

Join the Society of Architectural Historians
And Historic Albany Foundation

**For a full weekend of fabulous old new fresh and refreshed
Architecture in Buffalo, New York**

(a not very well-kept architectural secret)

April 23-25, 2010

You will visit buildings by big and famous names like Frank Lloyd Wright (FLW), and familiar names like HH Richardson (Albany City Hall) and Frederick Law Olmstead (New York's Central Park,) and many many more, as well as meet new ones you'll want to know.



Highlights include two major houses by Frank Lloyd Wright, the Darwin Martin House [above] and Graycliff. The Martin House, one of FLW's masterpieces, has undergone a multimillion dollar restoration, with reconstruction of the pergola, and the recently opened Wisteria gift shop. More on the Martin House complex below, or visit <http://www.darwinmartinhouse.org/>

And we will dine in a fantastic restaurant in the Calumet Building, the lead adaptively-reused building in Buffalo's popular entertainment area, an Art Nouveau building built in 1906 by [Esenwein & Johnson](#), with exuberant use of glazed terra cotta tile, one of the finest in the country.

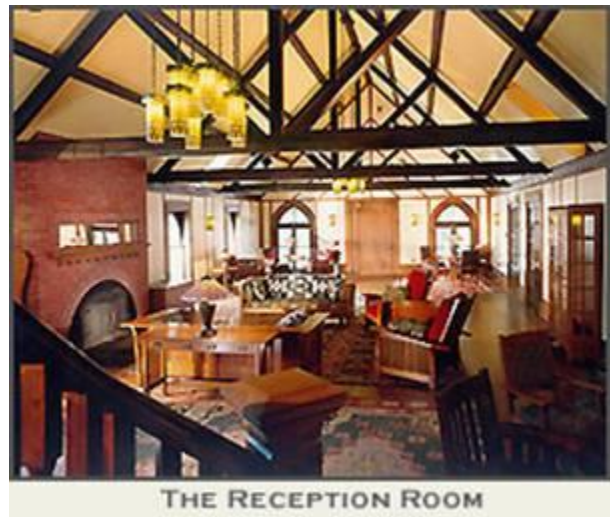


We will stay in suites in the Historic and colorful **Roycroft Inn** in nearby East Aurora, New York, built in 1905 and stunningly restored in 1995. It is located on the Roycroft Arts and Crafts campus there where you can see the best of that tradition, some of it reminiscent of William Morris.

History of the Inn: (from their website)

In 1895 the Roycroft Arts and Crafts Community was founded in East Aurora, New York by writer-philosopher Elbert Hubbard. Based on the Medieval Guild system that was adapted by William Morris & John Ruskin in the English Arts & Crafts Movement, Hubbard developed and promoted a self-contained community which supported hundreds of craftspeople.

Well-known names such as Frank Lloyd Wright, Gustav Stickley and Dard Hunter, were highly influential to the Roycrofters and the Arts and Crafts Movement in America. The Roycroft community became the mecca for those interested in the Arts and Crafts movement and in 1905 the Roycroft Inn was opened. Passing through several hands since then, it was granted National Landmark Status in 1986,



FRIDAY, April 23, 7 AM: Our schedule starts at the Yankee Trails Bus Terminal where you can park your car safely and at no cost for the weekend. The terminal is at:

569 Third Avenue Extension
Rensselaer, New York 12144

The bus rolls at 7:00 am for Buffalo. Please bring a snack with you to eat on the bus as we will be on the road approximately 5 hours before reaching our buffet lunch in Buffalo, and there will not be time for a meal at comfort stops en route.

We enjoy a buffet lunch on Lake Erie and then proceed to Graycliff for a tour in the interior of the house. It was designed by Frank Lloyd Wright for the Darwin

Martin family as their summer home. He was asked to include as much light as he could to accommodate Mrs. Martin's poor eye-sight. After it left the Martin family, the home was occupied by a boys' school for several years and underwent many changes. The Graycliff Conservancy has finally, this season, restored the building to its original configuration with a light and airy see-through feeling.



Wright's Graycliff, Summer house of the Darwin Martins. Photo from the house's website

After a tour of Graycliff and playtime in their shop, we will re-board the bus to go to our spectacular Roycroft Inn to check in with enough time to wander the Arts and Crafts campus, especially the Roycroft store that displays the best in the traditional style, before enjoying a dinner presented especially for us in the library at the Roycroft Inn.

SATURDAY, April 24: At 9:00 am we will be joined on the bus by a local guide who will show us a variety of Buffalo "gems" such as the newly built (but 1905 FLW-designed) Fontana Boathouse, the HH Richardson Psychiatric Center, currently under restoration via state funds, and others on our way to the **Darwin Martin Complex**. The Inn will have provided us with box lunches so we have maximum time to see important sites.

Much recent work on the **Darwin Martin** Complex has created a new vision at this site with a new visitors' center that opened in March, 2009 and completion of the pergola, which reclaims space formerly occupied by later (non-FLW) apartments (now demolished). In addition to the Martin's Barton House, the Gardener's Cottage (formerly a private residence) is now open for us. We will be treated to a two-hour (1:30-3:30 pm) in-depth tour and time in the interestingly-stocked Wisteria Shop before an informal tour on our way to dinner.

Dinner at 6:00 pm will be at the Bacchus restaurant at the corner of Franklin and Chippewa Streets in the Calumet Building, mentioned above, where we may have

a chance to meet a couple of the dedicated preservationists in Buffalo who are trying to incorporate a new chapter of SAH. Not only is this building significant, the food here is delicious.

SUNDAY, April 25: We will check out early and after breakfast again welcome the local guide to our bus and head into downtown Buffalo at 9:00am, with box lunches in hand, to see the famous **Guaranty Building** by Louis Sullivan, Burnham's Ellicott Square Building and other "must see" buildings, including some of the elegant residences along Delaware Avenue designed by the likes of McKim, Mead & White and a firm well known in this state for decades: EB Green and Wicks.



The Guaranty Building, 1894-95, by Adler and Sullivan

And then back to Albany, arriving at Yankee Trails around 5:30 pm, tired but full of magnificent sights and much to think about....and having had a
REALLY GREAT TIME.

To join us, please print out and complete the registration form below.

Registration form for SAH / HAF bus trip to Buffalo
Friday, April 23rd to Sunday April 25th 2010

LEAVES at 7:00 am from Yankee Trails Bus Terminal (4/23/10)
Returns Sunday (4/25/10) to Yankee Trails approx, 5:30pm
Cars may be left at Yankee Trails free of charge for weekend

*****Pleaser register by MARCH 15TH**
by filling out form below***

and enclosing a check for the full amount of the trip, \$435.00,
made out to Society of Architectural Historians, and Send it to Ann
Githler, 17 Bleecker Place, Albany NY 12202-1701

Cost includes all transportation & gratuity, meals & gratuity (exclusive of
alcoholic beverages), entry fees into historic sites, guides and gratuity. Suites are
double occupancy in various configurations. Questions about accommodations,
please call: Ann Githler @ (518) 462-1670 or Steve Brown @ 462-1412

NAME _____

Name of roommate _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL _____

Please indicate meal choices:

Box lunch: Sat: a) beef _____ b) turkey _____

Sun: a) beef _____ b) turkey _____

Fri eve dinner: a) chicken _____ b) sirloin _____

c) salmon

Sat eve: a) chicken _____ b) strip steak _____ c) salmon _____

a) Pear salad _____ b) Caesar salad _____

c) Mushroom soup_____ d) Colorado pork chili soup_____

Thank you.....

for any other questions email Ned at nedpratt66@aol.com or call Ann, number above