

Wright on the River

News from the Historic B. Harley Bradley House

Frank Lloyd Wright's First Prairie Design - 1900

December 2025

Tours

December

Fridays: 10:00

Saturdays: 10:00

Sundays: 1:30

Standard 1-hour

Thursdays: 10:00 & 12:30

In-Depth, up to 2-hrs.

January - March

Saturdays: 10:00

Sundays: 1:30

Standard 1-hour

**TOURS ARE BEST MADE BY
ADVANCE RESERVATION**

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

www.wright1900.org

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 815-936-
9630 or email:
info@wright1900.org

Giftshop Hours

January—March

Saturday 10:00 - noon

Sunday 1:00 - 3:00

April—December

Thursday 10:00 - noon

Friday 10:00 - noon

Saturday 10:00 - noon

Sunday 1:00 - 3:00

We are RAISING THE ROOF!



2026 Replacement Begins This Spring!

The B. Harley Bradley House was lovingly restored to Frank Lloyd Wright's original design by Gaines and Sharon Hall over a 5-year period beginning in 2005. The restoration included a new cedar shingled roof on both the house and the stable. Twenty years have now passed and the need for a new roof is apparent. Section repairs which have taken place in recent years are no longer effective. A new roof, along with structural repairs to the fireplace

chimney are needed to protect the architectural beauty not only on the outside but the inside as well. The sobering news is that the cost of the project is expected to be \$450,000.00. The GOOD news, however, is the



Norman Strasma

fact that a generous donor, Norman Strasma, past-president of Wright in Kankakee, has pledged a monetary gift as a matching fund toward all donations up to \$100,000.00 that are made toward the project prior to June 8, 2026. (Frank Lloyd Wright's birthdate.)

If you would like to help Wright in Kankakee meet this goal, please fill out the lower section of the Raising the Roof flyer which you will find on page four of this newsletter. [Click here](#) for the direct link. Your support, whether large or small, will play a crucial role in achieving this goal!

Looking for a Special Venue?

What could be more special than hosting your personal or business event at the B. Harley Bradley House, surrounded by the gracious designs of Frank Lloyd Wright? Contact us at 815-936-9630 or info@wright1900.org to discuss your plans!

- ❖ Business Meetings & Retreats
- ❖ Holiday/Private Parties
- ❖ Rehearsal Dinners
- ❖ Anniversaries
- ❖ Intimate Weddings
- ❖ Renewal of Vows
- ❖ Showers
- ❖ Tours: group, corporate, and family
- ❖ Photo Shoots

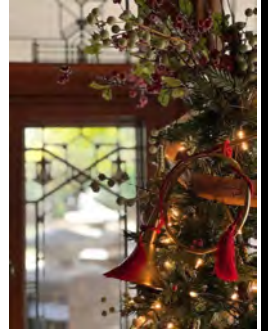
The maximum capacity indoors is 56 table seated guests and 75 open-house reception type arrangement.



Riverview Historic District Holiday Housewalk

**Sunday, December 7,
11 - 4 p.m.**

Advance Tickets \$20 - Purchase
online:
<https://riverviewhistoricdistrict.org>



This year's walk features five beautifully decorated residences in the Historic District as well as the Bradley House and Masonic Temple.

An Evening with Mike & Rob

**Friday, December 19, 2025
7:00-8:30 PM**

Tickets \$25



Join us at Frank Lloyd Wright's B. Harley Bradley House for a fun and entertaining evening with local radio celebrities Mike Tomano and Rob West of WVLI - Milner Media Partners. Be ready to laugh and have a great time. You might just see a surprise guest or two! Refreshments provided.

Yoga @ Frank's

Sundays, Dec. 14, Jan. 4 & Feb. 1, 3:15 p.m.
Registration Required - Donation based practice.
Limited space within this beautiful historic home.
For more information email info@wright1900.org



From the Executive Director -

What a year this has been as we celebrated the **125th Anniversary of the Bradley House!** Visitors from far and wide helped mark this milestone by attending a mystery evening, piano concert, cello concert, two twilight tours, three tea parties, two lawn events, a special Christmas tree display, and a re-dedication of exterior bronze plaques in memory of Stephen Small and the Glenlloyd Group. These memorable events were in addition to weekly public tours. All of these activities were intended to open the doors to our community, folks traveling from other states, as well as visitors from abroad to let them see for themselves, what a special place Frank Lloyd Wright created through his first prairie style design. I want to personally thank KT Walker whose leadership helped us accomplish a very full year of excellent special events. I also want to thank all of our dedicated Bradley House Volunteers. They assure that the Bradley House is prepared and ready to receive all who wish to come here.

As special as last year was, we are not done yet! Please mark your calendar for the 2026 Tulip Gala on April, 18 at the Kankakee Country Club. Likewise, for the opening of our Japanese Influence Exhibit on Saturday, April 25. Details for both events will be available soon on the [Wright in Kankakee website](#).

Bob Bohlmann
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Donations to Wright in Kankakee help to preserve and maintain the Bradley House as a public space visited by people from all over the world. All donations, both large and small, are graciously accepted. Help us protect



Thank you Donors!
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Please consider including Wright in Kankakee in your estate planning.
For more information call the Bradley House office 815-936-9630.



Is RAISING the ROOF!

2026 Preservation Project

Frank Lloyd Wright's B. Harley Bradley House

Chimney Repair & Cedar Shingle Roof Replacement of

- ✓ **House**
- ✓ **Breezeway**
- ✓ **Stable**

\$100,000.00 MATCHING FUNDS AVAILABLE THROUGH JUNE 8, 2026!

Your donation is doubled! Help us reach the goal of \$450,000.00.



☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$500 ☐ \$1000 ☐ \$5000 ☐ Other _____

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