

Nunda Historical Society “Everything Wright” Tour

Thursday, July 9, 2015

This summer the Nunda Historical Society is hosting a tour to Buffalo, NY on Thursday, July 9th, with bus transportation provided by Covered Wagon Tours. This tour concentrates on the architectural achievements of Frank Lloyd Wright in the Buffalo area, and follows our 2013 visit to Wright’s Darwin Martin House in downtown Buffalo. In addition, we will be treated to the very eclectic and most impressive Collection of The Buffalo Transportation Pierce Arrow Museum. See details here and consider joining us for a most interesting, educational and fun filled day.



We leave the Nunda Historical Society parking lot at 7:30 AM and our first stop is Wright’s **Graycliff Estate** in Derby, NY on Lake Erie where a Master Docent will take us on a two-hour In-Depth Tour. Learn about the evolution of Wright’s plans for Graycliff during its design in the mid 1920s - Wright’s architecture, during the development of his mid-career natural or organic style. This tour includes: Graycliff history; building exteriors; both floors of Isabella R. Martin House; first floor of the Foster House; and additional areas of the estate not seen on the Basic Tour. There is limited handicapped accessibility on this tour (the second floor of the Martin House has stairs) and there is extensive walking. We have reserved a covered golf cart for use by those who have difficulty walking but this will accommodate at most three people. If you think you will need the cart, please indicate this on your registration form.



At noon we will enjoy a
**Buffet Lunch at the Buffalo
Yacht Club.** On the menu will be:

Assorted Rolls & Butter
BYC House Salad
Chicken Picatta
Herb Crusted Pork Loin with
Pan Au Juice
Chef’s Choice of Starch & Vegetable
Coffee & Tea
Apple Crisp

After lunch we will stop at **Wright's Fontana Boathouse** that sits majestically on the shores of Buffalo's Black Rock Canal but we will not tour the boathouse. The structure was one of Wright's most beloved works and one that he considered truly one of his best. Designed over 100 years before it was actually built in 2007, it is being used for its originally intended purpose - an actual rowing facility. Enjoy seeing the beauty of not only the building, but also the Buffalo waterfront with spectacular views of Lake Erie, Canada and the mighty Niagara River.



We travel on to **The Buffalo Transportation PIERCE ARROW MUSEUM** for a 2 PM tour to see an impressive collection of automobiles, bicycles, motorcycles, Pierce-Arrow artifacts, fashions through the years, **The 1927 Buffalo Filling Station** designed by **Frank Lloyd Wright**, and more.

Autos in the Collection include: a 1902 Buffalo Electric Stanhope; a 1903 Pierce Stanhope; a 1909 Thomas Flyer 6-40 Flyabout; 1918 Pierce-Arrow 7-Passenger Touring Car; a 1919 Bus; a 1922 Automatic Electric; and a 1948 Playboy, manufactured in Buffalo by the Playboy Motor Car Company. There is even a Hippomobile.



*Frank Lloyd Wright
Filling Station*

The Museum was established as a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization in 1997. The Museum building, at the corner of Seneca Street and Michigan Avenue, in downtown Buffalo (once a Mack Truck dealership and showroom), opened in 2001. Jim Sandoro and his wife, Mary Ann, have spent more than 45 years collecting memorabilia, antique vehicles and historic artifacts to visually display the rich transportation history of Western New York.

We leave for Nunda at 4 PM to arrive home between 5:30 and 6 PM.

For more information on the above see:
http://graycliffstate.org/reserve_tour.cfm
<https://www.buffaloyachtclub.org/>
<http://wrightsboathouse.org/tours>
<http://www.pierce-arrow.com>