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The Sheldon Auditorium

**MNSAH Spring Tour
 Red Wing**

Saturday, June 15, 2013

Photo courtesy of David Heide Design



The Hoyt house by Purcell and Elmslie

**Special MNSAH
 Member Tour
 John Howe's "Redleaf"**

Saturday, May 18, 2013

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Redleaf, by John Howe

Red Wing, Minnesota

Red Wing is a popular destination for many Minnesotans. The historic river town nestled among the scenic Mississippi bluffs has long attracted visitors to well-known sites such as the St. James Hotel and Red Wing Pottery Company. While MNSAH's tour will visit several familiar sites, we'll focus on a number of hidden treasures ranging from a historic cemetery chapel to the building where Puffed Wheat and Puffed Rice were invented. MNSAH member and Red Wing resident Tom Erickson will lead the tour.

The tour will begin with two mid-century Modern houses designed by **Carl Graffunder**. Both houses are built on steep hillsides. The house Graffunder designed in 1953 on Hill Street features stunning views of the town and river valley.

Next we will visit the **T.B. Sheldon Memorial Auditorium**. Sheldon was a successful Red Wing businessman who left a bequest to the city for the establishment of an institution that would benefit the public. Designed by Lowell Lamoreaux, the building opened in 1904 and is said to be the first municipally owned theatre in the United States. We'll tour the ornate building and watch vintage film clips with organ accompaniment by Tom Erickson.

Another stop on the tour is **Oakwood Cemetery**, which was recently listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The cemetery is important for its landscape design and an ornate chapel and arched gateway designed by Clarence H. Johnston, Sr.

We will also stop at the **intersection of Hill Street and West Third Street**, one of the most architecturally significant intersections in Minnesota. We'll visit the Hoyt House, one of Purcell and Elmslie's most spectacular designs. The 4,000-square-foot house features nearly one hundred diamond-paned art glass windows,

intricate fret-sawn wood designs, and a glass mosaic mural. Purcell declared the house "a successful dwelling in every way."

We'll proceed across the street to the **Octagon House** built in 1857 by James Lawther, a 25-year-old Irish pioneer who sought his fortune in Red Wing when it was still a small river settlement. It was reported that Lawther adopted the octagonal design for the house because he believed it made the most economical use of space and also fostered the health and harmony of its inhabitants. The property also features ornate gardens.

Our last stop at this well-known intersection will be at an Arts and Crafts-style house just across the street from the Octagon House.

The tour will end at the **Anderson Center at Tower View**, the former estate of Dr. and Mrs. Alexander Anderson. Dr. Anderson gained worldwide renown for developing the American breakfast cereals Quaker Puffed Wheat and Quaker Puffed Rice. The estate is located on 340 scenic acres and features distinctive Georgian Revival buildings and a cylindrical red brick water tower. The estate

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The 1857 Octagon house

includes a research building where more than 15,000 cereal experiments were conducted for the Quaker Oats Company.

In 1995, the Tower View estate became the Anderson Center, the largest artist community in the Upper Midwest. The Anderson Center offers classes, exhibitions, and a residency program for artists. There will be time to tour the estate, visit the world-class permanent art collection, roam the grounds and sculpture garden, and even climb the water tower. Our day will conclude with a reception at Tower View.



A fret-sawn wood detail on the Hoyt house



Tower View, now the Anderson Center

Spring Tour Itinerary

Saturday, June 15, 2013

Attendees must make their own arrangements to meet in Red Wing

9:30 a.m. Bus departs from the Anderson Center
Stops on the tour include:

Carl Graffunder modernist houses
Sheldon Memorial Auditorium
Oakwood Cemetery
Lunch in downtown Red Wing
Hoyt House
Octagon House
Arts and Crafts House
Tower View Estate and reception

5:00 p.m. Tour concludes

Cost

\$45 for MNSAH members
\$55 for nonmembers
Includes lunch and reception

Deadline

Deadline for registering for this tour is June 10, 2013. Please mail your check (payable to MNSAH) and reservation form to:

MNSAH
c/o Lock Bounds
2072 Iglehart Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55104

You may also register online at
<http://www.mnsah.org/events/spring-tour-red-wing/>

Directions

The Anderson Center is located off Highway 61 at 163 Tower View Drive in Red Wing. It is approximately five miles north of the downtown business district. The center is clearly visible from Highway 61, particularly the brick enclosed water tower as shown in the historic photograph at left.

Questions

For questions about the tour, call Lock Bounds at 651-659-9932

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Special Opportunity for MNSAH Members Tour “Redleaf” by John Howe

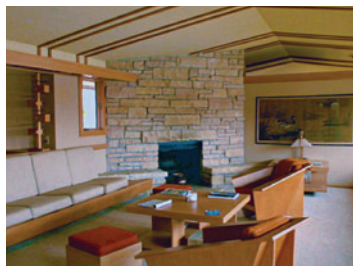
MNSAH members are invited to tour “Redleaf,” a house in Lakeville designed by John Howe, on Saturday, May 18, from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. The house was built in 1979 for William Krebs, a furniture maker who built the furniture in many of Howe’s houses. John Howe also became a good friend of William Krebs.

The house is owned by Krebs’s daughter, Lynn Krebs Lufkin. She will be placing the house and all the original furnishings on the market in the near future.

The tour is free of charge, a benefit for paid MNSAH members only. Registration is required. Please contact Rolf Anderson at roanders6@aol.com or 612-824-7807 to register and receive directions.

If you would like to renew your membership or become a member for the first time, you may do so at <http://www.mnsah.org/join/> or return the form in this newsletter.

We hope to see you at Redleaf!



Redleaf

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