

# WESTERN RESERVE ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIANS CLEVELAND, OHIO

A Chapter of the SOCIETY of ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIANS



FALL 2011

## PROGRAM & INFORMATION

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## WESTERN RESERVE ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIANS

### PURPOSE:

Western Reserve Architectural Historians was founded in 1965 to provide an opportunity for persons from all professions and backgrounds to meet regularly so that they might understand and enjoy the region's architectural heritage. At least 6 times per year, through walking tours, on-site visits, lectures, and discussions, WRAH members explore the notable, unusual, and significant in the built environment.

### AWARDS:

The Western Reserve Award is given annually, when merited, to recognize significant achievements and outstanding contributions to the architectural history of Ohio and the Western Reserve in particular. Some years, as a memorial to Edmund H. Chapman, Professor of Art History, Western Reserve University, a topical book is presented to a local library. On occasion, WRAH trustees may present an award of achievement.

### WRAH OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES, 2010 - 2011

<b>President</b>	Sarah Klann	Barbara Flinn	<b>Immediate Past President</b>
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	Marc Vincent	Carol Ganzel	
		Stephen Kish	
		Elwin Robison	
		Terrence Sheridan	<b>Web Master</b>

### RECENT RECIPIENTS OF THE WESTERN RESERVE AWARD

1992:	Walter C. Leedy, Jr <b>Cleveland Builds an Art Museum: Patronage, Politics, and Architecture, 1844 – 1916</b>	2000:	Eric Johanneson (Awarded Posthumously) <b>A Cleveland Legacy: the Architecture of Walker and Weeks</b>
1993:	Jan Cigliano <b>Showplace of America: Cleveland's Euclid Avenue, 1850 – 1910</b>	2001:	Ann Marie Wieland, Cleveland State University <b>A Century of Planning in Cleveland</b>
1996:	Susan P. McKiernan & Joann King <b>Building a Firm Foundation: Medina County Architecture, 1811 – 1900</b>	2008:	Bratenahl Historical Society <b>A Place Apart: The History of Bratenahl, Ohio</b> Dianna Tittle, author Color photographs by Jennie Jones
1997:	Foster Armstrong, Richard Klein, & Cara Armstrong <b>A Guide to Cleveland's Sacred Landmarks</b>	2009:	Timothy Barrett, for Research and Advocacy towards Preservation of Significant Sacred Structures.
1998:	<b>Eleven Authors in Search of a Building</b> Edited by Cynthia C. Davidson		
1999:	Elwin C. Robison <b>First Kirtland Temple: Design, Construction, and Historic Context</b>		

## WRAH FALL PROGRAM 2011

**Date:** Sunday, September 18, 2011 at 1:30 pm  
**Subject:** Tour of the new Bertram & Judith Kohl Building, Oberlin College  
**Speaker:** Michael Lynn, Associate Dean of Technology & Facilities, Professor of Recorder & Baroque Flute, Curator of Musical Instruments  
**Place:** 77 West College St., the Conservatory of Music, three attached buildings including the Kohl. The entrance to the Kohl is off-street, east of the main entrance.

“A building should broadcast its purpose to the world” is the philosophy behind the new Bertram & Judith Kohl Building, the new home for jazz studies, music history, and music theory at Oberlin College Conservatory of Music. The building dedicated on May 1, 2011 features a state-of-the-art recording studio and the largest privately held jazz recording collection in the United States. The James Neumann Collection consists of more than 100,000 recordings and an array of posters, ephemera and iconography. The building was designed with the highest environmental building standards in mind and intends to be the first music facility in the world to attain a Gold Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design rating following standards set by the U.S. Green Building Council. We will also visit the rare instrument storage/workroom that is not usually open to the public.

**Directions:** There should be plenty of on street parking available on Sunday afternoon.

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**Date:** Saturday, October 22, 2011 at 10 am to 12 noon  
**Subject:** Squire Valleevue Farm and the Valley Ridge Farm  
**Speaker:** Dr. Ana Locci, Director of the CWRU University Farm  
**Place:** 37125 Fairmount Blvd, Hunting Valley, just east of SOM Center Rd, (Ohio Route 91)

Dr. Ana Locci will describe the history and significance of these two working farms comprising almost 400 acres donated to the university in 1938. Andrew Squire hired Walker and Weeks to design the Cotswold style manor house in the late 1920's and landscape architect, Ethelwyn Harrison to plan the medicinal gardens and arboretum. The lower farm, Valley Ridge Farm, formerly the summer home of Jephtha Wade II, incorporates the repurposing of a complex of buildings and features a magnificent U shaped horse barn. Wade hired architects Hubbel and Benes and landscape designer Warren Manning to help realize his dream of the perfect country retreat. CWRU acquired the farm in 1977. Come enjoy the fall foliage in this pastoral setting and bring a picnic lunch to enjoy after the tour with the group. Should you be so inclined, easy walking trails are available to complete your day in the country.

**Directions:** We will meet at the Manor House, enter from Fairmount Road, take the first driveway to the left, pass through woods to a small parking lot. It's a short walk to the Manor House. We will be guided to the Wade Lower Farm to complete the tour. Please wear comfortable walking shoes.

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**Date:** Saturday, November 12, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.  
**Subject:** Tour of Glenwillow Village Center, 29555 Pettibone Road, Glenwillow, OH  
**Speakers:** Mark A. Cegelka, Mayor and Peggy Spraggins, Grant Consultant  
**Place:** Meet at the Village Center Park Gazebo

The Village of Glenwillow is one of the last "company towns" in Northeast Ohio. It was founded in the late 1890's when the Austin Powder Company moved their operations from Cleveland to what was then Solon Township. Soon after, the Village was incorporated – enabling Austin to get around the regulations of the Township. All the members of the Village Council and the Mayor were company employees, so their decisions benefited the company. The Austin Powder Company built homes, a school, an orphanage, a general store, post office and later a gas station to house their employees and take care of their family needs. In 2005 the Village began a restoration/renovation project to restore the homes – in order to sell them to individuals dedicated to maintaining historical amenities such as the design, roof line, and style of trim. Some of the homes were converted to commercial use while retaining original features. The original General Store is now home to the Glenwillow Grille, an upscale contemporary restaurant. The wood used in the bar area is original to the site and the windows have been restored.

**Directions:** Please meet at the Village Center Park Gazebo which is located behind the Glenwillow Grille, 29765 Pettibone Road. You can access the drive to the gazebo from the parking area at the Grille. If you wish to come for lunch before the tour, meet at the Glenwillow Grille at 12:30 pm. The website with the menu and directions is [www.glenwillowgrille.com](http://www.glenwillowgrille.com)