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Hours

The historic Home & Garden Tour hours are 11-5 on Saturday & Sunday.

The ArtsFest artist booths are open 11-5 on Saturday & Sunday.

The ArtsFest music runs until 10:30 PM on Saturday & 6 PM on Sunday.

Free trolley and pedicab rides

are provided by the Neighborhood Association for your enjoyment. These rides will operate along the tour route both days from 11 AM to 5 PM. Please take advantage of these free rides to move from one tour stop to another.

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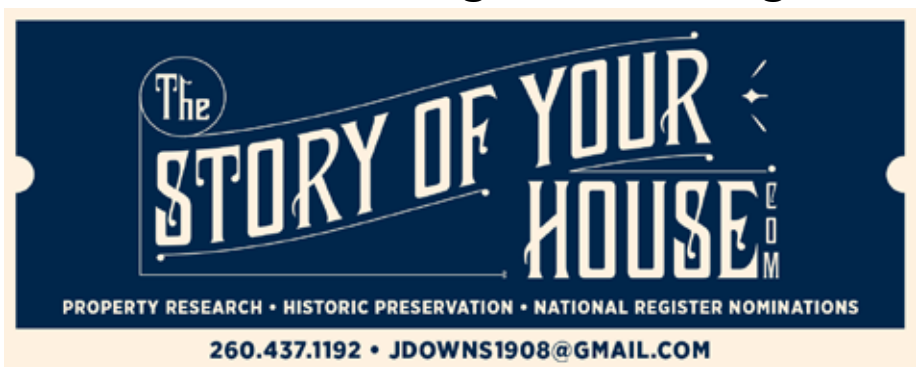
at St. Joseph Hospital, Swinney Park Tennis Courts, and the ArtsFest.

Proceeds from the Home & Garden Tour

enable the West Central Neighborhood Association (WCNA) to further its neighborhood preservation and improvement efforts. The WCNA currently has programs for Home Beautification, Sidewalk Repair, Tree Planting, and Signage. This year the WCNA has created a special fund for the improvement of Moody Park. All of the proceeds from the ticket sales for the 2019 Home & Garden Tour and ArtsFest will be directed to the Moody Park Fund. We are working with the Fort Wayne Parks Department to create a wonderful park for the historic West Central Neighborhood.

By opening these beautiful, historic homes, we help Fort Wayne and the surrounding area learn about the homes' architecture and interior craftsmanship. We hope to show the community that it is possible to live a comfortable, fulfilling life in downtown Fort Wayne. Residents of the neighborhood make it one of the most diverse neighborhood populations in the city. It is a charming place to live, filled with astonishing houses and people with a strong community spirit.

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Letter From The President

Welcome to our historic neighborhood! Thank you for participating in this year's Home and Garden Tour and ArtsFest! We appreciate you being here!

The boundaries of West Central are from Main Street to Taylor Street and from Swinney Park to Calhoun Street. We are proud of our Historic West Central Neighborhood and are committed to keeping it a vibrant and welcoming community. We are excited to share our neighborhood with you and hope you will come back to visit or, better yet, become one of our valued neighbors!

The tour stops have been hand selected by a committee of neighbors to provide you with an interesting and rewarding experience. We believe these homes represent a true cross-section of the types of houses you will find here. If there is anything we can do to make your visit better, please do not hesitate to share requests or comments with any of our volunteers.

Please visit www.westcentraltour.org for more information about this event and www.westcentralneighborhood.org or like us on Facebook to learn more about our ongoing efforts to help beautify Historic West Central.

Thanks again,
Ben Wahli, President, Historic West Central Neighborhood Association



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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
12AM	Wait Wait... Don't Tell Me!	1A	1A	1A	1A	Hidden Brain	Reveal
1AM	Ask Me Another					1A Plus	TED Radio Hour
2AM	Fresh Air	Fresh Air	Fresh Air	Fresh Air	Fresh Air	Fresh Air	Fresh Air
3AM	Hidden Brain	On Point	On Point	On Point	On Point	On Point	The Moth Radio Hour
4AM	Planet Money How I Built This						Gospel Flight
5AM	Morning Edition	Morning Edition	Morning Edition	Morning Edition	Planet Money / How I Built This		
6AM					Travel with Rick Steves		
7AM					WBOI Presents		
8AM	Weekend Edition	Weekend Edition					
9AM			Weekend Edition				
10AM	1A	1A	1A	1A	1A	Wait Wait... Don't Tell Me!	Wait Wait... Don't Tell Me!
11AM	Here and Now	Here and Now	Here and Now	Here and Now	Here and Now	Ask Me Another	The Best of Car Talk
12PM						Hidden Brain	This American Life
1PM	Fresh Air	Fresh Air	Fresh Air	Fresh Air	Fresh Air	Radiolab	Planet Money / How I Built This
2PM	PRI's The World	PRI's The World	PRI's The World	PRI's The World	PRI's The World	Science Friday	TED Radio Hour
3PM	All Things Considered	All Things Considered	All Things Considered	All Things Considered	All Things Considered		Reveal
4PM						Weekend All Things Considered	Weekend All Things Considered
5PM						The Best of Car Talk	Connexion Latina
6PM	TED Radio Hour	The Moth Radio Hour	WBOI Presents	Radiolab	This American Life	The Moth Radio Hour	The Movie Music Spotlight
7PM	Meet the Music	Tossed Jazz Salad	Folktales	Meet the Music	Friday Vibe	Folktales	The Burnt Toast Show
8PM			Black Light Radio			Sidetracks	
9PM	Blue Plate Special	Guitar Showcase	Black Light Radio	Movie Music Spotlight			
10PM	Reveal	Planet Money / How I Built This	Hidden Brain	TED Radio Hour	Ask Me Another	Travel with Rick Steves	This American Life
11PM							

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Neighborhood Projects

Moody Park

In 1864, the land that would become Moody Park was once the site of a large gravel pit and horse barn. Moody Park was known as West Central Park until 1981 when it was renamed in honor of the co-creator of Wellspring Interfaith Social Services, Reverend Bill Moody. Today, it is a quaint little park hidden away in the picturesque West Central Neighborhood.

The WCNA has voted to earmark the funds from the ticket sales of the 2019 Home & Garden Tour to the Moody Park Fund. We are working with the Fort Wayne Parks Department to improve the park by adding restrooms, water, electricity, a junior soccer field, an improved playground and basketball court, and a walking path around the park. Projects that improve our historic neighborhood are made possible by our generous tour sponsors and the ticket sales to our annual historic Home & Garden Tour.

Swinney Park Bridge

The Mechanic Street Bridge is a Pratt Through-Truss bridge linking the Nebraska Neighborhood with Swinney Park on the Yarnell Trail. It was built in 1898 by the King Bridge Company of Cleveland as a pedestrian bridge over the St. Mary's River. The bridge is currently closed due to excessive corrosion and needs extensive repairs. Jody Hemphill-Smith, Mark Smith, Jim Crouse and the WCNA are working with the city, state and other groups to procure funds to repair and preserve this historical pedestrian bridge.



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Tour Stop #1

1325 West Washington

Identifying features of Queen Anne-style houses, popular in the United States between about 1880 and 1900, include a steeply pitched roof usually with a dominant front-facing gable, architectural devices to avoid a smooth-walled appearance, and an asymmetrical façade.

This house, built circa 1887, features a pedimented gable on the front façade with fish-scale shingles to lend some texture to the wall surface, and a cross-gable form with a porch set off to one side. The porch design, with classical columns and accented with dentil molding along the cornice line, is more indicative of the “Free Classic” subtype of the Queen Anne style.

In 1887, Daniel and Phoebe (McCamley) O’Neil purchased the property, and lived in the house with six children. Born in 1850 (in either Brooklyn or New Jersey), Daniel worked for thirty-four years as a railroad engineer for the Lake Erie and Western Railroad. He died in 1913 while still living here. Phoebe was born in Ireland in 1855 and died in 1923. They are both buried in Fort Wayne’s Catholic Cemetery.



Matt & Shelley Hans
Residents & Owners

At a Glance
Style: Queen Anne

Year Built: c. 1887

First Residents:
Daniel & Phoebe O’Neil

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Tour Stop #2

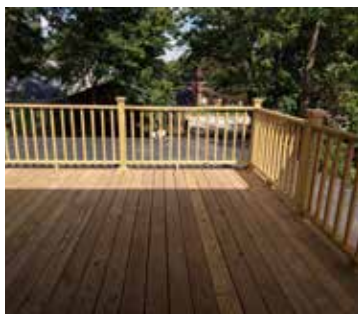
1133 Garden

Work In Progress

Although currently undergoing an extensive rehabilitation, this house exhibits architectural details associated with the Italianate style which dominated American house design between 1850 and 1880, and was popularized by the pattern books of Andrew Jackson Downing published in the 1840s and 1850s.

Characteristic elements featured on this house include its hipped roof form and window hoods or crowns over the second floor windows on the front façade. The portico with four fluted pillars is a later addition.

Built circa 1875, early residents included James Bowers and George Russell who lived here for several years starting in about 1879. They both worked as finishers for N.G. Olds & Sons which manufactured carriage wheels, seats, and plow handles.



Ben and Tammy Wahli
Owners

At a Glance
Style: Italianate

Year Built: c. 1875

First Resident:
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Tour Stop #3

1131 Wilt

The simply appointed gable-front house was built circa 1869. Having recently undergone an extensive rehabilitation, it features blue-painted clapboard siding, one-over-one windows, and a full-width front porch supported by square posts and balustrades composed of evenly-spaced turned balusters.

Property records show that Joseph Cutshall bought this property in late 1868 and was living at an earlier address associated with the house by 1870. Born in Maryland in 1832, Joseph came to Fort Wayne in about 1859, and lived in this house with his wife Elizabeth and their children Samuel and Nellie.

Joseph Cutshall worked as an engineer for the Troy Steam Laundry and was a member of the fifty-ninth regiment, Indiana volunteers during the Civil War. In 1899, while still residing here, he died at the age of 67 and was buried in Lindenwood Cemetery.



Ben & Tammy Wahli
Owners & Residents

At a Glance
Style: Gable Front

Year Built: c. 1869

First Residents:
Joseph & Elizabeth
Cutshall

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Tour Stop #4

1309 Rockhill

Until recently, the house had been covered in contemporary siding that hid wood clapboards, and replacement columns supporting the south side of the porch were inappropriate in design. Now, the clapboards have been restored, five classical columns support the wraparound porch, and dentil molding accents the porch frieze and front gable. The front porch window features a leaded-glass transom.

Built circa 1894, an early resident of this house was William Beck who grew up in the house that once stood next door to the south. A lifelong resident of Fort Wayne, William was born in 1859 and was employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad for 52 years, 34 of them as an engineer.

With German-born wife Mary (Luth), whom he married in about 1894, he had at least five children. When he passed away in 1933, he had still been residing at 1309 Rockhill Street.



Ben & Tammy Wahli
Owners

At a Glance
Style: Gable Front

Year Built: c. 1894

First Resident:
William and Mary Beck



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Tour Stop #5

1115 Rockhill

This Colonial Revival-style duplex was built circa 1910 on the back of the property owned by the Keefer family, residents of 1035 West Jefferson Boulevard. Consisting of side-by-side symmetrical units, the building has a hipped roof, with two gabled dormers projecting off the main facade and a single gabled dormer on each side.

Accessed by a central set of shared, concrete steps, each unit features an off-set, cast concrete block front porch, supported by smooth, round columns, while paired bay windows lend additional architectural detail to the north and south sides.

The earliest known residents of 1113 Rockhill Street were widow Anna Provines, a native of Portland, Indiana, and her adult daughter, Lena May, who worked as a stenographer. They lived here beginning in 1911. In 1913, George and Katherine Oppelt, along with their daughter Gertrude, moved into 1115 Rockhill Street. While living here, George was a barber in a shop at 118 West Main Street (across from present-day Coney Island), where he would work for twenty-five years before his death at age 63 in 1927.



Alex Leavell & Emma
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Residents & Owners

At a Glance
Style: Colonial Revival

Year Built: c. 1910

First Resident:
Keefer Family



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Tour Stop #6 *1020 Jackson*
Work In Progress

Built circa 1867, this gable-front house recently received a fresh paint scheme and extensive repairs.

Sided in wood clapboards painted a bright bluish-green, the house features a wide band of trim beneath the cornice and a mix of window styles including one-over-one and four-over-one. A small entry porch with simple entablature supported by classical columns shelters the front door.

Frederick (or Friedrich) Wellman bought this property in 1866, and lived here with his family until his death in 1881. Born in Germany circa 1836, he and wife Sophia had at least five children. The family continued to live in the house until shortly after Sophia's death at age 54 in 1899.

Eric Heffley
Owner

At a Glance
Style: Gable Front

Year Built: c. 1867

First Residents:
Frederick Wellman

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Tour Stop #7

1011 Jackson

Work In Progress

Until recently, the exterior of this Queen Anne-style house had been covered in green synthetic siding, but restoration work has uncovered the original wood clapboards. The house also exhibits hallmark elements of the style including fish-scale shingling in the front gable, decorative brackets under the eaves, dentil molding, and cutaway window on the southwest corner of the front facade.

The porch, once supported by mid-twentieth century ornamental metal columns, now features period-appropriate turned wood posts.

This property was purchased from William Rockhill, the Fort Wayne pioneer who platted large sections of the West Central neighborhood, by Frederick Fuelling in 1849 and remained with the family until 1947. The house was built circa 1895, though at this time, Frederick's widow, Lisette, and other family members lived around the corner at 825 West Washington.

Edward Gallagher, a traveling salesman for a wholesale jeweler, is the earliest known resident, having lived here from about 1898 to 1901. In 1907, Milo Miller, principal of Jefferson School, lived here.



Derek & Katrina Nichols
Residents & Owners

At a Glance
Style: Queen Anne

Year Built: c. 1895

First Residents:
Edward Gallagher

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Tour Stop #8

918 Van Buren

Representing the oldest house in West Central, this hall-and-parlor house was built in the 1840s for Frederick Tyler and Mary Rockhill Tyler, the youngest daughter of Fort Wayne pioneer William Rockhill and his wife, Rebecca. From about 1910 to 1999, when restoration work on the house began, it was used as a garage.

The hall-and-parlor house plan has only two rooms on the first floor. One room, the “hall,” is a multi-purpose room that is used for cooking, washing, and daily activities. The other room, the “parlor,” is used primarily as a reception room.

The upper floor of this house has three bedrooms with original woodwork. The restoration included rebuilding the staircase and missing first-floor walls and closets. Wallpaper, in patterns like those that were once on the walls, was applied, and a new cedar shake roof was recently installed.

ARCH, Inc., our area’s historic preservation organization, has coordinated the on-going restoration and preservation of the house, known as the Mary-Rockhill Tyler House, since 1999.



ARCH
Owner

At a Glance
Style: Hall and Parlor

Year Built: c. 1840

First Residents:
Mary Rockhill Tyler &
Frederick Tyler



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Tour Stop #9

814 West Wayne

The architectural elements of this charming gable-front house, built circa 1872, are highlighted by its muted orange, yellow, and green paint scheme.

Set on a laid stone foundation, the house is sided in wood clapboards and a wide band of trim accents the front gable. A shed roof porch supported by turned posts spans the front façade.

The first residents of the house were James C. Wilmot, his wife, Ellen, and their four children. A native of England, James owned a paint shop on Clinton Street dealing in paints, oils, turpentine, mixed paints, white lead, and glass. He also did house, sign, banner and ornamental painting.

The Wilmots lived here only a few years before selling to Milton and Bridget Webber. Milton owned a saloon called "Milton's Place" which was located at the northeast corner of Main and Calhoun Streets where the Rousseau Centre is today.



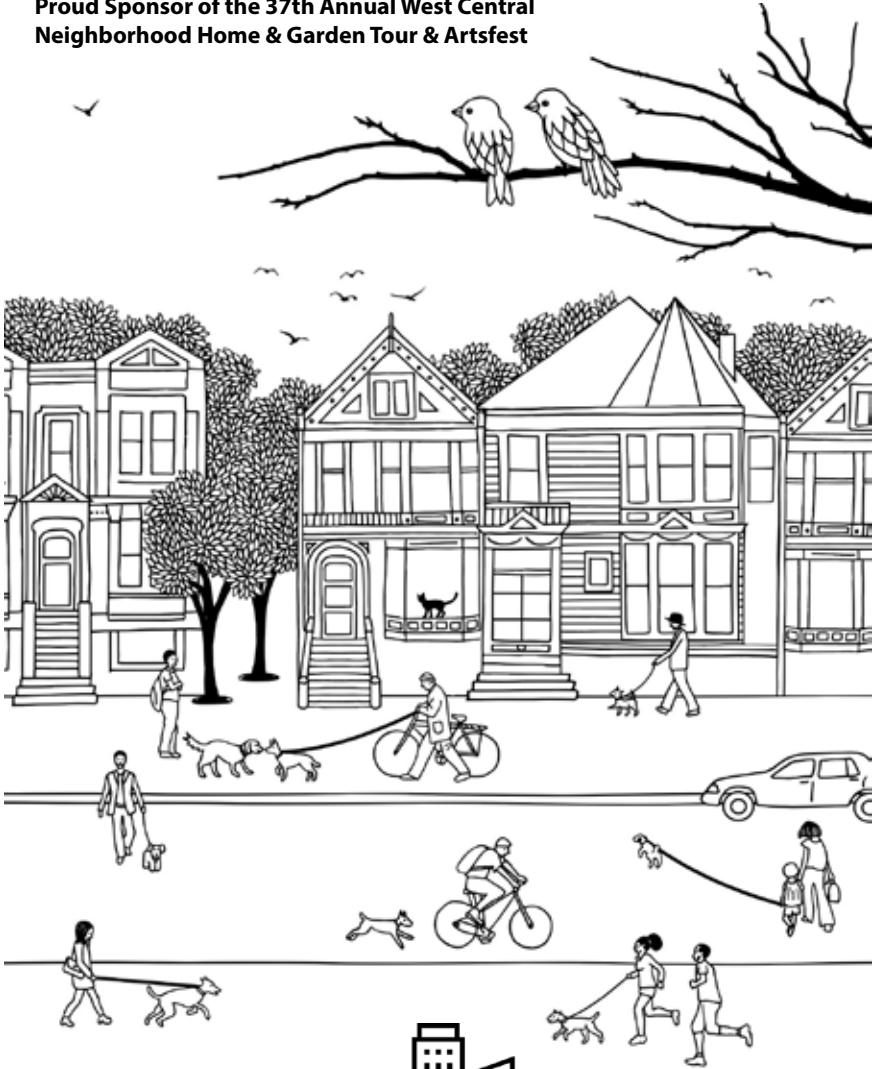
Eric Hefley
Owner

At a Glance
Style: Gable Front

Year Built: c. 1872

First Residents:
James & Ellen Wilmot

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Tour Stop #10

826 Union

Replacing an earlier structure on the property, this brick, American Foursquare duplex was built circa 1914. The architectural style, characterized by a box-like appearance and broad proportions, was popular in the United States in the early 20th-century and typically featured two-story massing, a hipped roof, central dormers, and a one-story front porch as is seen here.

Other architectural details of this house include stone windowsills, and brick lintels over the first floor windows some of which are further accented with leaded glass transoms.

This house exhibits the appearance of two matching houses connected back to side as the façade of the Union Street side closely mimics that of the West Wayne Street side. Until 2010, this duplex had been owned for many years by the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

In 1915, the boarders of 826 Union Street included Ethelwyn Fisher and her salesman husband Norton, as well as Edward Hill, an assembler at the Packard Company, and Mandevill Hill who worked as a helper at the Packard Company.



Adam Noblitt & Kyle Lowe
Residents & Owners

At a Glance
Style: American
Foursquare

Year Built: 1914

First Residents:
Ethelwyn & Norton Fisher



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Tour Stop #11 *1020 West Wayne #201*

Since this house was built circa 1867, it gradually lost its charm as it endured alterations that were unsympathetic to its original appearance. It recently received an amazing makeover that has brought it back to life, and in 2018, received an ARCHie award from ARCH, the area’s historic preservation organization. The front façade, with a main entrance previously protected by only a small gabled roof supported by plain four-by-four posts, now features a full-width porch that also spans the west side of the house, and is detailed with wood decking and square chamfered posts. Also on the front façade are windows topped with decorative lintels, and dentil molding accents the eaves.

Mary Rockhill, the youngest daughter of Rebecca and William Rockhill, built this house with her husband Nelson Wheeler whom she had married in 1866. William Rockhill, who platted much of the West Central neighborhood and attained many political achievements in his lifetime, died in 1865 and his estate deeded this property to Mary in 1866. Mary was born in Ohio in 1821 and came to Fort Wayne the following year. Her first marriage, in 1846 to Frederick Tyler, ended in 1855 upon Frederick’s death (their West Central home, at 918 Van Buren Street, is also on tour today). At the time of her death in 1901, she was survived by three sons she had with Frederick. Nelson was born in Massachusetts and came to Fort Wayne in 1855 where for many years he ran a successful cabinet factory and sawmill. He died at age 75 in 1895.



Mark & Vicki Zumbraegel
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At a Glance
Style: Gable Front

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First Residents:
Mary Rockhill & Nelson Wheeler

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Saturday September 7

- 1:30 PM to 2:00 PM | Fort Wayne Ballet Youth Company
- 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM | Jess Thrower
- 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM | Phil Shurger's Sungate
- 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM | Strange Waters
- 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM | Adam Baker & The Heartache
- 8:30 PM to 10:30 PM | Love Hustler

Sunday September 8

- 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM | Sarah Hoffman
- 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM | Carolyn & Dave Martin
- 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM | West Central Jazz Quartet

The ArtsFest is located on WAYNE and UNION STREETS between Jackson and Rockhill streets. For reference, please refer to the map on the back of this brochure. The ArtsFest and the Mad Anthony Food & Beverage area are FREE and OPEN TO THE PUBLIC of all ages. Must be at least 21 years of age to purchase alcohol. Thank you for being responsible and respectful of our neighborhood and its residents. *Enjoy!*

It is with great pleasure that the West Central Neighborhood Association would like to thank all the artists and vendors participating this year. It is their creativity, art, and friendliness that helps tremendously in making the ArtsFest so interesting, beautiful, and successful.

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Letter From The Tour Chair



Thank you for attending the 37th annual West Central Home & Garden Tour. We hope you enjoy the many unique and beautiful homes, art exhibitors, and musical acts that make up this great event. As Fort Wayne's downtown has continued to grow and flourish, our neighborhood has experienced a major revitalization that shows no signs of slowing down. This has allowed us to put a significant number of homes on the tour that have never been on in the past thirty-six years of this event. We expect this trend to continue as catalytic projects like Electric Works bring new investment and energy into our neighborhood.

This annual event would not be possible without the dedicated work of the Tour Committee, our Sponsors, and the roughly 150 volunteers who offer up their time and energy to make this event a success. We are also grateful for the West Central residents who open their homes each year to allow guests the opportunity to experience the history and beauty of their homes. Lastly, this event would not be possible without the dedication and passion of countless neighborhood leaders, residents, and community advocates dating back over a century who made it their mission to preserve and protect the homes and character of this unique neighborhood.

Please help us say **THANK YOU!** to our homeowners, sponsors, advertisers, entertainers, vendors, and volunteers. Without their participation and gifts, this event would not be possible:



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Also Open

A: 1424 West Jefferson



A: Swinney Homestead

As in past years, Settlers Inc. will have the Swinney Homestead open for "walk through" tours from 11 AM to 5 PM during the tour. Costumed members of the organization will be on-site to provide information about the Homestead, the log house and the Swinney family. Prominent local landowners Thomas and Lucy Swinney built their original Federal

style home in 1844 using native Indiana walnut, poplar, brick and limestone. Their daughters remodeled the house in the Italianate style in 1886, adding the porch, the paired brackets, and the central wall dormer that simulates an Italian tower. Settlers, Inc. has leased the home since 1983 and led in its restoration. The Swinney Homestead is owned by the City of Fort Wayne and is operated and maintained by Settlers Inc., a not-for-profit organization.

B: 634 West Berry



B: Sharon's Victorian House of Gifts

Sharon's Victorian House of Gifts is located in a three story brick home built in 1886 by Druggist W.H. Dreier. The building has been home to several other business's. These include a Floral business, a Beauty shop and a Doctors office.

The house was remodeled in 1989 to include apartments upstairs. Sharon's Victorian House of Gifts was opened on the first floor, encompassing several rooms and a parlor.



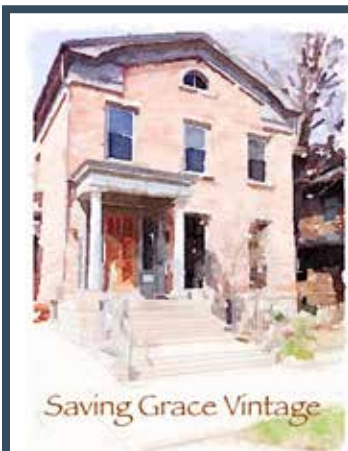
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- Stop #2:** 1133 Garden
- Stop #3:** 1131 Wilt
- Stop #4:** 1309 Rockhill
- Stop #5:** 1115 Rockhill
- Stop #6:** 1020 Jackson
- Stop #7:** 1011 Jackson
- Stop #8:** 918 Van Buren
- Stop #9:** 814 W. Wayne
- Stop #10:** 826 Union
- Stop #11:** 1020 W. Wayne

Also Open (see page 85)

- A:** 1424 W. Jefferson (Swinney Homestead)
- B:** 634 W. Berry (Sharon's Victorian House of Gifts)

Please Note:

- Trolley and Pedicab rides are FREE for tour patrons.
- Enjoy the tour stops in any order.
- Tickets must be presented at each stop for admittance.

