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Old House Society NEWS

The official newsletter of the Bloomington/Normal OHS

*Letter
from
the President...*



SPRING is here!!!! Yes, spring has arrived in its usual fabulous fashion (although a little early), bursting with new colors and beauty, promising hope for those wonderful warm days and the projects that seem to go along with warmer weather. I love spring and I am sure you do too. As we clean out the garage and find that old window . . . an inspiration for another neglected restoration takes hold.

WE CAN HELP!!!! Don't forget the unique and special resource that you are blessed with here in Bloomington/Normal: The "Architectural Treasures Store," the salvage warehouse of the Old House Society.

At the warehouse you can sort and sift through a treasure trove of bits and pieces of lost old homes--materials that have been saved so you can find the original historic parts you need for your own old house. Don't forget though--at the Architectural Treasures Store you can find much more than an assortment of antique doors and windows, flooring of all sizes, window and door trim, doorknobs and locks, light fixtures and cabinets, and on and on and on. Yes, there is more.

INFORMATION

Our incredible warehouse store staff is FULL of information. Our Director and volunteers live and breathe old houses. They own, live in, and work on them every day. The knowledge that they have to share with you about the materials and the "how tos" of your project cannot be found at your local Lowes, Menards, or Ace stores. Indeed, our warehouse staff has almost every answer you may be looking for. If not...

We also have a complete resource library at your disposal which can supply any and all direction you may need related to the work on, restoration of, and the history of Bloomington/Normal historic homes.

Our staff is ready and waiting to meet you and hear your story. Stop by today. I'm sure they will help you with your project and you will leave with your answers, materials, and a smile.

See You There Soon.

Chris Hotz
OHS President

OLD HOUSE SOCIETY "MINI OPEN HOUSE" TO BEGIN AGAIN!



Do you like unwinding after a long day by touring an interesting historic home in McLean County while enjoying refreshments and visiting with other home owners who are passionate about restoration? The Old House Society Board of Directors will once again hold mini open houses once a month beginning in late summer. Some of you may remember this popular program from 2006 and 2007. To roll out the program, the Board needs home owners to volunteer to host such a happy hour – usually held on a Thursday from approximately 5 to 7 p.m. To suggest your house for a future mini open house, contact Laurie Vial at lbv@ctechinternet.com and include complete contact information, the address of your house and a photo if you have one. Watch for more information in future newsletters and on the web site.

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The Old House Society warehouse contains 5,500 square feet of antique and reproduction building materials commonly found in Central Illinois from roughly the 1820s through the 1930s. We also carry supplies useful in restoration and period construction. Our inventory is always changing, so come in and see what's new! You can also call us at 309-820-0548 or email coordinator@oldhousesociety.org with specific requests. We do accept Visa and Mastercard.



OLD HOUSE SOCIETY ANNUAL HOUSE TOUR 2012

WJBC FORUM COMMENTARY, MARCH 29, 2012

“ON BROADWAY”

First, let me give due credit to the Drifters for their classic 1963 version of this forum’s title song.

Second, now let me tell you that the Broadway I’m referring to doesn’t contain bright neon lights, as the song says about the iconic Broadway of New York City.

No, the Broadway I’m thinking of is our own Broadway, the street that begins on the south end with Broadway Place, and runs north, up and down hill, all the way north to its end at College Avenue in Uptown Normal.

How many times have we all travelled this beautiful street, usually in a hurry these days, going to or coming from Normal, without ever really taking note of the wonderful homes that line entire sections of the boulevard?

Well, now we can all enjoy some of these magnificent homes, up close and personal, so to speak, on Saturday, June 9th, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., as The Old House Society once again prepares for its annual tour of homes.

What better opportunity to slow down, even just for this one day, and take a leisurely stroll up and down the tree lined street and see what craftsmanship in home design and construction, back when homes were meant to last, looks like.

Their will also be homes on the adjacent streets available for touring as well.

And, unlike the current gasoline prices, the price of a ticket for this great day hasn’t gone up. It will still cost only ten dollars in advance, or twelve dollars on the day of the tour. Quite the bargain, don’t you think?

Last June over one thousand two hundred people took the tour of Fell Avenue, Clinton Boulevard, and White’s Place. This year promises to be even better, so mark your calendars. More details will follow.

- Michael J. Whelan, Board member, Old House Society

SATURDAY, JUNE 9

10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Tickets price: \$10 in advance / \$12 on the day of the tour; children under age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult

Available at:

A. B. Hatchery

Bill’s Lock and Key

Casey’s Garden Shop

David Davis Mansion Visitors Center

The Garlic Press

Growing Grounds

Old House Society Warehouse

Schnuck’s

916 E. Grove, Bloomington

402 N. Main, Bloomington

127 E Beaufort, Normal

1505 N Main, Bloomington

1000 E. Monroe St, Bloomington

108 W. North St, Normal

1600 S. Main, Bloomington

214 Douglas St, Bloomington

1701 E. Empire, Bloomington



Check in location: Immanuel Bible Foundation, 1301 S Fell Ave, Normal to receive guide book

Parking: (off street) at Illinois Wesleyan Shirk Center; some on-street parking will be available



MEMBERSHIP FORM

Our Mission: Promote and preserve buildings, landscapes, and neighborhoods more than 50 years old, and the communities and heritage they foster.

Our Core Activities:

Annual House Tours * Quarterly Newsletter * Gift to the Street Awards * Web Site
Workshops & Seminars Salvage * Repairs * Warehouse Supplies

Membership benefits include:

- ◇ Warehouse discounts
- ◇ Quarterly newsletter
- ◇ Meet people with similar interests
- ◇ Promote local heritage and traditional neighborhoods

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Membership dues are paid on a calendar-year basis and expire each December 31.

Membership levels:

___ \$25 Student/Retiree	Name: _____
___ \$35 Individual	Address: _____
___ \$50 Family	City: _____
___ \$100 Arthur Pillsbury	State: _____ Zip Code: _____
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___ \$500 George Miller	Email: _____
___ \$1,000 Rudolph Richter	Additional Donation: _____
___ \$10,000 Lifetime Member	Total Enclosed: _____

Payment Method:

- Visa/MC # _____ Expiration Date: _____
Security Code: _____ Signature _____
- Check enclosed (make check payable to "Old House Society")
- I prefer installments (first installment enclosed). Please bill me for the balance:
Monthly Quarterly Semi-Annually

Mail to: Old House Society

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We greatly appreciate your support! Thank you!

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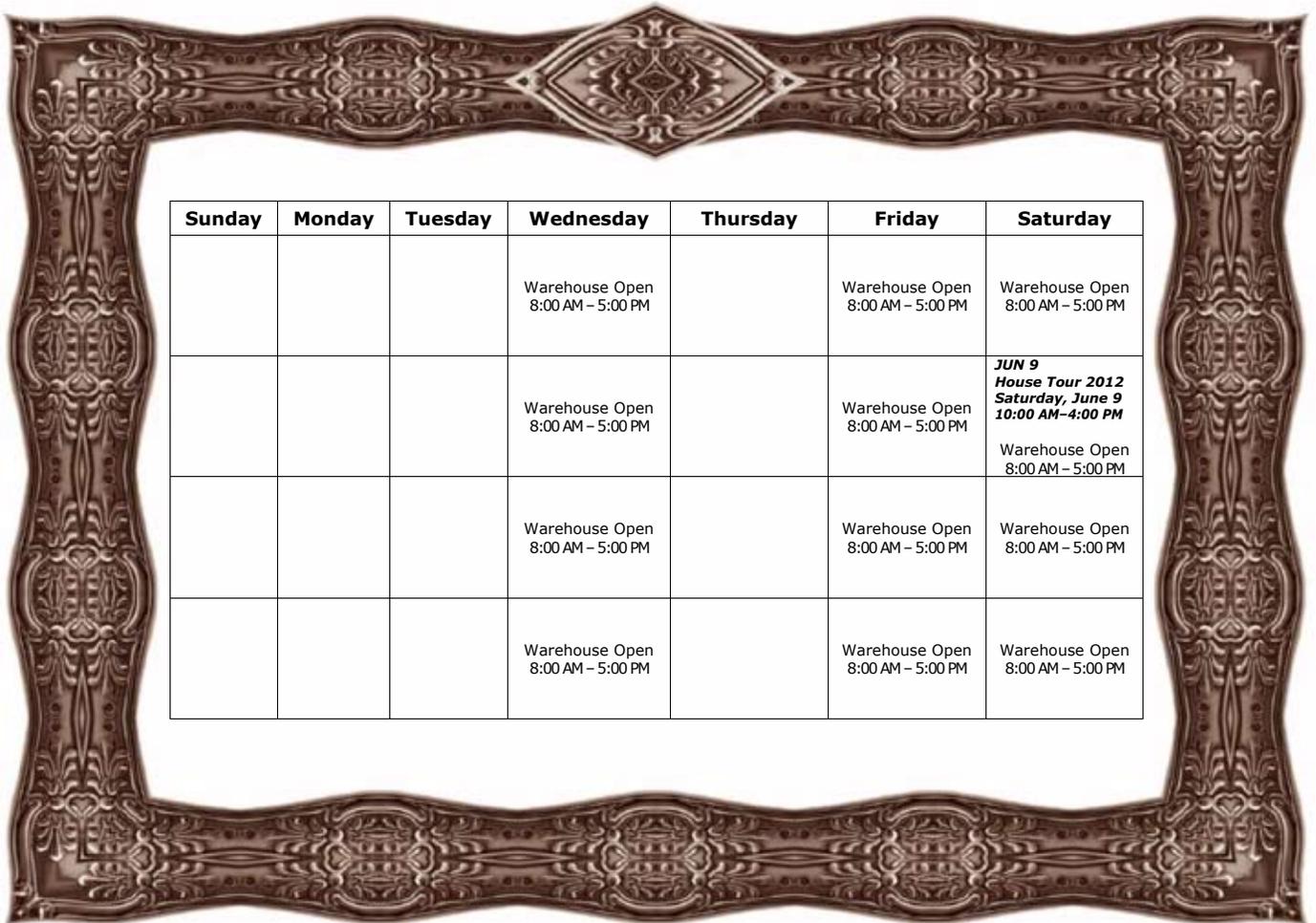


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