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The Victorian Society in America invites you to

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MAY 17 - 19, 2018 • PRE-TOUR MAY 16, 2018

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16

PRE-TOUR EXCURSION TO SPRING GREEN

Depart 9 a.m. • Return 5 p.m. • Breakfast and dinner on your own, lunch included

MORNING

TALIESIN • PRIVATE HOUSE TOUR

Among the most architecturally significant buildings in the United States, Taliesin embodies Frank Lloyd Wright's energy, technique, and creative vision. The house stands as the longest continually evolving project of Wright's career. The 2-hour House Tour guides you through rooms that Wright imagined and built, exploring the rich canvas he worked on for most of his life. From the Taliesin courtyards and gardens, you are afforded a commanding view of the beautiful valley settled by Wright's ancestors, while the interior portion of the tour explores Taliesin's famed living room, the garden room, loggia, bedroom, and studio.

AFTERNOON

WYOMING VALLEY SCHOOL • LUNCH AND TOUR

Wyoming Valley School was to be built in honor of Wright's mother, Anna Lloyd Jones, a kindergarten teacher who had fostered Wright's lifelong love of learning. In 1958 the school opened its doors to 46 students in grades 1-8. Though the building stood empty from 1990-2010, it was reopened in 2011 as a non-profit arts and cultural center, The Wyoming Valley School Cultural Arts Center.

UNITY CHAPEL AND THE JONES FAMILY CEMETERY

Unity Chapel was designed by Lyman Silsbee for Wright's uncle, the Reverend Jenkin Lloyd Jones. Although not officially in the employ of Silsbee, eighteen-year-old **Frank Lloyd Wright** "looked after" the interior. This makes the chapel Wright's earliest known work.

Opening Reception and speaker at the Capital Club • the Hilton Madison Monona Terrace Hotel

Our speaker will be Jack Holzhueter, a former research specialist for the Wisconsin Historical Society, a member of the group's governing body, and a historian whose expertise includes Frank Lloyd Wright's work and legacy.

THURSDAY, MAY 17

MADISON

STUDY TOUR PROGRAM

Depart 9 a.m. • Return 5 p.m. • Breakfast and dinner on your own, lunch included at Quivey's Grove Stone House

MORNING

UNITARIAN MEETING HOUSE • TOUR

The First Unitarian Society of Madison is housed in the Unitarian Meeting House, designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, one of its members and the son of two of its founders. Wright was commissioned in 1946, construction began in 1949 and was completed in 1951. Construction of a major expansion of the FUS campus, designed by Kubala Washatko Architects, was completed in 2008.

JACOBS I HOUSE • INTERIOR VISIT

The **Herbert and Katherine Jacobs First House** is a single family home designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. Constructed in 1937, it is considered by most to be the first Usonian home. It was designated a National Historic Landmark in 2003 and is still privately owned.

AFTERNOON

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS HISTORIC DISTRICT • WALKING TOUR

One of Madison's first suburbs, located close to the University, boasts some of Madison's most architecturally significant Queen Anne, prairie style and period revival houses, built here by Madison's finest architects, as well as nationally-known architects Keck and Keck, George W. Maher, Louis Sullivan and Frank Lloyd Wright.

CHARLES AND MARTHA BUELL HOUSE • INTERIOR VISIT

The first house erected in University Heights was built by **Charles and Martha Buell** in 1894. Designed by Conover & Porter, it was called "Buell's Folly," since University Heights was an empty hill located beyond the western outskirts of the city and no one in his right mind would live way out there.

HAROLD C. BRADLEY HOUSE (MRS. JOSEPHINE CRANE BRADLEY RESIDENCE) • INTERIOR VISIT

This Prairie School home was designed by **Louis H. Sullivan and George Grant Elmslie**, in 1909. A National Historic Landmark, it is one of just a few residential designs by Sullivan, and one of only two in Wisconsin. It has been the Sigma Phi fraternity house since 1915.



Harold C. Bradley House, Madison, WI.

MONONA TERRACE COMMUNITY & CONVENTION CENTER • TOUR & CHAMPAGNE RECEPTION

Frank Lloyd Wright originally proposed a design for a "dream civic center" in 1938. His architectural vision for the City of Madison—a curvilinear gathering place that would link the shore of Lake Monona to the State Capitol—has now been realized, nearly 60 years later. With interiors redesigned by Taliesin architect Tony Puttnam, Monona Terrace spans ninety feet out over shimmering waters, incorporating thoroughly modern technology and amenities with the architect's signature organic design.

Cover: Taliesin photo courtesy Library of Congress.

Depart 9:15 a.m. • Return 5 p.m. • Breakfast and dinner on your own, OR optional AA Event. Lunch and business meeting at Edgewater Hotel

MORNING

MANSION HILL HISTORIC DISTRICT • WALKING TOUR

Mansion Hill is the residential neighborhood north of the Square in downtown Madison. Its heart is the corner of Gilman and Pinckney Streets, where four Victorian mansions evoke an aura of yesteryear. In the nineteenth century, Mansion Hill was one of Madison's two most prestigious neighborhoods (the other has been mostly obliterated by time). Mansion Hill contains the greatest concentration of intact Victorian houses remaining in Madison, many of which were the homes of Madison's pioneer movers-and-shakers.

KNAPP HOUSE • INTERIOR VISIT

After serving as home to some of Madison's elites, 17 Wisconsin governors and generations of UW-Madison graduate students, the 163-year-old Knapp House is now being renovated into a boutique hotel. Even without residents or furniture, the 4,832-square-foot Downtown mansion with its mix of Victorian design and more modern renovations still offers a glimpse into Wisconsin's past.

VAN SLYKE HOUSE • INTERIOR VISIT

This sandstone-clad, Italianate house dates from the late 1850s and was designed by August Kutzbock, who also designed the house that is now the Mansion Hill Inn. Current owners bought the house in 2001 when it was cut up into six apartments and have been slowly and patiently restoring it as a single-family residence, a charming house with beautiful features.



Van Slyke House, Madison, WI.

AFTERNOON

CHAZEN MUSEUM OF ART • TOUR OF THE TILE CLUB: CAMARADERIE AND AMERICAN PLEIN-AIR PAINTING

The Tile Club was one of many societies that formed across the United States during the late nineteenth century. Including such well-known artists as Winslow Homer, William Merritt Chase, Augustus Saint-Gaudens, Edwin Austin Abbey, J. Alden Weir, and John H. Twachtman, the club was founded in 1877 riding a wave of interest in the decorative arts. Members met once a week and would each contribute to the "decorative age" by painting an eight-by-eight-inch ceramic tile. These meetings became a time to socialize, dine, and enjoy the music performed by guests and honorary members. Members made excursions to Long Island and up the Hudson River to sketch and paint. These trips were lively journeys, and the works completed during them document the first plein-air painting organization in the young nation. Tiles, paintings, sculptures, and sketches—many by distinguished artists working early in their careers—are showcased in this exhibition.

WISCONSIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY • TOUR OF HISTORIC HEADQUARTERS ON THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN CAMPUS

Join State Historic Preservation Officers Jim Draeger and Daina Penkiunas for a special tour of the Wisconsin Historical Society featuring the rehabilitation of the Reading Room and the surprising modernity of this 118-year old building.

Alumni Association Annual Meeting & Dinner – Separate Reservation Required (see registration page)

Depart 8:45 a.m. • Return 4:30 p.m. • Breakfast and lunch on your own, dinner included at the Hilton Madison Monona Terrace Hotel

MORNING

WISCONSIN STATE CAPITOL, 1917 • PRIVATE TOUR

Offering beautiful mosaics and towering marble columns, the granite-structured Wisconsin State Capitol provides a rich history of the state's diverse ethnic heritage.

FREE TIME ON THE CAPITOL SQUARE • FARMERS' MARKET

The Dane County Farmers' Market is America's largest producers-only farmers' market. It is held from April to November on Saturday mornings on the Capitol Square.

AFTERNOON • THIRD LAKE RIDGE AND FOURTH LAKE RIDGE HISTORIC DISTRICTS TWO INTERIOR HOUSE VISITS (TBA)

Depart from the hotel by coach to visit the Third Lake Ridge settlement on Lake Monona, and the Fourth Lake Ridge settlement on Lake Mendota. The original plat of Madison covered the narrow isthmus that separates Lakes Monona and Mendota, two in a series of four connected lakes referred to by European settlers as First, Second, Third, and Fourth lakes. In Third Lake Ridge, on Lake Monona, the houses are a mix of grand and not-so, including businesses. Just as the ethnicity of its earliest settlers was diverse—Yankee, German, Swiss, and later Norwegian—so too are its architectural styles. The Fourth Lake Ridge area, on Lake Mendota, retains its pre-World War II appearance and scale despite profound changes that have altered the City since the war. Some of the City's best examples of early twentieth century house styles include Italianate, Queen Anne, Shingle, Bungalow, American Foursquare, Craftsman, and Prairie style, and feature designs by several of Madison's architects, including Claude and Starck, Cora Tuttle, Henry T. Dysland, and Frank Riley.



Wisconsin State Capitol, Madison, WI.

NATIVE AMERICAN EFFIGY MOUNDS

In the Midwest, there are at least 15,000 burial mounds, built between 350 and 2,800 years ago. Wisconsin, in particular, was a place where native people left their mark on the landscape by constructing edifices for burial or, perhaps, when it came to effigy mounds in the shapes of animals, birds and spirits, for the benefit of totemic relationships.

Evening Closing Banquet & Awards Presentation at the Hilton Madison Monona Terrace Hotel

SPRING STUDY TOUR REGISTRATION INFORMATION

BECAUSE SPACE IS LIMITED WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT ALL MEMBERS WHO PLAN TO ATTEND REGISTER WITH THE SOCIETY AND MAKE THEIR HOTEL RESERVATIONS BEFORE APRIL 15, 2018

The Pre-Meeting Tour includes visits, transportation and lunch. Due to limited seating, this portion of our event will fill up quickly. Please reserve early to avoid disappointment. Hotel accommodations are NOT included in the Pre-Tour.

The Annual Meeting Tour Package includes site admission fees; transportation; Wednesday reception; Thursday lunch; Friday lunch; Saturday dinner. Hotel accommodations are NOT included in the Annual Meeting Tour Package. If you are attending the Alumni Association event on Friday evening a separate reservation is required (see box at right).

Special Note

Bear in mind that there will be extensive walking, particularly on Saturday, so please bring comfortable shoes. We regret that we cannot provide alternate means of transportation for those who have walking or endurance difficulties. (Public transportation may be available in some areas, but participants will be responsible for the cost if they use it.)

Getting There

Madison is served by the Dane County Regional Airport, and there are direct flights from many major U.S. cities. There is an airport shuttle to the Hilton Madison Monona Terrace Hotel. Madison is also accessible by train (Amtrak) and bus (various companies) as well as by car.

Weather & What to Wear

Daily high temperatures range in May from 65° to 74°, rarely falling below 52° and daily low temperatures range from 44° to 54°, rarely falling below 33°, but it is advisable to check the local forecast before departure and dress accordingly. Layers are always practical. Gentlemen should bring jackets as they are appropriate for the opening reception and closing banquet.

Eating Out

There are a number of restaurants—of various types, cuisines and price points—in and within walking distance of the hotel.

Hotel Information

Our headquarters hotel is the Hilton Madison Monona Terrace Hotel, 9 East Wilson, Madison, WI 53703. The phone number for reservations is (855) 516-1090. Please use this number to make your room reservation and be sure to mention that you are with the Victorian Society in America to get the discounted rate. We have reserved a block of rooms at a discounted rate of \$169 per night single or double occupancy, and these rooms will be held for us exclusively until April 15, 2018. After this date, the discounted rate will no longer be available and the rooms will be subject to availability.

MAKING RESERVATIONS AND ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE HOTEL ARE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AND AT YOUR EXPENSE. THE SOCIETY'S ONLY ROLE IS TO SECURE THE DISCOUNTED GROUP RATE.

How to Register

We recommend reserving early, as space is limited. Registrations can be made via check (preferable), credit card, or money order. Your spot in the program is secured only after we receive payment.

Cancellations

Cancellations received on or before April 15, 2018, will be refunded less a \$100 administrative fee. **There will be no refunds after April 15, 2018.** If you think that there is a chance that you will need to withdraw from this program, you may wish to consider purchasing trip insurance. Trip insurance protects you against any unforeseen need to cancel. Trip insurance can cover the Society's fee and your airfare and hotel costs. There are many providers of this type of insurance; one place to start looking is www.insuremytrip.com (800-487-4722). The Society is providing this information purely as a service to you, and we do not receive any compensation from any insurance organization.

Disclaimer

The Victorian Society in America is not responsible for accidents, injury or loss of personal items during this program. The Victorian Society in America reserves the right to make such changes to the schedule, sites to be visited, or personnel as may become necessary or desirable.

**ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
2018 ANNUAL MEETING & DINNER**

WHAT Alumni Associations Annual Meeting and Dinner party featuring a traditional Wisconsin dinner of beer and brats with hamburgers and veggie items for vegetarians, if requested.

WHEN Friday, May 17, 2018 • 7 - 9:30 p.m.

WHERE At the home of Jane and David Villa, Madison, WI. Transportation from the Hilton Madison Monona Terrace Hotel is included.

COST Members of the Alumni Association **\$75**; Guests **\$85**
Payable at the door, *or*
by check payable to: **Alumni Association** and sent to:
David Lamdin, 151 Kirkwood Road, Arlington, VA 22201-3566

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED!
Contact David Lamdin at dlamdin@aol.com
or (703) 243-2350 for details or reservations.

*This event is a fundraiser
for the Association's
General Scholarship Fund.*

	COST	# OF PEOPLE	=	TOTAL
Registration fee	\$50	_____	=	_____
Pre-Meeting Tour (Member)	\$188	_____	=	_____
Pre-Meeting Tour (Non-Member)	\$200	_____	=	_____
Spring Study Tour & Annual Meeting (Member)	\$675	_____	=	_____
Spring Study Tour & Annual Meeting (Non-Member)	\$700	_____	=	_____
TOTAL \$				_____

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