

A behind-the-light-
screen view of
Frank Lloyd Wright's
Martin House



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COVER IMAGE: MARTIN HOUSE RECEPTION ROOM | BY NOAH KALINA

MISSION

To preserve, interpret and promote a world-class masterpiece designed by Frank Lloyd Wright for his significant patron and friend.



LETTER FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND BOARD PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

Our mission to preserve, interpret and promote Frank Lloyd Wright's Martin House was met with great success in the past year, highlighted by significant events generating positive results. Inspired by Wright's innovative design principles, our efforts and our successes were enabled by your generous support. As we thank you, we offer a snapshot of 2017 – a transformative year at the Martin House.

The recreated wisteria fireplace and the restoration of the second floor woodwork, color finishes and master bedroom furnishings were the capstones to a fully restored Martin House. With support from a \$5 million grant from New York State and the Buffalo Billion Phase Two program, we turned our attention in the fall to the Barton House, the first residence designed by Wright for the Martin family estate. In addition, pre-construction activities related to the historic landscape rehabilitation were also in full swing leading up to construction season 2018.



The 150th anniversary of the birth of Frank Lloyd Wright, commemorated on June 8, 2017, was the highlight of a national and regional year-long celebration. In partnership with Graycliff, we hosted a series of events in our “150 Hours of Frank Lloyd Wright” program welcoming more than 2,500 participants.

We launched a new brand identity with an iconic logo in the spirit of Frank Lloyd Wright's signature red square. The brand components introduced a new look across all digital and print platforms as well as retail product and on-site communications.

With support from Visit Buffalo Niagara and the Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation, the Martin House received a record number of earned media mentions in digital and print publications. We also partnered with Buffalo bloggers and influencers, invested

marketing efforts in digital advertising, and grew our social media following, engaging new and repeat visitors both regionally and nationally.

While the past year yielded many tangible results and impressive numbers, our newly revised Strategic Plan will set the stage for the next three years. Our plan focuses on completing all restoration projects, preserving and maintaining the historic site, achieving financial sustainability, increasing visitation, assembling the best team of board, staff and volunteers, and continuing to enhance our community relevance.

Frank Lloyd Wright stated, “We create our buildings and then they create us.” Likewise, we construct our circle of friends and our communities and then they construct us. Thank you for being a part of the Martin House community. We ask for your continued support in order to sustain our mission. Please consider a gift to the Martin House so that, together, we can continue to share the stories that the Martin House has built for decades.

Sincerely,

Mary F. Roberts
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Keith M. Stolzenburg
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BOARD PRESIDENT

“We create our buildings and then they create us.”

– FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT

HIGHLIGHTS

- Record-breaking attendance by welcoming **40,000 guests** to the Martin House campus. Visitors included designer and educator Nader Tehrani, PBS president Paula Kerger, Consul General of France in New York Anne-Claire Legendre and actor and fashion designer Chloe Sevigny.
- Completion of the widely-anticipated **wisteria-patterned fireplace mosaic**—an elegant glass-tiled surround, a signature element of Wright’s total design concept, and the centerpiece of the home.
- Awarded a **\$5 million grant** from New York State/Empire State Development to complete restoration of the Barton House and Wright-designed landscape.
- Hosted a **campaign celebration** in May honoring the many supporters and friends of the project, with a special tribute to Stan Lipsey, Bob Wilmers and Bob Kresse for their unparalleled passion and dedication. Speakers included Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul, County Executive Mark Poloncarz, Elisabeth Wilmers and Martin House leadership.
- Participated in the **Wright Sites Working Group** fostered by The John R. Oishei Foundation to identify opportunities to work more closely with Graycliff. Results included multiple marketing opportunities, cross-promotion, regular meetings with trustees from both organizations, and shared services of a horticulturist.

- The Martin House was featured prominently in the February 2017 issue of **Architectural Record**, the leading source of news for the architecture and interior design community.
- Return of seven original **Wright-designed “light screens”** through a historic transfer agreement reached between the University of Victoria’s Legacy Art Galleries (British Columbia, CA) and the Martin House. In addition, we received an art glass laylight from a Martin House pier cluster as a gift from an anonymous donor.



MARY JO HUGHES, DIRECTOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA LEGACY ART GALLERIES AND SUSANA TEJADA, MARTIN HOUSE CURATOR



VIEW OF MARTIN HOUSE WISTERIA MOSAIC FIREPLACE FROM LIVING ROOM | BY KC KRATT



■ A year-long community-wide celebration of the **150th anniversary of Frank Lloyd Wright's birth** that included an array of educational programs, tours, and a variety of free events and activities for all ages in collaboration with Graycliff and other local partners commemorating and recognizing America's greatest architect.

■ Invited six nationally-recognized Wright scholars as guest speakers for a special FLW150 lecture series featuring Barry Bergdoll (Columbia University); Ken Tadashi Oshima (University of Washington); Michael Desmond (Louisiana State University);



Mabel O. Wilson (Columbia University); Jennifer Gray (Museum of Modern Art); and Therese O'Malley (National Gallery of Art).

■ Welcomed journalists Christopher Hawthorne (*Los Angeles Times*) and Mark Lamster (*Dallas Morning News*) for a special panel discussion on Wright and architecture criticism in collaboration with the University at Buffalo School of Architecture and Planning.



■ Welcomed Stuart Graff, President and CEO of the Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation, for an engaging guest lecture titled, *Brand = Building: Frank Lloyd Wright and American Business*.

BUFFALO CELEBRATES 150 YEARS OF FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT

Presented by Martin House & Graycliff

JUNE 5 - 11, 2017



150 HOURS OF FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT

Monday, June 5th

MARTIN HOUSE | WRIGHT AT 150: LECTURE SERIES

Part 1 of 5 / Barry Bergdoll, Columbia University

Tuesday, June 6th

GRAYCLIFF | LARKIN COMPANY PICNIC REVISITED

A re-creation of the Larkin Company picnics held a century ago in the Town of Eveans. 5:30 - 8:30 pm. **TICKETS: \$12-\$18**

Wednesday, June 7th

MARTIN HOUSE | D-I-Y DESIGN DAY

Interactive design stations and demonstrations all day. Carriage house cocktail event with The Dapper Goose: 4-7 p. **FREE**

Thursday, June 8th

MARTIN HOUSE | BIG BIRTHDAY PARTY

Discounted and self-guided tours, community art project on site. Cupcakes provided by Rich Products. Evening birthday celebration on the plaza. 5:30 - 8:30 pm. **FREE**

Friday, June 9th

GRAYCLIFF | 24 HOURS OF GRAYCLIFF

A blitz of birthday events: camp out, campfire, night sky viewing, catered breakfast, and morning walk on Lake Erie beach. **FREE**

Saturday, June 10th

MARTIN HOUSE | FAMILY FUN DAY

A day of play! Design, architecture, and landscape activities. Ted's Hot Dogs food truck. Live music by The Observers and the Amherst High School Jazz Band. 12-3 pm. **FREE**

Sunday, June 11th

MARTIN HOUSE | HEARD AROUND BUFFALO

BW's BBQ on site, blues and jazz performed by Colored Musicians Club. Live music also at Graycliff and Roycroft. **FREE**

FOR TOUR SCHEDULE & TICKETS VISIT

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RESTORATION PROGRESS

Walk through any given space within the Martin House and you will find yourself surrounded by fine craftsmanship virtually everywhere: in the attention to detail given to the exquisite wood cabinetry; the extensive and highly-elaborate varieties of rift-sawn oak trim; and in several examples of built-in and stand-alone furniture.

This past year, we met an important milestone with the meticulous interior restoration of the first and second floors. Standout features include the recreation of Wright's impressive design for the master bedroom suite; the grand dining room sideboard; an array of storage closets, drawers, and lockers; numerous radiator covers; miles upon miles of floor and ceiling mouldings in over 100 profiles of wood; and beautiful color finishes in an autumnal palette highlighting the natural beauty of the home.



DETAIL OF ICEBOX | NOAH KALINA



MARTIN HOUSE KITCHEN WITH ICEBOX | KC KRATT

Beyond woodwork, we completed the reconstruction of a one-of-a-kind kitchen icebox. It is a unique statement piece thoroughly restored according to Wright's specifications and through the use of period-appropriate materials and techniques.

In recognition of the quality of restoration, specifically in the home's interior cabinetry, the Martin House was recognized by Preservation Buffalo Niagara with a distinguished 2018 Award for Preservation Craft.



MARTIN HOUSE DINING ROOM WITH BUILT-IN SIDEBOARD



MARTIN HOUSE MASTER BEDROOM

VOLUNTEERS

We are proud to be the number one tourist attraction on TripAdvisor.com in Buffalo for the past six years. This achievement is a result of the wonderful experience and customer service our volunteers provide our guests. With more than 400 dedicated and energetic volunteers, including an enthusiastic team of 112 docents who presented 10 types of tours, we welcomed 40,000 visitors from 52 countries to our historic site in 2017. Our volunteers donated more than 14,000 hours providing tours, greeting guests, assisting with special events, helping in the office, beautifying the acre and a half site and educating our community.

The Martin House volunteer program has grown over the last 22 years. We are fortunate to have volunteers who share their expertise with us in the fields of education, marketing, database management, information technology and many other ad hoc projects. Not only do our volunteers share their time and talents with us, they also support the project through membership and acquisition of replica windows and furniture. Through the collaborative effort of our volunteers, a Volunteer Window Fund was established and has supported thus far the recreation of three conservatory windows!

We are honored, humbled and inspired by this group of individuals who consistently rise to the occasion to assist the Martin House. Their service speaks volumes. In 2017, seven volunteers celebrated 20 years of service, 6 celebrated 15 years of service, 11 celebrated 10 years of service, and 17 celebrated 5 years of service. Our volunteers are truly a special group – the backbone of our museum.



“You have to go wholeheartedly into anything in order to achieve anything worth having.” - FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT

TOURS

The 2017 tour season, generously sponsored by M&T Bank Charitable Foundation, was our best ever, offering nearly 2,000 public tours and welcoming 115 group tours to the Martin House. Here is a sampling:

- All Wright All Day: 368 visitors boarded a trolley on one of 10 tours for the rare opportunity to experience an all-inclusive package of Wright's designs – the Martin House, Filling Station, Fontana Boathouse, Graycliff and the Blue Sky Mausoleum.
- Garden Writers Association: garden-themed tour focusing on the Martin House landscape for 300 nationally-recognized writers, bloggers and professionals in the field of garden communications.
- Museum and Cultural Affiliates: exclusive experiences for dozens of art, architecture and design organizations including the Carnegie Gallery, Memorial Art Gallery, LeRoy Historical Society and the William Morris Society of Canada.

- Yoga Studios: collaboration with Yoga Parkside and others, showcasing similarities between the principles of yoga and Wright's architecture.



- Group Tour Operators: including Australian tour operator company Academy Travel on their annual visit to the Martin House and Graycliff; and tour operators from Canada, California, Ohio and Massachusetts.



- Lucy Rockefeller Waletzky, M.D., Chair of the New York State Council of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation and other members of the Council, along with a group of landscape experts, including Elizabeth Barlow Rogers, President of the Foundation for Landscape Studies.
- M&T Emerging Professionals: specialty program for 50 young professionals participating in the bank's cultural outreach program.
- Journey's End Women's Refugee Group: 40 members toured the site and learned about Wright's architecture and Buffalo's history.



- Smithsonian Associates: 50 members of the program embarked on our Restoration Tour.
- Private Clubs: Lockport Senior Travel Club, New Covenant Women's Group, Garret Club, among others.



TOUR OFFERINGS:

Martin House Tour (one hour)
 Martin House Plus Tour (two hour)
 Wright, Wine & Cheese
 Wright Launch Package
 Art, Architecture and Bon Appétit

WHAT ARE VISITORS SAYING?

“From start to finish this tour was fascinating, engaging, inspiring.”

– arrybay9

“I have made several trips to this wonderful site- all the way from SC. Each time I have been more excited by the progress!”

– Elizabeth

“A timeless and breathtaking marvel of American architecture.”

–Joel



UNITED STATES

With nearly 70% of visitors originating from outside Western New York, we have welcomed guests from every corner of this country. Here are the top ten states in which they reside:

1. New York
2. Pennsylvania
3. Ohio
4. California
5. Florida
6. Massachusetts
7. New Jersey
8. Virginia
9. Maryland
10. Texas

INTERNATIONAL

The Martin House served nearly 40,000 visitors from all over the world. The majority of our visitors were from the United States and Canada. Here is a sampling of the other 52 countries from which our visitors traveled to see the Martin House:

Argentina	Germany	Netherlands
Australia	India	New Zealand
Belgium	Ireland	Philippines
Brazil	Israel	South Africa
China	Italy	Spain
Czech Republic	Japan	Sweden
France	Mexico	United Kingdom



EDUCATION



During the past year, nearly 5,000 children, adults and families engaged in Martin House programs for enjoyment, education and enrichment, including classes, lectures, summer camp, workshops and education travel trips. Two thousand students participated in one of the following hands-on workshops focusing on architecture, design and landscape: Discover Art Glass Design; Japanese Culture; Engineering: Past, Present and Future; and Architecture Shapes our World.

Fifty-one schools, including Fredonia, McKinley, Pioneer, School #33, Hutch Tech and East High School, visited the Martin House supported by funding from the Niagara Frontier Automobile Dealers Associates (NFADA). Their generous grant funded transportation and admission fees for school field trips to the Martin House.

Our **Junior Docent Program** encouraged students grades 5 and up to express their creativity, while practicing their public speaking and leadership skills. Students from Cayuga Heights, Heritage Heights, Christ the King, Starpoint and St. Mark schools, among others, participated in the program. This was a challenging and rewarding opportunity for the students to interpret one of Buffalo's most significant historical landmarks for their families and friends.

Our annual **summer camp** programs were held on-site for two weeks in July. Students discovered the fun and engaging world of architecture and design, explored integrated landscape through planting their own garden and embarked on adventures to the Botanical Gardens, historic Parkside Candy and the University of Buffalo Archives.



The Martin House partnered with New York State's "Connect Kids to Parks" program, which encourages teachers to bring students to state parks and historic sites in New York State. The program reimburses transportation and admission fees enabling many schools to visit the Martin House.



In partnership with CEPA, we also offered a week-long summer photography camp called **Picturing Our City**, where students explored and documented the different neighborhoods throughout the City of Buffalo through the medium of photography, while learning about unique and varying architectural styles.

Boy and Girl Scouts earned badges in Art, Architecture, Landscape and Engineering while participating in one of our scouts programs, which included a behind-the-scenes look into the buildings and gardens of the Martin House.

“Education is the development of the capacity for joy.”

– DARWIN D. MARTIN

PUBLIC PROGRAMS

The Martin House hosted two major events in 2017 that were free and open to the public – Family Fun Day and Tree of Light.

In celebration of Frank Lloyd Wright's 150th birthday, our annual **Family Fun Day** was held in June and welcomed nearly 400 adults and children to learn about architecture, design and landscape. Other cultural organizations – Albright-Knox Art Gallery, Buffalo History Museum, Richardson Olmsted Campus, Buffalo Zoo, Theater of Youth, Ferguson Planetarium, Buffalo Architecture Foundation, Buffalo Fire Historical Society, Explore Buffalo and the Burchfield Penney – participated by bringing activities that reflected art, architecture and culture. The day included free tours, sack races and live music by the Amherst High School band and The Observers.



In December, we held our inaugural **Tree of Light** community program with caroling, story time, ornament making and tours of the Martin House. The evening culminated with the lighting of a 20 foot tree led by County Executive Mark Poloncarz, Board President Keith Stolzenburg, Executive Director Mary Roberts and 350 other guests in attendance.



KEITH STOLZENBURG, MARY ROBERTS AND MARK POLONCARZ

TRAVEL TRIPS

Each year, the Martin House hosts travel trips to cities around the country that are home to Frank Lloyd Wright-designed structures. Fifty-five participants joined the annual spring trip to the Laurel Highlands in Pennsylvania. The two-day trip included tours of Fallingwater and Kentuck Knob, a stop at the Kinzua Skywalk and an exclusive guided tour of the Arthur W. Thompson home, a mid-century home designed by Marcel Breuer.

In the fall, 42 participants celebrated Wright's 150th birthday with an architectural study tour of Taliesin West and the greater Phoenix area including guided visits of First Christian Church, the Harold Price, Sr. House and the David and Gladys Wright House, as well as exclusive access to Wright's beloved winter home and work space at Taliesin West. In addition, the trip included a tour of Cosanti, the residence and studio of visionary architect Paolo Soleri, a former apprentice of Wright.

Education programs at the Martin House were generously supported by the Charles D. and Mary A. Bauer Foundation, M&T Bank, NFADA, Janna Martin Oddleifson and Diane Schrenk.



TALIESIN WEST, PHOENIX, AZ



MARY F. ROBERTS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, WITH MARTIN HOUSE VOLUNTEER RICK KERR TAKING PART IN FALLINGWATER STUDY TRIP.



For information about our upcoming Travel Trips visit martinhouse.org.



SPECIAL EVENTS

We held two highly successful fundraisers in 2017: Bricks & Brews and the Belt Line Bash. Our 5th annual brewfest, held in July on the Martin House outdoor plaza, was a sellout with 350 guests in attendance. Craft brews from 18 local breweries and fare from food trucks were served while guests danced to live music by Critt's Juke Joint. [This year's brewfest will be held on Friday, July 13. For tickets, visit martinhouse.org.]

The Belt Line Bash was held in September at Larkin Square, on the grounds where Darwin Martin worked and near the train depot where he arrived daily by the once operating Buffalo Belt Line. More than 150 guests partied under the stars with delicious fare, seasonal cocktails and live music by Keith Shuskie.





RENTALS

Fifty groups rented our distinctive and unique spaces to hold a variety of events, including rehearsal dinners, bridal and baby showers, business meetings, community forums and lectures, formal-sit down dinners and board meetings.

From large corporations to small businesses, to state and local tourism organizations, the Martin House provided the historical backdrop for unique conversations and exciting celebrations. Some of them included:

- VBN Tourism Summit for CEOs from top tourism and destination marketing organizations across the country.
- Client dinners, VIP events and staff parties hosted by Boston Valley Terra Cotta, M&T Bank, Empire State Development, Niacet, Trautman Associates, 43 North and Darien Lake Live Nation.

Interested in hosting an event at the Martin House? Call Monica Stage at 716.856.3858 ext. 207 to schedule a walk-through of the site.

- PBS national board dinner and tour.
- NYSEERDA's Healthy Homes event in collaboration with the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo.
- New York State Bar Association annual dinner.
- Roswell Park physicians roundtable discussion and holiday party.
- Leadership Buffalo Experience Buffalo program designed to introduce relocating senior executives and their families to the region.
- Norwich University bicentennial Year of Legacy celebration.
- Local colleges and universities for a variety of collegiate functions, including Canisius College School of Business holiday celebration, UB event for incoming Master of Architecture students, a reception for the University of Rochester Advancement Department and a panel discussion, "Innovative Women Pioneers in Buffalo History," hosted by the UB Gender Institute.



MUSEUM STORE

The Martin House Museum Store celebrates all things Frank Lloyd Wright, along with related design and architecture products. Among its offerings are a carefully curated collection of books on Wright; unique Wright-designed items for the home developed by the Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation; hand-crafted fine jewelry; hand-blown art glass ornaments and accessory pieces created by the Martins' great-grandson Foster Holcomb; locally-crafted Larkin Soap; and most recently, an art glass panel inspired by the Martin House's fireplace mosaic. The Museum Store is the perfect place to complete our visitors' experience and for locals to shop.



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

ASSETS	2017
CURRENT ASSETS:	
Cash and cash equivalent	\$ 133,919
Current portion of contribution receivable	\$ 138,438
Grants receivable	\$ 80,036
Inventory	\$ 107,020
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	\$ 111,323
Total current assets	\$ 570,736
INVESTMENTS	\$ 165,065
CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVABLE, net	\$ 157,931
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, net	\$ 41,947,749
Total assets	\$ 42,841,481
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
CURRENT LIABILITIES:	
Short-term borrowings	\$ 2,482,713
Accounts payable	\$ 469,260
Accrued expenses	\$ 27,118
Deferred revenue	\$ 12,500
Total current liabilities	\$ 2,991,591
NET ASSETS:	
Unrestricted	\$ 39,164,802
Temporarily restricted	\$ 543,988
Permanently restricted	\$ 141,100
Total net assets	\$39,849,890
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 42,841,481

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

	Temporarily Unrestricted	Permanently Restricted	Total Restricted	2017
REVENUE:				
Contributions	\$ 435,097	\$ 112,955	\$	\$ 548,052
Government and foundation support	\$ 990,484	\$	\$	\$ 990,484
Tour income, net	\$ 703,663	\$	\$	\$ 703,663
Gift shop sales, net	\$ 164,959	\$	\$	\$ 164,959
Memberships	\$ 124,840	\$	\$	\$ 124,840
Special events, net	\$ 25,140	\$	\$	\$ 25,140
Facility rental	\$ 35,458	\$	\$	\$ 35,458
Educational, net	\$ 44,362	\$	\$	\$ 44,362
Investment income (loss)	\$ 133	\$ 22,141	\$	\$ 22,274
Miscellaneous	\$ 49,774	\$	\$	\$ 49,774
Net assets released from restriction	\$ 715,597	\$ (715,597)	\$	\$
Total revenue	\$ 3,289,507	\$ (580,501)	\$	\$ 2,709,006
EXPENSES:				
Tours and education	\$ 830,530	\$	\$	\$ 830,530
Restoration and preservation	\$ 305,514	\$	\$	\$ 305,514
Management and general	\$ 1,026,709	\$	\$	\$ 1,026,709
Fundraising	\$ 73,019	\$	\$	\$ 73,019
Total expenses	\$ 2,235,772	\$	\$	\$ 2,235,772
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$ 1,053,735	\$ (580,501)	\$	\$ 473,234
NET ASSETS - beginning of year	\$ 38,111,067	\$ 1,124,489	\$ 141,100	\$ 39,376,656
NET ASSETS - end of year	\$ 39,164,802	\$ 543,988	\$ 141,100	\$ 39,849,890

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