exterior wood trim. The project includes cleaning/scraping, caulking/patching/replacing as needed, and finally priming and finish painting. The present exterior wood trim was last painted in 2018; and only included the first floor of the House, Breezeway and Stable/Carriage House. Can YOU help Wright In Kankakee accomplish this project by "Buying A Bucket" or "Funding a Painter?" The stain/paint is \$75.00 per bucket (gallon). Many buckets of paint are needed and our crew of professional painters need to be paid. To help with this project, see the back page of this newsletter or (even easier!) go to the following link on our website: <https://wright1900.org/buy-a-bucket/>. The full project cost is \$35,000.00.



Bob Bohlmann

Meet the Owners



Joseph Dodson

Joseph Dodson and his wife Edith were the third owners of the Bradley House, living there from 1915-1949.

Throughout his life Dodson dedicated himself to the preservation of birds. He turned the home's ideal setting on the river into a natural bird habitat. He

planted berry bushes, trees, and vines. Sections were intentionally left to become overgrown. Feeders and birdhouses dotted the yard. At one time, an estimated 300-400 songbirds inhabited the area.

Dodson used the carriage house as a birdhouse factory. He hired skilled craftsmen to build the houses and he supervised their work. Clientele for his birdhouses included Henry Ford, Thomas Edison and William Rockefeller.



Dodson re-named the residence Bird Lodge. This photograph of the overgrown grounds was taken in the 1920s.

Resource: The B. Harley Bradley House: Frank Lloyd Wright's Flagship Prairie Design by Laura Golowski. Available on the online book store, \$34.95.



Summer Solstice

Sip, Shop & Stroll

Tuesday, June 18, 2024

5-8 p.m.

Live Musical Entertainment on the Lawn

Matt Yeager, Acting Out Theater Co. & Champagne Experience. *Bring a lawn chair!*

Sculpture Exhibit

by Richard Hunt and Eric Stephenson

Gift Shop Open—Door Prizes!

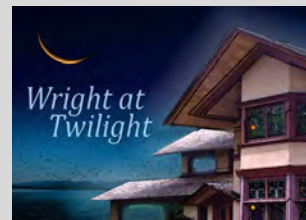
Bennett-Curtis House Food Truck

Oberweis Ice Cream

Tickets \$10 - Purchase online:

www.wright1900.org under "Upcoming Events"

Rain date Thursday, June 20th



Save the Date!
September 5, 2024
5-8 p.m.

Yes, I would like to support the "BUY A BUCKET" Campaign!

Name _____ Email _____
Address _____ Phone _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

I would like to purchase _____ Bucket(s) of paint at \$75 each for a total of \$ _____

I would like to fund _____ Painter(s) at \$500 each for a total of \$ _____

I would like to make a donation \$ _____

DONATE ONLINE: <https://wright1900.org/buy-a-bucket/>

Check Enclosed (Made out to Wright In Kankakee)

Credit Card No. _____ Exp date _____

CSV _____ Name on Card _____

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

