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At Home in Cincinnati with Frank Lloyd Wright What It's Like to Live in a Frank Lloyd Wright Home



Frank Lloyd Wright, considered by many to be America's greatest architect, built world-famous structures such as Fallingwater, but his dream was the creation of homes of modest proportions for people of conventional means. The Delhi Township Branch Library, 5095 Foley Rd., will host the first of three programs presented by Chuck and Janet Lohre on Tuesday, September 27 at 7:00 p.m. A short introduction to Wright and his work will be presented by Reference Librarian Donald Crews. The Lohres, who own one of three Wright homes in Cincinnati, will then talk about their experience of making their house in Clifton a place they call home.

Frank Lloyd Wright was born in Richland Center, Wisconsin in 1867, and settled in Madison, Wisconsin in 1877. He was educated at Second Ward School from 1879 to 1883, and after a brief stint at the University of Wisconsin, took some mechanical drawing and basic mathematics courses. When Wright departed for Chicago, he spent several months in J. L. Silsbee's office before seeking employment with the firm of Adler and Sullivan.

Wright evolved a new concept of interior space in architecture. Rejecting the existing view of rooms as single-function boxes, he created overlapping and interpenetrating rooms with shared spaces. He designated "use areas" with screening devices and subtle changes in ceiling heights and created the idea of defined space as opposed to enclosed space.

The Lohres' home, originally built for University of Cincinnati professor Cedric Boulter and his wife in 1954, is a 2,700 square foot Usonian that occupies a corner lot not far from the

bustle of the busy U.C. campus. Constructed of concrete block, plate glass, and mahogany, the home is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Typically Wright's homes have small kitchens and bedrooms, with large living areas. Kitchens are simply places to prepare food and bedrooms were just for sleeping. Wright, believing that all elements of a building should be incorporated as a whole, designed furniture, windows and many built-ins as part of almost every one of his creations.

Because the Lohres have such an active interest in the home's history and in its famous architect, they have created a web site (<http://www.wrightboulter.com/>) that documents the home's history, and a blog with a local hardware store, "Ask Mr. Friendly":

(<http://www.beckhardware.com/phpBB2/index.php>)

The program will also be presented at these branches in October:

- Anderson, 7450 State Rd.: Wednesday, October 19, 7:00 p.m.
- Clifton, 351 Ludlow Ave.: Thursday, October 27, 6:30 p.m.

Other Frank Lloyd Wright homes in Cincinnati are located in Amberley Village and Indian Hill.

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