



Wright on the River

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

March 2026

Tours

March

Saturdays: 10:00
Sundays: 1:30
Standard 1-hour

April - December

Fridays: 10:00
Saturdays: 10:00
Sundays: 1:30
Standard 1-hour

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

**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



Featuring

**“The Perilous & Amazing Journey of Frank
Lloyd Wright’s Imperial Hotel—Tokyo”**

Wright in Kankakee is pleased to announce the TULIP GALA, a fundraiser to benefit the B. Harley Bradley House. This formal event, will be held at the Kankakee Country Club on Saturday, April 18, 2026 from 5-8 p.m. The evening includes a social hour, dinner, silent auction, raffle and a special presentation of “The Perilous & Amazing Journey of Frank Lloyd Wright’s Imperial Hotel-Tokyo.” Just 12-years following the completion of the Bradley House, Wright began designing an expansive hotel for the Emperor of Japan. Through hundreds of historic photos and eyewitness accounts, the story recounts the origins of the project, reveals the extensive design work that detailed the enormous hotel, as well as the many dangers—including massive earthquakes, world war, and the wrecking ball—that threatened to erase the masterpiece from history. Extensively researched and written by Frank Lloyd Wright Expert, Timothy Totten, the program will be narrated by Bob Bohlmann, Executive Director of Wright in Kankakee.

Ticket \$75. Corporate Sponsorships are also welcome!

Purchase online: <https://wright1900.org/events/>
OR CALL THE OFFICE 815-936-9630.



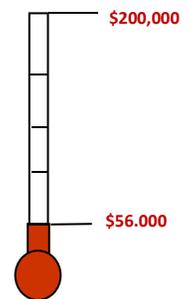
The Imperial Hotel, Tokyo

RAISE THE ROOF!

YOUR DONATION is DOUBLED!

Wright in Kankakee’s “Raise the Roof Campaign” continues! 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. Cost of the project is expected to be \$450,000. Between now and June 8, 2026, Norman Strasma, Past-president of Wright in Kankakee, has pledged a monetary gift as a matching fund toward all donations totaling up to \$100,000.

If you would like to help Wright in Kankakee meet this goal and double your donation in the process, please fill out the lower section of the “Raise the Roof” flyer which you will find on page four of this newsletter. Or go to our website to donate online. Your gift, whether large or small, will play a crucial role in preserving the B. Harley Bradley House for future generations!



Initial Goal

GIFTSHOP

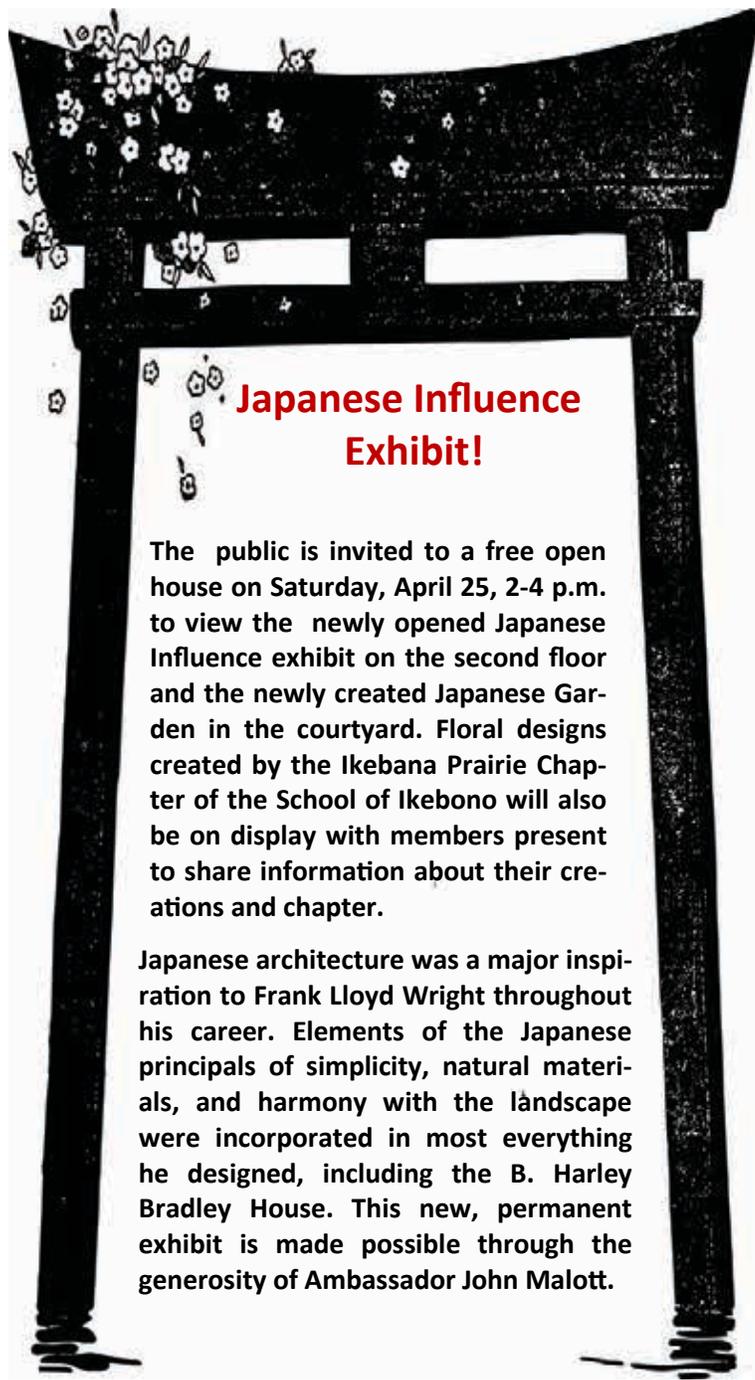
March

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



Japanese Influence Exhibit!

The public is invited to a free open house on Saturday, April 25, 2-4 p.m. to view the newly opened Japanese Influence exhibit on the second floor and the newly created Japanese Garden in the courtyard. Floral designs created by the Ikebana Prairie Chapter of the School of Ikebano will also be on display with members present to share information about their creations and chapter.

Japanese architecture was a major inspiration to Frank Lloyd Wright throughout his career. Elements of the Japanese principals of simplicity, natural materials, and harmony with the landscape were incorporated in most everything he designed, including the B. Harley Bradley House. This new, permanent exhibit is made possible through the generosity of Ambassador John Malott.

SAVE THE DATE!
Back by popular demand!



Mike Block, Cellist!

Thursday, May 28, 2026 at 7 p.m.
Tickets available soon!

A charming floral-themed tea party filled with delicate blends, sweet treats and garden-inspired elegance.

Tickets
\$35



Invite a friend and celebrate spring!

Purchase online OR Call 815-936-9630

Yoga @ Frank's

Sunday March 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 - It may be winter, but some groundskeeping work still needed to be addressed. Precise Tree Care removed three trees from the surrounding landscape, along with a fallen trunk from our river bank. The spruce across the street, which had been weakened due to a major center split, was removed and now the view of the Bradley House from Eagle Street is much improved. A walnut tree in the front lawn was in a similar compromised situation as well as the mulberry between the Bradley and Hickox houses. With spring around the corner, garden and lawn work is next for our dedicated volunteers.

Bob Bohlmann



Annual Memberships are a very important part of financial support that allows the B. Harley Bradley House to be open to the public. Membership is for one year from the date of your application and comes with a variety of benefits. Help preserve the B. Harley Bradley House, Frank Lloyd Wright's first Prairie Design! Not a member yet? Applications are available on the Wright in Kankakee website.



Member List January 2025 - February 2026

Entry - \$50

Susan Appel
Tim Arseneau
Zachary Becvar
Dick & Bonnie Bergeron
Bennett-Curtis House, Scott Zizic
Leah Bohlmann
Olivia Bouleanu
Darlene Brandt
Deborah Brewster
David Cook
Kathi Dodds
Raymond Eads
Donald Etlar & Alice Etlar
Audrey Hopper
David Jaffe
Susan Lowry
Rick & Patti Manuel
Max Michels
Vicky & Robert McBurnie
Mary O'Connor
Lynn Parkinson
Dr. Jim Paul
Dee Pinski
Ken Ponton
Shirley Pranger
Gary Seiner
KT Walker
Gail Wallace
Carol Webber
John Weiss

Family \$85

Wayne & Marge Babiak
Francis & Pat Blanchette
Mike & June Boisvert
Mary Brockmiller
Dr. Stephen Case & Christine Case
Dr. Kristine M. Condon
Thomas & Jill Grant

Dr. Barbara Harro
Jed & Sarah Hertz
William & Barbara Herzog
Mr. & Mrs. David Johnson
Susan & Richard LaMore
Tom Linneman & Farhang Rouhani
Teresa & Michael Mahoney
Richard & Cynthia McBarnes
John & Nila McCracken
Dan Moore
Judy Smead
Suzanne & Herb Thompson
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Webster

Wright Reciprocal - \$125

Phil and Connie Angelo
Debi and Rick Barrone
Bob and Linda Bohlmann
Deborah Bond
Darlene Brandt
Carol & Joe Bowman
William Cheffer
Robert de Oliveira
Paul & Joan Germano
Wendy & Roger Goeckner
Dr. Philip & Laura Hays
Mr. & Mrs. Dan Heiden
Jean Janssen
Jane Johnson
Steve & Ellen Liehr
John R. Malott
Richard Nicklas & Joan Lindauer
Cheryl Redmon
Sharon Schiller
Mr. & Mrs. Eric Schmidt
Keith & Valerie Schweitzer
Wendy Skarstad
Kevin Sullivan
Norm Strasma
Cheryl Trudeau & Bill Buck
Larry & Anita Wilson

Dodson - \$250

Lynn Ahlden
Larry & Mardene Hinton
BJ & Nancy Jurevich
Mary Ann Lambert
Marilou Martin
Dr. Brian P. Olofsson
Peggy & Brian Rogers
Phil & Marcie Staley

GlenLloyd - \$500

Mark Steffen & Dawn Marlin

Yesteryear - \$1000

Ron & Judy Golembiewski
Don & Melissa Palmer
Diane Siaroff & Bert Jacobson

(**List current as of February 22, 2026)



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.



***[Donate online](#) or fill out the form below.**

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

Name _____

Mailing Address _____ Email Address _____

Credit Card Number _____ Exp. _____ Code _____

Check Enclosed. Please make check out to Wright in Kankakee and mail to:

Wright in Kankakee, 701 S. Harrison Ave., Kankakee, IL 60901

* <https://wright1900.org/raising-the-roof-campaign-2026/>

