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PAY HOMAGE TO ONE OF AMERICA'S GREATEST MODERN ARCHITECTS WITH THESE SPECIAL EVENTS

Wisconsin celebrates Frank Lloyd Wright's 150th birthday with inspiring and entertaining programs

MADISON, Wis. (April 24, 2017) — As the birthplace of architect Frank Lloyd Wright, Wisconsin is passionate about its native son and his many buildings that dot the state's landscape. In fact, the state recently marked the world's first Frank Lloyd Wright Trail, a 200-mile self-guided motor route that takes visitors to nine different Frank Lloyd Wright-designed sites across Southern Wisconsin.

The trail was launched in anticipation of Wright's 150th birthday anniversary on June 8. To celebrate, the trail sites and other historic and cultural attractions and art museums across the state are hosting a full slate of Wright-inspired events and activities for visitors to enjoy this year. Whether it's the Wright and Like Tour of homes in Milwaukee on June 3 or the Wright Celebration for Kids at Taliesin in Spring Green on June 17, everyone from the Frank Lloyd Wright aficionado to the casual fan can enjoy these inspiring and entertaining events.



Please note that event changes may occur. We encourage the media to reconfirm dates and contact information before going to print or posting online.

FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT EVENTS

**Exhibition of Pedro E. Guerrero Photography of Frank Lloyd Wright: Celebrating Two American Masters in their Anniversary Years – Taliesin, Spring Green
May 1-Oct. 31, 2017**

This exhibition of iconic photos by photographer Pedro E. Guerrero celebrates the 20-year friendship between two American masters: Wright and Guerrero. 2017 also marks Guerrero's 100th birthday. Visitors can view these unique photographs of Wright on display at the Hillside Home School during a Hillside, Highlights or Estate Tour at Taliesin.
608-588-7900; www.taliesinpreservation.org

**Wright in Racine Lecture — Wade House Historic Site, Greenbush
May 11, 2017**

Through compelling photographs and stories, Mark Hertzberg, author and photographer of three books about Frank Lloyd Wright's work, will showcase Wright's work in Racine between 1904 and 1954, including every phase of Wright's career after 1900.

920-526-3271; www.wadehouse.wisconsinhistory.org

**"On the Wright Trail" Exhibition – SC Johnson, Milwaukee
Mid-May 2017**

In celebration of Wright's 150th, SC Johnson will present the "On the Wright Trail" exhibition, the latest installment in "The SC Johnson Gallery: At Home with Frank Lloyd Wright." Opening in mid-May, the gallery will include examples of Wright's architectural designs, furniture and textiles, focusing on some of his most iconic buildings. The exhibition covers almost the entirety of the Frank Lloyd Wright Trail — from both his youthful and mature experiments in and around Spring Green to groundbreaking homes in Madison and Milwaukee—through the inclusion of 26 models of some of Wright's greatest designs.

262-260-2154; www.scjohnson.com

**Wright and Like Milwaukee: A Celebration of Wright's 150th Anniversary – Milwaukee
June 3, 2017**

The Wright and Like self-guided tour offers a rare opportunity to tour the interior of 12 architectural gems in Milwaukee, including six Frank Lloyd Wright-designed homes and six designed by Wright's contemporaries. Many of the homes are private residences, most never opened to the public. The Model B1 Burnham House, a Frank Lloyd Wright Trail site, will be part of this tour.

608-287-0339; www.wrightinwisconsin.org

**Albert S. Rockwell Photography Exhibit — AD German Warehouse, Richland Center
June 3-4, 2017**

To celebrate Wright's 150th, AD German Warehouse will feature a special photography exhibit showcasing the works of Albert S. Rockwell. Among the collection will be approximately 15 images of Taliesin before and after the devastating fire in August 1914. Tours of the Warehouse will also be offered throughout the weekend.

608-287-0339; www.adgermanwarehouse.org

**Birthday Celebration – Wyoming Valley School, Spring Green
June 4, 2017**

To celebrate and honor Wright's 150th birthday and the 60th anniversary of the construction of Wyoming Valley School, the site will offer free tours along with food, refreshments and music.

608-588-2544; www.wyomingvalleyschool.blogspot.com

**25th Anniversary of Cottage Restoration — Seth Peterson Cottage, Lake Delton
June 4, 2017**

Commemorate the restoration of Wright's Mirror Lake cottage at this special event, which features guided tours, music, cake and speakers including the cottage's restoration architect. Enter the raffle to win a free two-night stay at the cottage.

877-466-2358; www.sethpeterson.org

Garden Party Celebration – Still Bend (Bernard Schwartz House), Two Rivers

June 4, 2017

This late afternoon garden party will include games, music, tours of the house and a Wright-inspired farm-to-table Locavore Feast. Reservations are required and proceeds will go toward the restoration fund.

612-840-7507; www.stillbend.com

Exhibition Grand Opening “From Coops to Cathedrals: The Childhood & Organic Architecture of Wisconsin’s Frank Lloyd Wright” — Madison Children’s Museum, Madison

June 7, 2017

This exhibition is the first large-scale redesign of the Madison Children’s Museum’s exhibition space since its award-winning opening in 2010. Children can experience Wright’s work through playful experiments, tinkering and building. The grand opening event will include birthday cake and fun programs for the entire family.

608-256-6445; www.madisonchildrensmuseum.org

Frank Lloyd Wright 150th Birthday Celebration — Wade House Historic Site, Greenbush

June 8, 2017

Wade House is throwing Wright a 150th birthday party, complete with a program by Ron McCrea, Frank Lloyd Wright author and expert. Guests can also enjoy the opening of “A Taliesin Album: Rare Photographs of Frank Lloyd Wright’s First Spring Green Home,” an exhibit that documents the construction of the original Taliesin. The museum will also display Wright’s restored 1890 Roof-seat Omnibus and other photographs and materials.

920-526-3271; www.wadehouse.wisconsinhistory.org

A Wright Celebration for Kids — Taliesin, Spring Green

June 17, 2017

This family friendly event at Taliesin’s Hillside Theater will feature a fun and interactive presentation by children’s author and entertainer Bob Kann. After, visitors can indulge in Wright’s traditional gourmet birthday cake on the Hillside Lawn.

608-588-7900; www.taliesinpreservation.org

“Regretting Mr. Wright: Mamah Tells Her Own Story” Performance — Wade House Historic Site, Greenbush

July 13, 2017

During this theatrical presentation, living historian Elizabeth Carlson plays Wright’s mistress Martha “Mamah” Borthwick, recounting Borthwick’s life before and during the her tragic and dramatic death.

920-526-3271; www.wadehouse.wisconsinhistory.org

Exhibition: “Frank Lloyd Wright: Buildings for the Prairie” – Milwaukee Art Museum, Milwaukee

July 28-Oct. 15, 2017

The Milwaukee Art Museum will unveil a new exhibit this summer that will feature a selection of Wright’s designs from the *Wasmuth Portfolio* and examples of his furniture, stained glass and textiles. The *Wasmuth Portfolio* is known to be the largest collection of Wright’s early work and lends important insight into the evolution of Wright’s Prairie School work.

414-224-3200; www.mam.org

Celebrating Wright's 150th in Word and Music — Taliesin, Spring Green

Aug. 6-7, 2017

Enjoy the sounds of the Taliesin Community Chorus as they perform the world premiere of Scott Gendel's new choral composition in honor of Wright's 150th birthday. The Taliesin Preservation and the Rural Musicians Forum will also present music and spoken word ranging from Frank Lloyd Wright to Bach, Copland and more.

608-588-7900; www.taliesinpreservation.org

Design Night Out — Monona Terrace, Madison

Aug. 10, 2017

Adults seeking a creative outlet in a fun environment will love this event. A design topic will be presented then guests will have an opportunity to try their hand at the creation. Sip on a cocktail while creating your own masterpiece!

608-261-4000; www.mononaterrace.com

"The Frank Lloyd Wright Carriages" Lecture — Wade House Historic Site, Greenbush

Aug. 10, 2017

Through photos and stories, Vicki Nelson Bodoh, past president of the Carriage Association of America, will recount the mystery of the carriages that remain at Taliesin, how they were used by Wright and his family, and the connection she discovered between Wright and a Sheboygan carriage collector. A wine and cheese reception will follow the lecture.

920-526-3271; www.wadehouse.wisconsinhistory.org

Screening of "Pedro E. Guerrero: A Photographer's Journey" — Taliesin, Spring Green

Sept. 5, 2017

This film screening of the PBS American Masters documentary celebrates the 20-year friendship between Wright and Guerrero in a milestone year for both. Enjoy a reception featuring local wine and cheese before the screening. Reservations are required.

608-588-7900; www.taliesinpreservation.org

"George Mann Niedecken" Lecture — Wade House Historic Site, Greenbush

Sept. 16, 2017

Join Dr. Brandon Ruud from the Milwaukee Art Museum for a presentation on interior architect George Mann Niedecken, who influenced the furnishing of some of Wright's best-known Prairie School houses. Light hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be served.

920-526-3271; www.wadehouse.wisconsinhistory.org

50th Anniversary Gala — Taliesin, Spring Green

Sept. 22, 2017

Wright's Riverview Terrace, known today as the Frank Lloyd Wright Visitor Center, is celebrating its 50th anniversary. Feast on a dinner featuring Taliesin-grown produce while learning about the rich history of the building on the Wisconsin River. Tickets are required.

608-588-7900; www.taliesinpreservation.org

Wright On! For Families — Monona Terrace, Madison**Oct. 1, 2017**

Engage the whole family with hands-on opportunities to create, build and make discoveries about Monona Terrace and other Frank Lloyd Wright designs.

608-261-4000; www.mononaterrace.com

“A Taliesin Album” Presentation — Wade House Historic Sites, Spring Green**Oct. 12, 2017**

Former Wisconsin Historical Society research specialist and editor Jack Holzhurter will tell the story of the acquisition of the Taliesin albums, the importance of Wright’s work and the significance of the photos in the albums.

920-526-3271; www.wadehouse.wisconsinhistory.org

Dinner Event at Unitarian Meeting House – Unitarian Meeting House; Madison – Oct. 13, 2017

The historic Frank Lloyd Wright-designed Unitarian Meeting House will host a special dinner event on Friday, Oct. 13 to celebrate Wright’s 150th birthday. Details to follow.

608-233-9774; www.fusmadison.org

The Unknown Craftsman: Creating and Re-creating, Furniture Designed by Frank Lloyd Wright — Monona Terrace, Madison**Nov. 16, 2017**

Alan Anderson will share his studies on furniture designed by architects in the early 20th century, including Frank Lloyd Wright’s distinctive style and the iconic barrel chair built for the house of Darwin Martin in Buffalo, New York. The lecture highlights work of Matthews Brothers Company Furniture of Milwaukee.

608-261-4000; www.mononaterrace.com

FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT TRAIL SITE TOURS

In addition to these exciting events, public tours are available at each of the Frank Lloyd Wright Trail sites.

**SC Johnson Administration Building and Research Tower – Racine**

The 1939 SC Johnson Administration Building has been called one of the top 25 buildings of the 20th century, and Wright designed everything down to the furniture. Nearby, the Research Tower is one of the world’s tallest cantilevered buildings. Free group tours of the SC Johnson campus are offered Thursday-Sunday from March through December. The tour lasts approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes and offers an up close, in-depth look at the inspired architecture. Tours can be booked at www.scjohnson.com.

Wingspread – Wind Point

Wingspread, called “the last of the prairie houses,” was once the family estate of third-generation SC Johnson leader H.F. Johnson Jr. and is now open for free public tours year-round. Dates and times for the one-hour tours can be found at www.scjohnson.com.

American System Built Home Model B1 (Burnham House) – Milwaukee

Docent-led interior tours of the Wright-designed Model B1 home at 2714 West Burhham Street (one of six Wright-designed homes still standing on that street) are offered on select Saturdays from 12:30-3:30 p.m. Admission is \$15 and children under 16 are free. On June 8, guests can tour the B1 home for only \$1.50 in honor of Wright's 150th. A cupcake is included with admission. For a list of other upcoming tour dates, visit www.wrightinmilwaukee.org.

Monona Terrace – Madison

Though Wright first proposed the Monona Terrace project in the 1930s, it wasn't completed until nearly four decades after his death. Today, the site is a popular place for meetings, weddings and community programs, and offers daily tours at 1 p.m. from May-October. Tours are offered Friday-Monday from November-April, and admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. Monona Terrace will also offer discounted tours on June 8 with a complimentary cupcake in honor of Wright's birthday. Information can be found at www.mononaterrace.com.

First Unitarian Society Meeting House – Madison

Wright was a member of this congregation and his preacher father was one of the founders. First Unitarian Society Meeting House has been hailed as one of the world's most innovative examples of church architecture. Weekday tours are held at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. from May-September and cost \$10. Free Sunday tours are available year-round at 10:15 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Learn more at www.fusmadison.org.

Taliesin and Frank Lloyd Wright Visitor Center – Spring Green

For the Frank Lloyd Wright fan, nothing tops his 800-acre estate overlooking the Wisconsin River. Today, the Taliesin Preservation manages the grounds and offers six touring options of the estate. Most tours are offered May through October, and advance reservations are strongly recommended. Public tours will be offered at 50 percent off June 6-8 in honor of Wright's 150th. View tour options and book tickets at www.taliesinpreservation.org.

Wyoming Valley School Cultural Arts Center – Spring Green

Designed and donated by Wright in honor of his mother, Anna Lloyd-Jones Wright, the Wyoming Valley School is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the arts and culture of the region, with spaces for workshops, performances, lectures and exhibits for all ages. Regular tour hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on weekends from April-November. Free tours will be offered on June 4 in honor of Wright's birthday and guests can enjoy light refreshments, cake and music. Learn more at www.wyomingvalleyschool.blogspot.com.

AD German Warehouse – Richland Center

Completed in 1921, the four-story warehouse is the most notable commission Wright took on in his hometown. Once a storage place for sugar, flour, coffee and other commodities, today it houses a gift shop, small theater and exhibit of large murals illustrating Wright's work. The Warehouse is open for tours from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sundays from May through October. Tours run on the quarter hour and admission is \$10. Learn more at www.adgermanwarehouse.org.

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