Frank Lloyd Wright's 149th Birthday Celebration

Frank Lloyd Wright was born on June 8, 1867, in Richland, Wisconsin. Widely considered the greatest architect of the 20th century, he designed more than 1,000 structures in his lifetime. Come celebrate Frank Lloyd Wright's birthday all summer long at the LEGO® Architectural Exhibit. Experience more than 20 models of world-renowned structures, including 4 major projects by Frank Lloyd Wright. While you are there, design and construct your own building and contribute to our modular city.

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Did You Know?

Frank Lloyd Wright once designed a three-wheeled car, which he named the "Road Machine." Based on the features of an International Harvester tractor he owned at his Taliesin estate in Spring Green, Wisconsin, the design featured one wheel in front and two in the back. Wright believed the vehicle would maneuver easily in traffic, perfect to be utilized as a taxicab. It even provided a separate compartment for the driver behind and above the passengers. Unfortunately, the design never moved past the drawing board.
Volunteer Highlight: Burt Brungardt

Volunteer Burt Brungardt is completely fascinated by Allen House. “I remember the first time I saw the outside of this home,” he says. “I have been intrigued by it ever since.” In fact, his first moments inside the house inspired him to study architecture.

“This house provides inhabitants a feeling of comfort, refuge, and has remained classically stylish for 100 years,” he says. “Contemporary even by today’s standards, it demonstrates how good design is timeless and provides a model for each person to see how this floor plan has been mimicked in most of the homes we live in today.”

Brungardt is proud Allen House has made Wichita its home and believes in the importance of sharing it with others. “I get inspiration from architecture and appreciate the opportunity of sharing that inspiration with others by volunteering at the house,” he says. “Volunteers give visitors the opportunity to see and experience what made this home unique 100 years ago.”

Gilded Garage Gift Shop

Birthday Book Sale
June 8 | 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Celebrate Frank Lloyd Wright’s birthday with a book straight from our archive. Join us on this special day as we offer to the public a surplus of fabulous books on architecture and Frank Lloyd Wright. Proceeds support the Decorative Arts Fund for the museum.

Regular shop hours: Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Restoration Update

Upcoming:
- Landscaping based on that of Henry and Elsie Allen.

In-progress:
- Conservation of art glass windows in Elsie Allen’s day room.
- Tuckpointing of brickwork using lime-based mortar.

Completed:
- Conservation of oak wood floors, donated by Wilson Maintenance.
- Replacement carpeting throughout home, donated by INVISTA, Bentley Mills and labor by Star Lumber.