



Wright on the River

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

June 2026

Tours

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

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

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RAISE THE ROOF!



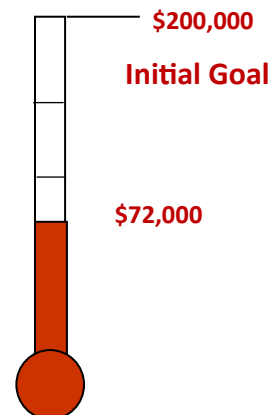
MAKING PROGRESS!

Your Donation is Doubled!

The "Raise the Roof Campaign" continues! Many are helping Wright in Kankakee make significant progress in their endeavor to replace the twenty-five year old roof on the House and the Stable. A new roof, along with structural repairs to the fire-place chimney are needed to protect the architectural beauty not only on the out-side but the inside as well. Cost of the project is expected to be \$450,000. This is a great time to make a donation! 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 initial 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](#). You may also mail a check made out to Wright in Kankakee, 701 S. Harrison Avenue, Kankakee IL 60901. Your gift, whether large or small, will play a crucial role in preserving the B. Harley Bradley House for future generations!

Thank you!

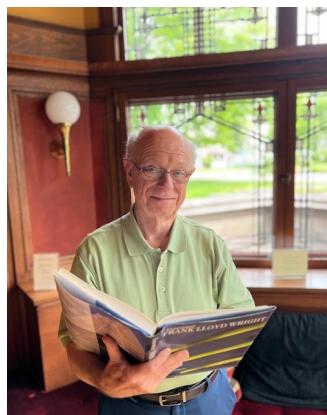


GIFTSHOP

Hours through
 December



Thursday 10:00 - noon
 Friday 10:00 - noon
 Saturday 10:00 - noon
 Sunday 1:00 - 3:00



Bill Buck
 Executive Director

From the Executive Director -

My name is Bill Buck and I am honored to serve as the new Executive Director of the B. Harley Bradley House. I grew up locally, and earned a degree in Political Science from Southern Illinois University. I spent more than 30 years in banking, beginning with City National Bank of Kankakee and retiring as Senior Vice President of Treasury Management with First Midwest Bank in Highland, Indiana. For the past two years, I have had the privilege of serving as a docent at the Bradley House. I look forward to serving the house in this new role and feel extremely fortunate that Bob Bohlmann will remain involved as Senior Advisor to help guide me through this transition and learning phase.

Bill Buck

Japanese Influence Weekend

Wright in Kankakee celebrated the opening of the Japanese Influence Exhibit the weekend of April 25 & 26. On Saturday, the Illinois Prairie Chapter-Ikenobo Ikebana Society of Floral Art provided a stunning display of floral arrangements throughout the Bradley House. President Reiko Takahashi and Past President Jeane Holy along with fellow chapter members were on hand to answer questions and explain the art form and philosophy of Ikebana.



Floral display by
Sawako Kojima



Visitors enjoying the beauty of the
Ikebana floral arrangements.

On Sunday, a special reception was held to acknowledge Ambassador John Malott, the Japanese Exhibit and Event Benefactor. Honored guests included Acting Counsel General Naoya Kishi and the President of the Japan America Society of Chicago, Dr. Bradley Hamm. Also attending were Illinois Institute of Technology Professor Anna Ninoya, her husband and six of her architect students.



Ambassador John Malott
and Acting Counsel General
Naoya Kishi.

The Japanese Exhibit, permanently located on the second floor of the Bradley House, is now open to all tour visitors. The newly designed Japanese Garden is located in the courtyard of the Bradley House for all to enjoy.



Chime Creations

701 S HARRISON AVE, KANKAKEE, IL 60901

JUNE 12TH | 2-4PM

[HTTPS://WRIGHT1900.ORG/EVENTS/](https://wright1900.org/events/)

UNLEASH YOUR CREATIVITY
AND TAKE HOME A UNIQUE
CHIME YOU MADE YOURSELF!

Tickets

\$20 Adults

\$10 Kids

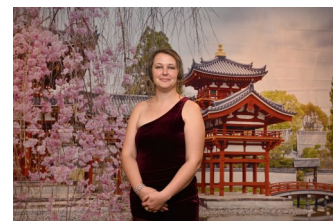
Coming October 24!



For all adult fans of this popular series. Blend the magic of R.K. Rollings' universe with the elegance of a 2 PM afternoon tea, all inside Frank Lloyd Wright's historic Bradley House. [Tickets, \\$40, available online](#) or by calling the office 815-936-9630.

Tulip Gala 2026

Thank you to everyone who supported the 2026 Tulip Gala! Nineteen local businesses sponsored the event. Another nineteen donated silent auction items. This first time fundraising dinner raised over \$9,000.00 for the preservation fund. Wright in Kankakee expresses a special thank you to Katelyn Walker, who spear-headed this wonderful event!



Katelyn Walker



Donations help to preserve and maintain the B. Harley Bradley House as a public space visited by people from all over the world. All donations, both large and small, are graciously accepted. Help Wright in Kankakee protect and preserve the B. Harley Bradley House, Frank Lloyd Wright's first Prairie Design!



Donor List May 1, 2025 - May 1, 2026

\$40,000-\$49,000

Norman & Janice Strasma

\$13,000-13,999

Mr. & Mrs. Keith Schweitzer

\$12,000-\$12,999

John R. Malott Ambassador's Fund

\$7,000-\$7,999

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Dale Strough
Susan Weeks



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**

MATCHING FUNDS TOTALING UP TO \$100,000 AVAILABLE!

Help us reach the goal of \$200,000. PROJECT COST IS \$450,000.



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

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

Name _____

Mailing Address _____ Email _____

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

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