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Williams-Butler Mansion/Jacobs Executive Development Center is on the tour. (photo by Chuck LaChiusa)

Delaware Avenue Neighborhood Tour of Homes

As summer approaches, many folks in Western New York gear up for one of the area's favorite pastimes, the guided walking tour. Buffalo is a treasure trove of opportunities with its stunning architecture, vibrant neighborhoods and fascinating history.

This season, one particular tour event is sure to be showstopper. On **Saturday, August 21**, the Theodore Roosevelt Site joins forces with Preservation Buffalo Niagara's Buffalo Tours to present a totally unique tour experience, the **Delaware Neighborhood Tour of Homes**. Thanks to this special collaboration, tour participants will get a rare glimpse inside the magnificent homes of Buffalo's Golden Age on Delaware Avenue and Oakland Place. Imagine walking into these exquisite homes where the rich and famous lived during Buffalo's glory days, the early 20th Century. Several of these gilded age mansions are now public buildings but others are still private residences, carefully restored and adapted to fine modern living in the 21st century. This unique tour of homes will be a self-guided, "go at your own pace" experience with highly trained docents in each of the locations.

The tour sites will be open from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm. Begin the tour at the Theodore Roosevelt Site, 641 Delaware Avenue and then stroll back in time to the grandeur that was Buffalo's heyday. As a special treat, the TR Site will serve complimentary lemonade and cookies all day. Advance tickets are \$25 (\$20 for members of either organization) or \$30 on the day of the event. Purchase at the TR Site, the Market Arcade at 617 Main Street or call (716) 852-3300.

Included in the tour cost is a **lecture by architectural historian Martin Wachadlo** on the history and architecture of the Delaware neighborhood, which will include intriguing insights on the homes that will be toured. The lecture is scheduled during the week before the tour on Wednesday, August 11 at 7:00 pm at the TR Site. Tickets for the tour will be sold that evening.



Dining room of a home on Oakland Place that is on the tour. (photo by Chuck LaChiusa)

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Message from the President and Executive Director

We are pleased to announce that the Site has received three awards over the last several months in recognition of the Carriage House Project and our education initiative, *Transforming the Visitor Experience*. It is with great pride that we share this news with all of you – our volunteers, members, funders and friends who helped make these exciting changes possible!

Last fall at its annual membership conference, the **Western New York Association of Historical Agencies**, which supports museums and historical societies in a twelve county region of WNY, presented the Site with its **Organizational Award of Merit** for our education initiative. In Albany, NY in April, the Site received **Museumwise’s Award of Merit** in recognition of our efforts to “Re-Invent the Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site for the 21st Century.” Museumwise, formerly known as the Upstate History Alliance, shares expertise and resources with museums and heritage organizations throughout New York State. And just recently announced by **Buffalo Preservation Niagara**, the leading preservation organization in our region, is an **Award for New Construction** in recognition of the design and construction of the Carriage House addition. These awards from peers and professionals are truly appreciated.

As we approach the one year anniversary of our re-opening in June, there are many initiatives and opportunities com-

ing up. A strategic planning process will begin soon that will establish new goals and action plans for the next five years. Expect updates on the process in future communications. We are also looking forward to participating in several national conferences and events that are being held in Buffalo over the next couple years, including the American Political Items Collectors meeting this August, the Museumwise/Museum Assoc. of New York joint conference next April, the National Trust for Historic Preservation annual conference in Fall 2011 and the War of 1812 Bicentennial commemoration running from 2012 – 2015. Yes, there is a TR connection to the War of 1812! *The Naval War of 1812* was the first book written by Roosevelt, was published (in 1882), and is still in print today.

Please join us this summer for tours, programs and events. Celebrate the “New TR Site” with your family and friends!

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A Time to Celebrate



Dick and Donna Hughes, with Bill Warren (l. -r.)

May appears to be a time for celebration here at 64I Delaware Avenue. It's hard to believe that it's been a year since the all new TR Site welcomed special supporters, members and

volunteers to a ribbon cutting ceremony. Now, twelve months later, the Site's trustees, staff and volunteers are celebrating again. The carriage house and new education initiative are at the top of the list to be sure, but this is also time to applaud the cooperative spirit these three groups share. The annual board/staff/volunteer reception provides the perfect opportunity to celebrate this special alliance and to honor those who have made outstanding contributions. The event takes place this month in our beautiful new Carriage House. Board President Lawrence D. Seymour is presenting the **Foundation's President's Award** to **Bill Warren**, a long time volunteer and outstanding supporter of the Site. Always ready to lend a hand, Bill's generous contributions have insured the success of countless fundraising events for almost two decades. The **Barbara Berryman Brandt Volunteer Award** is being presented to a very special husband and wife team, **Dick and Donna Hughes**. Dick and Donna truly personify the spirit of volunteerism that makes the TR Site so great. They are always willing and more than generous with their time and talents, either working together or in their own special areas. Heartiest congratulations to all!

SAVE THE DATE!

Donald A. Ogilvie to Be Honored

Plan to join us on **Tuesday, September 14, 2010** for the Site's annual Anniversary and Awards Dinner. The **Theodore Roosevelt Award for Exemplary Citizenship and Service** will be presented to **Donald A. Ogilvie, District Superintendent of Erie 1 BOCES**, in recognition of his life-time dedication to the education of our community's youth and the leadership roles he has taken in many civic organizations that improve the vitality of our region. It is an honor to recognize an individual who has devoted his life to raising the quality of life for all Western New Yorkers.

This year's event will be held at Kleinhans Music Hall's Mary Seaton Room and will commemorate the 109th anniversary of Roosevelt's presidential inauguration in the Buffalo home of Ansley and Mary Grace Wilcox. The Theodore Roosevelt Association Police Award will also be presented that day by Tweed Roosevelt, TR's great-grandson. TR Site Foundation Vice President Karen Gaughan Scott is chairing the event. Watch for an invitation in August.

We Did It Again!

For the second time, the TR Site volunteer corps launched A *Children's Courage Campaign* to help children at the Lee Gross Anthonie Advocacy Center, a program of Child & Adolescent Treatment Services, Inc. and close neighbor of the TR Site. Volunteer Coordinator Liz Krawczyk spearheaded the campaign and thanks to her enthusiastic leadership, it was a resounding success. Generous contributions from Site volunteers, their families, friends and acquaintances provided 475 gift bags to the Center. An enthusiastic group of volunteers had a wonderful time packing each bag with a cuddly teddy bear, story book and, of course, details on how a very special toy came to be named after our 26th president. We all hope that these gifts will help lift the spirits of children in crisis and at the same time introduce the youngsters and their families to Theodore Roosevelt.



Volunteer Coordinator Liz Krawczyk spearheaded the successful Children's Courage Campaign.

Summer Events

TR Inaugural Site Summer Camp Getting By In 1901 America

August 9-13, 2010, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon,

Monday - Friday

(Drop-off starts at 8:30 a.m.)

Ages 8-12

\$20 per day or \$80 for the week-long program

Advance registration required. Space is limited.

Please call the Site at 716-884-0095.

Journey back in time to explore what life was like at the beginning of the 20th century, the time of President Theodore Roosevelt.

Monday - Immigration Day - You're coming to a new country, filled with hope for a better future. But how easy is it to get by in a new land? Find out what it was like to be an immigrant at Ellis Island.

Tuesday - Working for a Living - How easy is it for an ordinary citizen to earn a living? Is the path to wealth a sure thing? Work on an assembly line, or try to be a "Captain of Industry" in a game of living monopoly.



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Wednesday - Conservation - America enjoys nature's bounty...so how should we use it? Create a nature journal and find out how you can make a difference.

Thursday - Testing Boundaries - America is becoming a world power. How big should it get? Celebrate America, and design your own flag.

Friday - Liberty and Justice for All - So the American Dream is wonderful. But is it open to everyone? Explore ways people are treated differently.

Teddy Bear Picnic

Tuesday, July 20, 2010, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Cost: \$5 per person

(includes picnic lunch - grilled hot dog, snack & beverage)

Meet at: Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens
2655 South Park Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14218

By reservation only. Please call the TR Site,
716-884 – 0095.

It's Teddy Bear Picnic time and we're joining forces again with our special friends at the Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens. What a beautiful place to have a picnic! Special entertainment by the Stringmen, a visit from Buffalo Clown Alley, yummy picnic food, games, stories and



other good things will all be part of the fun. Teddy Bear Picnic is a fun day for all – mom, dad, grandparents, and friends. Get your team together and don't forget a blanket to sit on and your favorite teddy!

Summer 2010 Walking Tours

Weekly Guided Tours of Historic Allentown

Every Monday from June 7 through September 27
except Labor Day, September 6

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Cost: \$8.00 members, \$10.00 non-members

Reservations are not required!

Discover how people lived one hundred years ago and learn about Buffalo's early history while enjoying a leisurely walk through the charming streets and Victorian architecture of the historic Allentown district. The tour begins at the house where a President of our country took his oath of office and includes one street that was the path that fugitive slaves followed on their flights to freedom. Discover the homes where a famous actress had her first taste of theater, a popular novelist entertained his boyhood friends with amateur theatrical productions, and a famous artist was inspired to create one of his early paintings. Many new and interesting rehabilitation projects and the area's unique shops, restaurants, green spaces, and galleries add to the current dynamic life of this neighborhood. Be sure to wear comfortable walking shoes. The tour begins and ends at the Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site.

Taking a Look at the Richmond Neighborhood

Sunday, July 11, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 12, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Cost: \$8.00 members, \$10.00 non-members

Reservations are not required!

Frederick Law Olmsted designed America's first park and parkway system here in Buffalo, and Richmond Avenue was an integral component of his design. One hundred years ago, Richmond Avenue was one of the most beautiful thoroughfares in the city. Walk the avenue and neighborhood with us as we explore the newly restored circles, view the renowned civic and domestic architecture, and hear stories of the vibrant history of Buffalo. Comfortable walking shoes are a must for this walk. The tour begins and ends at the Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site.



From Karpeles to Karpeles

Saturday, July 31, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Cost: \$8.00 members, \$10.00 non-members

Reservations are not required!

Join us for a great opportunity to visit the two Karpeles Manuscript Library Museums on Porter Avenue and North Street - to view their current exhibits and to enjoy the walk along two of Buffalo's oldest streets. The Karpeles Museums are dedicated to the preservation of original manuscripts and documents of the great men and women of the past who have shaped history. The exhibits change frequently and it is always a treat to see what is on view. Both museum buildings are housed in restored places of worship that have been adapted to meet the needs of a museum while maintaining the original features of the buildings. The tour begins and ends at the Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site.

Main and North Pearl: A Walk in Time

Sunday, August 8, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Cost: \$8.00 members, \$10.00 non-members

Reservations are not required!

The North Pearl neighborhood, so close to downtown, is like a walk back in time. The restored houses and beautiful gardens are a reflection of life in the past century. On Main Street, we will look at some of the structures that have been repurposed to suit our modern life styles, as well as new construction that is revitalizing the area. The many contrasts make for an interesting urban outing. The tour begins and ends at the Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site.

TR Site Third Annual Golf Outing

Please join us for a pleasant time of golf and dinner!

WHEN: Monday, June 21st, 2010

WHERE: Buffalo Tournament Club
6432 Genesee Street (just past Ransom Rd. in Lancaster)

COST: \$75.00 (Includes Golf, Cart, Lunch, Steak Dinner,
TR Logo Golf Towel, Souvenir Photo & Prizes)
Dinner Guests are welcome for a fee of \$25.00

TIME: Lunch & Registration 11:00 am - 12 noon
Tee Times 12 noon - 2:00 pm
Cash Bar 4:00 - 7:00 pm
Dinner 5:00 pm (beer & soft drinks included)



Please complete registration and mail with a check payable to **TR SITE FOUNDATION** to:

THEODORE ROOSEVELT SITE
641 DELAWARE AVENUE
BUFFALO, NY 14202

Registration Deadline - June 4th.

Name of Golfer _____

Address _____

Phone _____

People in My Party:

Captain: 1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

If you do not have enough for your foursome we will assign individual golfers to fill the spots.

_____ I would like to attend the buffet dinner but not play golf.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Golf/Dinner Package @ \$75.00 per person \$ _____

Dinner Only @ \$25.00 per person \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Questions:

Jim Verso, 876-3454

Jerry Sullivan, 694-0639

Thanks to our Mother-Daughter Tea Supporters

Spring was most certainly in the air and spirits were high as everyone enjoyed a delightful afternoon at the Mother-Daughter Tea. As always, TR Site volunteers provided all the special touches that make this such a unique and memorable event.

Many thanks to our generous sponsors:

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Buffalo Regional Doll Club

Mary Ann Singh, Coordinator
"Dolly's Tea Party"

Elaine's Flower Shoppe, bridal bouquet



Lottie McDonald, shown with her mother Amy, was among the visitors enjoying the Mother-Daughter Tea at the TR Site on May 1-2.

Quick Notes

- Come join us for the **Allentown Art Festival**, June 12-13.
- A limited number of spaces are still available for the Site's **annual fall trip** set for September 26-30. This year we'll travel to Annapolis with day trips to Washington and Baltimore. For full details, please contact Assistant Director Janice Kuzan at the Site, 884-0095
- On President's Day 2010, the TR Site was proud to once again host an **inaugural reenactment and naturalization ceremony** and welcome 21 new citizens from 15 countries of origin.
- The TR Site will be **expanding its exhibits** in the coming months and is conducting a survey to learn more about audience interests. If you would like to be part of this survey, please go to: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CPS7CDH>
- TR Site Curator Lenora Henson was recently awarded a \$750 **Go!Grant** from **Museumwise** (formerly the Upstate History Alliance). The funding allowed her to attend the 2010 Museums in Conversation conference that was held in Albany in mid-April.
- The **8th District Garden Clubs of NYS** recently received a first place award for Historic Preservation from the Federated Garden Clubs of NYS, Inc. for their decorations at the Site during Victorian Christmas 2009. Congratulations!
- Another Victorian Christmas Garden Club note – The Site presented Visitors' Choice Awards to the **Orchard Park Garden Club** for decorations in the Morning Room and to the **Hamburg Garden Club** for the Carriage House Entrance. Congratulations to these two clubs and to all participating clubs for their exceptional work.

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In order to provide maximum space in The Bullytin for programming and event information, memberships at the Rough Rider level and above will now be recognized in this publication. All memberships are truly appreciated and will continue to be acknowledged with a personal letter from the TR Site. Thanks to each and every member for your interest and support!

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Haven't been back to the TR Site since our re-opening? Come in and see what you've been missing! The Issues Theater is a multi-media exhibit that explores the state of the nation, September 14, 1901, and the challenges Roosevelt faced upon becoming president. (photo by Boston Productions)



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