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The ArtsFest artist booths are open 11-5 on Saturday & Sunday.
The ArtsFest music runs until 10 PM on Saturday & 6 PM on Sunday.

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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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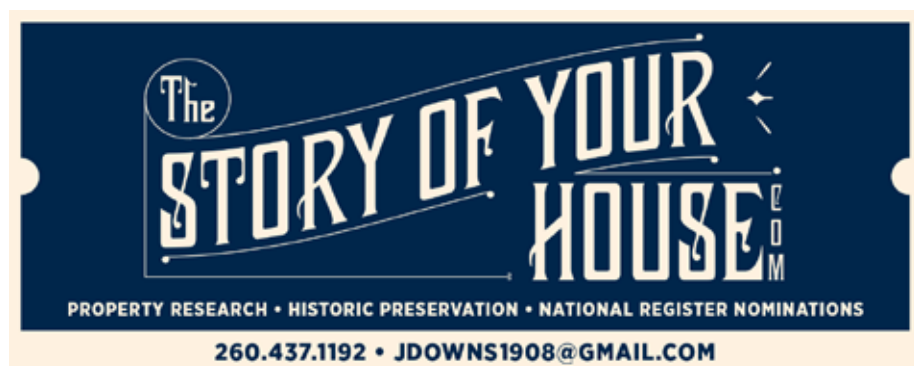
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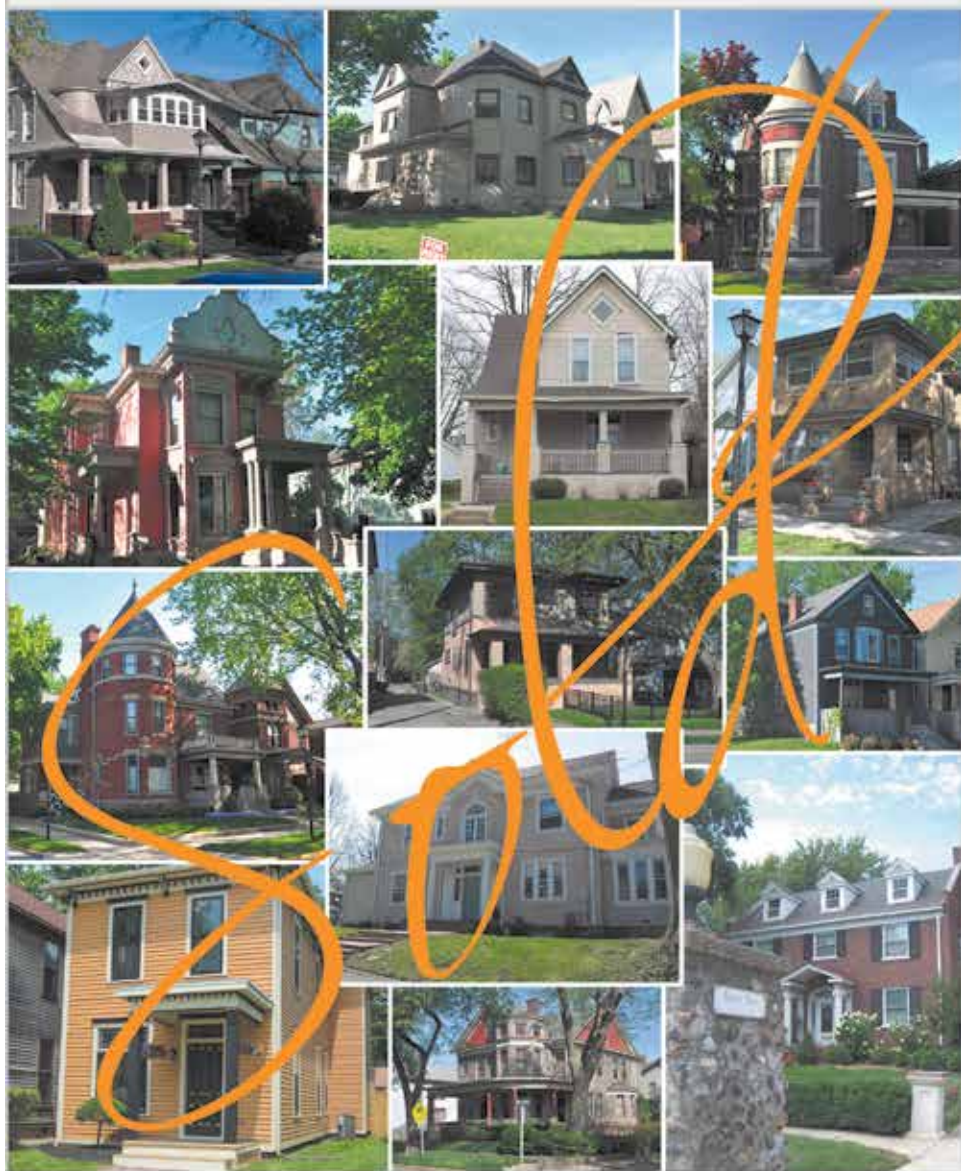
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enable the West Central Neighborhood Association (WCNA) to further its neighborhood preservation and improvement efforts. We continue to work toward funding projects such as saving homes and historic district expansion.

We hope that by opening these beautiful, historic homes to the public, we help Fort Wayne and the surrounding area learn about the homes' architecture and interior craftsmanship. We also hope to show the community that it is still possible to live a comfortable, fulfilling life in downtown Fort Wayne. The present residents of the neighborhood make it one of the most diverse neighborhood populations in the city. It is a charming place to live, venerable and vibrant, filled with astonishing old 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!

We are proud of our 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 houses represent a true cross-section of the types of houses you will find here. We also have one of our churches as a stop this year. Be sure to check out their newly restored sanctuary. It is beautiful.

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.

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

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West Central Neighborhood History

Although the West Central Neighborhood encompasses all of downtown Fort Wayne west of Calhoun Street, the heart of West Central is its residential area, the development of which began as early as the 1830s. Because of the historic and architectural significance of this area, the West Central Neighborhood was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1984 and was designated a Fort Wayne Local Historic District as early as 1985. The West Central Neighborhood was named the “Best Old House Neighborhood” in Indiana for 2010 by This Old House Magazine.

The neighborhood originally was inhabited primarily by the working class who walked to their nearby workplaces. As Fort Wayne grew throughout the nineteenth century and the local transportation system improved, the West Central Neighborhood became a favored area for the middle and upper classes as well. The original smaller, vernacular homes were replaced by larger homes designed in the fashionable architectural styles popular between 1830 and 1950.

The north side of the neighborhood, along Berry and Wayne streets and Washington Boulevard, was where many of the city’s most prominent families built large, stylish homes. On the south side, situated between Jefferson Boulevard and the former Pennsylvania Railroad tracks, exists a collection of modest, small-scale cottages arranged along narrow, tree-lined, brick streets. Many workers for the businesses and various industries stretching along the south side of the railroad corridor resided there. A similar residential area exists between the railroad tracks and Taylor Street.

The West Central Neighborhood also encompasses the Broadway business corridor. This major street developed into a busy commercial area serving the daily needs of the local residents. A wide variety of shops including groceries, bakeries, hardware stores, and millineries once lined the street.

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While it is too soon to offer tours into the physical spaces, as progress continues in the coming months and years, we hope to offer glimpses of this transformative project – truly “Innovation Lighting the Way.”

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Tour Stop #1

1229 West Wayne

This Chateausque rowhouse was built c.1890, along with its adjacent counterparts, to house faculty for the former Methodist College that was once in the neighborhood. The Chateausque style features elements of Gothic and Renaissance architecture, and those seen here include towers, corbelled cornices, multiple dormers, and a parapeted gable.

As you enter the rowhouse, please note the plaque memorializing Estella Kraus who lived here from 1954 until her death in 1995. Estella, who worked her entire career at General Electric, was known as the "Grand Dame of West Central" and was very special to many of her neighbors.

In 2005, the backyard pergola was built, aluminum porch supports were removed and replaced with period-appropriate wood columns, 1970s-era ceiling tiles were removed from throughout the house, and the kitchen was remodeled.

Also, the former second-floor maid's quarters were converted to a full bath featuring ceramic tile flooring and a custom-built vanity and medicine cabinets. The claw-foot tub dates from 1912 and was retained from the old bathroom along with a cabinet that was originally in the kitchen. There are many other unique features to be found in this house.



Jennifer Dressen
Resident and Owner

At a Glance
Style: Chateausque

Year Built: c. 1890

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Tour Stop #2 1209 West Berry *Work In Progress*

This wood frame house was built in 1899 in the Queen Anne style. Recently purchased by Jack and Jane Meredith, they plan to restore the distinctive historical features, such as the main stairwell, gothic windows and stained glass inserts. The kitchen and bathrooms will be updated with 21st century amenities. French doors from the dining room will be added to access a deck which will be surrounded by sun and shade gardens. The large, light-filled back yard will be terraced to include a seating area and a large shed, while the full length front porch will become an inviting place for neighbors to visit.

The earliest residents were William and Louise Shambaugh and their three sons, Willard, Howard, and Robert. William was the city attorney for Fort Wayne in the early 1900s. After Louise died in 1915 at the age of 47, William continued to live here. He died in 1927 just three days before his 70th birthday. Their son Robert and his wife Dorothy lived here until 1967. Another son, Willard, followed in his father's footsteps and began practicing law in William's law office in the 1920s. Later, Willard ran a solo law practice for nearly 40 years. In 1961, Willard partnered with Michael Kast. After Willard died in 1976, their firm would eventually become Shambaugh, Kast, Beck & Williams.

West Central has a long, successful history of saving historic homes. Over the last several years, the momentum to rehab houses in West Central has become even stronger. This house will soon become another West Central success story.



Jack & Jane Meredith
Residents & Owners

At a Glance
Style: Queen Anne

Year Built: 1899

First Residents:
William & Louise
Shambaugh

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Tour Stop #3

816 Rockhill

The uncle and nephew architectural firm of Mahurin & Mahurin designed this Craftsman-style house. Built circa 1910 for Michigan native James Shields, it features a shingle-sided first story and a stuccoed second story with half-timbering detail.

Two front dormers with multi-paned windows accent the attic story, and the welcoming main entrance is highlighted by an oak door and leaded glass sidelights. Other leaded glass windows are found throughout the home. Inside the home, Becky and Jake have utilized a variety of artistic works to enliven their inviting living space.

James Shields came to Fort Wayne in about 1894 and married Mary Fitzpatrick in 1909. They had two children: Mary and Louise. When first arriving at 816 Rockhill, James owned Shields Clothing Company on Calhoun Street which sold clothing, hats, caps, and men's furnishings.

Later, James was secretary of the City Water Works under Mayor William Hosey and supervised the operations of the newly constructed water filtration plant in 1933. Daughter Mary was married to Hans Schwieger who was the founder and first conductor of the Fort Wayne Philharmonic Orchestra. James died in 1954 at age eighty-three.



Becky Johnson &
Jake Patten
Residents & Owners

At a Glance
Style: Craftsman

Year Built: c. 1910

First Residents:
James & Mary Shields

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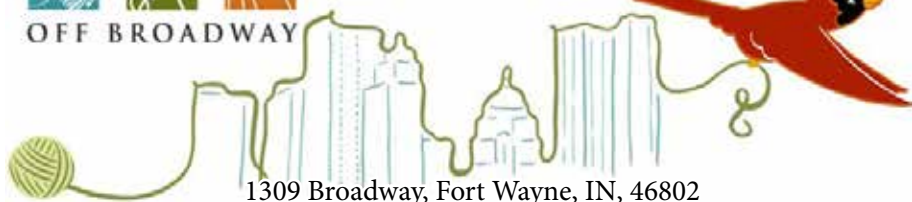
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Tour Stop #4

717 Thieme

First known as 1031 West Main Street and built circa 1906 on land once occupied by the Westminster Seminary, this house displays a mix of architectural features. Its massing is typical of the Queen Anne style, prevalent in America from about 1880 to 1910, but influences of the Tudor Revival style have been applied to the main façade in the form of the simulated steeply pitched roof line, Tudor arches of the porch, and the colorful stone veneer on the porch foundation and supports as well as on the lower half of the front façade. The house's window styles are primarily six-over-six with groupings of two and three windows prominently placed on the front façade.

Catherine Frances (Corcoran) Gerow and her daughters, Marcelline and Agnes, were the first known residents of this house, purchasing it in October of 1906. Frances, as she was more commonly known, was born in Indiana in 1854, and married Teles Gerow who died in 1896. She was a member of a pioneer Fort Wayne family and a charter member of the Cathedral. She died in 1929. Interestingly, another daughter, Helen, and her husband George Cabler once owned 1133 West Washington Boulevard, a house that is also on today's tour.



Douglas Kruse
Resident & Owner

At a Glance
Style: Tudor Revival

Year Built: 1926

First Resident:
Catherine Frances Gerow



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Tour Stop #5

723 Union Apt. E2

Built in 1925, well-renowned architect Alvin M. Strauss designed this Tudor Revival apartment complex described at the time by the Journal-Gazette as "Fort Wayne's first real large apartment house on big city lines."

Tudor elements include the brick and terra cotta parapet with crenelations and finials, tudor-arched entries, and decorative corner quoins. The influence of the Spanish Eclectic style can be seen in the shallow, glazed terra cotta and iron balconies of the upper floors.

Open today is apartment E2. Its first resident was Walter Goll who lived here for only a few years. Born in 1872 in St. Louis, Missouri, Mr. Goll was a manager at the Fort Wayne General Electric plant.

When he died at the age of 70 in 1943, his obituary referred to him as a "Fort Wayne industrialist and civic leader."

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At a Glance
Style: Tudor Revival

Year Built: 1925

First Resident:
Walter Goll

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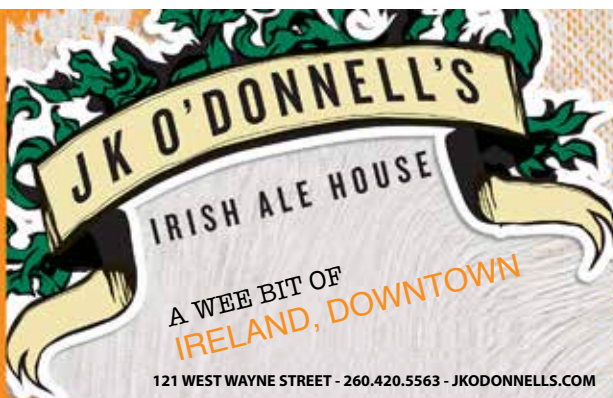
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Tour Stop #6

1133 West Washington

This house was on the Tour last year as a work in progress. It had been divided into four apartments and then sat vacant for over five years. In the fall of 2015, the house was acquired by Dave and Anita Kuker. Bernie Gump and many others transformed this house from an uninhabitable building into their dream home. Most of the front staircase, wood trim, fireplaces, and second story floor are believed to be original to the home. The owners are grateful to call this house and neighborhood their home and to share it with all who enter.

Built circa 1887 for Charles Jacobs, the Italianate and Queen Anne-style brick structure features a centered gable, low-pitched roof with eaves embellished by decorative brackets. Other features include a rusticated stone foundation; stone watertable, beltcourses, window sills, and lintels; flared chimneys; and patterned masonry panels on the main façade. At one time, the side entrance had a covered porch, but the paneled double door main entrance still retains its glass transom displaying the pre-1902 house number of "297."

Born in Germany, Charles Jacobs arrived in the United States at age 18. He settled in Fort Wayne in 1865 where he ran a bakery business for forty years. He died in 1910, while still residing in this home, at age 78.



Anita & David Kuker
Residents & Owners

At a Glance
Style: Italianate &
Queen Anne

Year Built: c. 1887

First Resident:
Charles Jacobs



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Tour Stop #7

1118 West Jefferson

In 1854, Deitrich Buck bought the property where this house and the house next door at 1114 West Jefferson Boulevard stand. Likely built shortly thereafter, architectural details of this simply-styled, gable-front structure include a laid stone foundation, wood clapboard siding painted light gray with white trim and grayish-purple accents, and primarily one-over-one windows with those on the main façade topped with a wood crown molding. The full-width front porch, supported by smooth, round columns, features dentil molding along the cornice line and balustrades comprised of turned balusters.

Deitrich Buck worked as a tailor. In about 1851 in Fort Wayne, he married his wife, Sophia, with whom he had at least three children. He died in 1877. Sophia, born in 1832 in Germany, came to the United States when she was 16 years old. She was a charter member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, and lived for many years in this house until about 1913 when it appears the Buck family built 1114 West Jefferson Boulevard and moved there. In 1922, Sophia died only two months after celebrating her 90th birthday.



Carly Rosswurm
Resident & Owner

At a Glance
Style: Gable Front

Year Built: c. 1854

First Resident:
Deitrich Buck

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Tour Stop #8

1113 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, the front porch was recently extended to connect two off-set porches. The slope of the porch roof was adjusted to improve drainage. The porch is supported by smooth, round columns, while paired bay windows lend additional architectural detail to the north and south sides.

The owners are living on the property while they renovate the duplex. The unit on the north side was completely renovated and had a full bath and laundry added to the first floor, moving the entry to the basement to underneath the stairs. In doing so, the roof above the first-floor kitchen and bath was reconstructed to be used as a second-story deck. Upstairs, two small bedrooms were combined to form a master bedroom and the walk-up attic provides additional storage.

The owners' goals with the renovation are to maintain the historic charm while adding expected, modern amenities. The owners are wrapping up the details on the renovated portion of the duplex and plan to begin work on the south unit in the fall.

The earliest known residents 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.



Jaer & Lucy Cardenas
Residents & Owners

At a Glance
Style: Colonial Revival

Year Built: c. 1910

First Resident:
Anna Provines

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Tour Stop #9

917 West Jefferson

Emmanuel Lutheran Church was organized in 1867 when members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church decided to form a new congregation. The church structure, designed by architect Thomas Lau, was built in 1868 (note the cornerstone at the northeast corner) and is of the Gothic Revival style due to the many tall, pointed arch windows and entrances used throughout the building. Other architectural features include brick corbelling along the cornice, a rough-cut stone water table and block foundation, and stone window sills. The windows and side entrances are capped with a brick arch and stone keystone, and a stone detail is also used to add interest to the brick buttresses. The church's steeple, one of the city's tallest, extends 185 feet in height.

The church recently completed construction on a large addition designed to complement the original architecture. In 2005, the church installed new exterior doors that were created by a local craftsman to replicate those that originally adorned the church entrances. Upon entering the church, you'll find that the use of pointed arches continues. Also note the elaborate ceiling details, the carved floral motif on the pew ends, and columns, accented with Corinthian capitals, supporting the balcony.



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Tour Hours

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At a Glance

Style: Gothic Revival

Year Built: 1868



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Tour Stop #10 431 West Berry (Door #1)

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More than 350,000 bricks were used in the construction. It was said to be the most fireproof structure in Fort Wayne when it opened in 1925.

During the Great Depression, the Mizpah Shrine lost the temple into receivership in 1937. The Shrine Auditorium was renamed the Quimby Auditorium in 1945.

The Scottish Rite bought the auditorium in 1953 and used the center for Masonic and community events.

At the corner of Berry and Fairfield, a brick addition was added in 1963. It was called the Scottish Rite Cathedral and was used to house administrative offices, the Gentlemen's Lounge, the Lodge Room, Dining Room, and a Learning Center.

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At a Glance
Style: Moorish Revival

Year Built: 1925

First Occupant:
Scottish Rite

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5:15 PM to 6:30 PM	Omaha, Nebraska
7:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Belle & The Strange
8:30 PM to 10:30 PM	James & The Drifters

Sunday September 10

12:00PM to 12:45 PM	Alicia Pyle
1:00 PM to 1:45 PM	O, Sister Brother
2:00 PM to 2:45 PM	The Interlopers
3:00 PM to 4:00 PM	Austin Johnson
4:30 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!*

2017 Artist Lineup

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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The ArtsFest has been an integral part of our West Central Home and Garden Tour for many years. From a small, intimate gathering of friends and artists and musicians hosting the event in a selected backyard during the Tour to a full-scale event located on our West Central streets, the ArtsFest now encompasses dozens of artists, well-known musicians, and local food vendors.

The expanded ArtsFest garnered the Downtown Improvement District's award for "Best Event of the Year" in 2009. Our all-volunteer ArtsFest committee has once again put together an exciting array of local and area artists, musicians, and food vendors for your enjoyment as you tour our beautiful historic homes. Browse the booths of our artists and select a one-of-a-kind treasure for your home or as a unique gift.

This year our artists include the following:



Tami Affolder & Nikki Affolder-Walker [Family Affair Arts & Crafts]
Kelly Benton [Shutter Bomb Photo Booth]
Lyndsi Boden [Was Paper]
MacKenzie Brockhaus [Chandeleurs Handcrafted Jewelry]
Laurel Burke
Jim & Tiffany Craig [Salamonie Products]
Susie Crace [Wrist Art & Others]
Eileen Crouse [Headwaters Fort Wayne]
Megan Davis [New Creation Primitives]
June Deardorff
Tracy Degitz [Dawg e Bag]
Greg Duncan [Sol Eye Glass]
Marion Waltz & Jim Goetsch [Third World Fair Trade Shoppe]
Terri Gray [Lady Luck Gems]
Diane Groenert [House Portraits]
Kim Hilgemann [Natural Assets by Kimo]
Phyllis Hughes [PH Unique Jewelry]
Andie Landrigan [Andie's Pearls]
Julia Langmeyer [JA Art Studio]
Julie Lepper
Emily McKee [Beads of Hope]
Cathy Parrott [Parrott Pottery]
Larry & Diane Penix [Window Wonders]
Lyndsy Porter
Lori Proffitt [Lo Lo Creations]
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Lee Sauer [Cartoons & Caricatures]
Mike Scherman [General Scherman Photography]
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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.



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Stop #6:	1133 W. Washington
Stop #7:	1118 W. Jefferson
Stop #8:	1113 Rockhill
Stop #9:	917 W. Jefferson *
Stop #10:	431 W. Berry (Door #1)

Also Open (see page 85)

- A:** 1424 W. Jefferson (Swinney Homestead)
- B:** 614 W. Berry (Saving Grace)

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- Carriage and Pedicab rides are FREE for tour patrons.
 - Enjoy the tour stops in any order.
 - Tickets must be presented at each stop for admittance.
- * See page 25 for Emmanuel Lutheran Tour hours.

