

## AAUW Harrisburg Culture Vultures Celebrate Spring

### Visit Frank Lloyd Wright's *Fallingwater* and *Kentuck Knob* with Us Thursday June 9, 2022



#### Itinerary:

Pick up: West Shore 6:45AM  
East Shore 7:00 AM  
Arrive: Fallingwater 10:00 AM  
Lunch: 12:30 PM  
- box lunch provided at  
Fallingwater  
Arrive Kentuck Knob 1:30 PM  
Depart Kentuck Knob 4:00PM  
Arrive East Shore 7:00 PM  
West Shore 7:20 PM

***Fallingwater*** was designed by the architect Frank Lloyd Wright in 1939 in the Laurel Highlands of south-west Pennsylvania for the Kaufmann family, owners of Pittsburgh's largest department store.

The house stands as one of Wright's greatest masterpieces both for its dynamism and for its integration with its striking natural surroundings.

Wright evolved the idea of a "Usonian" house - a simple, stylish small house of moderate cost designed especially for the American middle class. "It is not so much a style as a type of residential architecture". Although neither small nor moderate in cost to build, *Fallingwater* exemplifies Wright's philosophy of organic architecture: the harmonious union of art and nature. It was created to rise above the waterfall over which it is built. Wright used local craftsmen to quarry native sandstone and other materials from the property as key elements for construction.

The house was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1966. In 1991, members of the American Institute of Architects named *Fallingwater* the "best all-time work of American architecture" The property is owned and operated by the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy.

***Kentuck Knob***, dramatic and serene, is situated just below the crest of a hill in the breathtaking Laurel Highlands, appearing almost part of the mountain itself and standing 2,050 feet above sea level. Cantilevered overhangs and great expanses of glass effortlessly integrate the inside with the outside. Wright designed the house on a hexagonal module, as a 2200 sq. ft., one-level Usonian home.

In 1953, Bernardine and I.N. Hagan had purchased eighty acres in the mountains above Uniontown in Western Pennsylvania where their families had lived for generations. After their many visits to the Kaufman's vacation home, *Fallingwater*, the Hagans fell in love with Wright's architecture. The Hagans contacted Frank Lloyd Wright and traveled to Taliesin in Wisconsin, where he interviewed them and agreed to build them a home.

Wright was 86 years old when taking on *Kentuck Knob*. During the design of the Hagan House, he was also working on the Beth Shalom Synagogue in Elkins Park, PA, and the *Guggenheim Museum* in NYC and twelve other residential homes. Wright said he could "shake the (usonian) designs right out of his sleeve," at that point in his career. *Kentuck Knob* was one of the last homes Wright ever designed.

Reservation Deadline May 5, 2022

Total Cost \$175.00

Call or email Barb Warfel with any questions.

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Use reservation form below:

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Check one for Bus Pick Up    East Shore \_\_\_\_\_

West Shore \_\_\_\_\_

*Your check, paid in full, is your reservation.*

Please make checks payable to:

Barbara Warfel

Send to:

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Waiver: I waive all claims for myself, my heirs, and assigns against the sponsors of this trip and will hold them harmless for any and all injuries or illness which may result from my participation.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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