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Mark Your Calendar: Landmark's Holiday Events

Christmas Open House & First Night Festivities

Mark your calendars for the Landmark Christmas Open House to be held on Sunday, December 12 from 2 to 4:30 p.m. at the home of Jonathan Ray at 633 East Main. Known locally for many years as the Mary Underwood Crump House, the unique Queen Anne style house was built about 1890 and is interesting for its variety of textures.

Especially noteworthy are the shingles and double corner gable. The Classic Revival porch is a later addition.

This year Landmark will sponsor three historic photographic exhibits in downtown locations on the evening of December 31 as part of the First Night celebration. While the photographs will certainly offer a glimpse into our past, they will also provide topics for many nostalgic conversations. Be sure to watch for further information regarding the location of the exhibits.

In addition to the photographic exhibits, Landmark will also sponsor an architectural features scavenger hunt for children in the 4th, 5th, and sixth grades at the First Night celebration. During a walk around Fountain Square Park, guides Jonathan Jeffrey and Laura Harper Lee will provide descriptions and sketches or photographs of distinctive architectural features found around the Square, and the children will be asked to identify the building where they are located.
Landmark Helps Provide Housing for Architect's Drawings
by Jonathan Jeffrey

The Landmark Association recently donated the funds to purchase a five-drawer map case to house the approximately 1,500 architectural drawings of former Bowling Green architect, James Maurice Ingram. The drawings were donated to WKU's Kentucky Building in 1982 by Ingram's family. Preliminary sorting and a rough listing of the Warren County structures was done at that time. Because funds were not available for archival storage, the drawings have remained rolled up like tubes, just as Ingram left them. Landmark’s gift which is being matched by the Kentucky Building will allow many of the Bowling Green drawings to be properly stored for posterity.

Besides donating funds for the case, the Landmark Board with the assistance of the Kentucky Building staff will sponsor several “ironing days.” Because most of the drawings have been rolled up for years, they must be flattened. Ironers will be given instructions on proper techniques, and most people will enjoy “smoothing out” this wrinkle in history.

James Maurice Ingram was born in Paducah in 1905. After graduating from Notre Dame in 1928, he spent one year in Florida prior to setting up a practice in Bowling Green. Although the Depression was a difficult time for architects, Ingram managed to survive with some private commissions and work for the Works Progress Administration (WPA) and the Public Works Administration (PWA). The WPA used his designs of a public school building as a model throughout Kentucky. Many of his public buildings are influenced by the Art Deco and Art Moderne movements. Some of these include Norman’s storefront, the Honey Knob Bakery, the Richardsville Elementary School, the North Warren County High School Gym and the old Warren County jail.

He favored the Colonial Revival style in residences. Perhaps his best known home design in the area is the Lampkin residence (now the WKU president’s home). For the Covington Woods area Ingram designed many homes which used natural stone for the exterior walls. The talented architect also designed the interiors for the Kentucky Building, making it the appropriate repository for his drawings. This collection will provide a rich resource for architectural historians interested in the styles of the mid-twentieth century and will provide instructional material for history, drafting and interior design classes at Western.

October ‘Mourning’

The Landmark Association held its regular membership meeting on Saturday, October 30 in conjunction with Riverview at Hobson Grove. At 9:00 a.m. Sue Lynn McGuire gave a presentation entitled “Mourning in the Morning” in which she described Victorian mourning customs. Following the lecture, those in attendance went from Riverview to Fairview Cemetery for an informational tour led by Sherryl Reed, Sam Terry, and Jonathan Jeffrey.
Activities & Events:

Annual Dinner, June 17, 1993

A record number of Landmark members and their guests enjoyed a memorable evening at Ironwood Farm for the annual dinner on June 17. Dining in a horse barn has never been more appealing! Special guest Philip Morris of Southern Living magazine was impressed by the turnout of people interested in preservation of their heritage.

Owner and race horse breeder David Garvin provided an interesting program which focused on the restoration project of his family home and his newly established business. A special treat was the appearance of one of David's prize horses.

THE MCINTIRE BUILDING

The law firm of Campbell, Kerrick, and Grese recently moved into their newly renovated offices at 1029 State which adjoined their previously renovated offices at 1025 State. Locally identified as the McIntire Building, this was the location of a hardware store from 1914 until the late 1950s.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE LANDMARK ASSOCIATION

Historic Properties Advertising

The Landmark Association Newsletter is accepting advertisements of historic properties for sale. Properties must be at least 50 years old and should include a photo of the property along with a description. Price of an ad is $35.

906 STATE STREET
BEHIND THIS DECEPTIVELY SIMPLE FACADE is one of the most exciting homes in Bowling Green.

This property includes an elegant primary residence, a two-story guest apartment, and first floor professional office space.

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Call Wanda White - 781-1234

THE BOOK CORNER
Christmas Gift Ideas

Cooper Smith, our publications chairman, is happy to announce that National City Bank has generously donated the balance of their inventory of the reprint of Irene Sumpter's book, An Album of Early Warren County Landmarks, to the Landmark Association. We now have these books for sale along with our Architecture of Warren County, Kentucky, 1790-1940, and A Stroll Around Fountain Square. These books would make great Christmas gifts for your friends or employees. Call Cooper at 781-1320 or you can leave a message for him at the Landmark office.

1405 STATE STREET

CRAFTSMAN 2-STORY PLUS FINISHED ATTIC has possibilities for a large family or an in-law suite. Double parlors, leaded glass windows, detailed crown molding. Needs restoration to its earlier beauty. $125,000

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781-6008/781-4112

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Call Ruth Hayden 781-1234

EAST MAIN HISTORIC DISTRICT

The classic late Victorian house at 553 East Main has recently been renovated to accommodate the law offices of Rudloff, Golden, and Evans. Built around 1904, it is one of the finest structures in the East Main Street Historic District.
COMING EVENTS

LANDMARK CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE .................. SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12
2PM-4:30PM, AT THE HOME OF JONATHAN RAY, 633 EAST MAIN STREET

FIRST NIGHT FESTIVITIES ....................................... FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31
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