



Historic Homes Tour

A self-guided tour of seven historic buildings



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127 S. Mission Street, Wenatchee, WA 98801

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Thank you for participating in the Wenatchee Valley Historic Home Tour!

This event, organized by the City of Wenatchee Historic Preservation Board and Wenatchee Valley Museum & Cultural Center, is intended to recognize and celebrate a number of historic homes and buildings preserved in our community.

This is an opportunity for the public to become more familiar with the value of historic preservation and to foster an appreciation for the aesthetic character and heritage of the Wenatchee Valley.

Ticket Sales

Buy tickets in advance for \$20 each online at WenatcheeValleyMuseum.org or call 509-888-6240. No physical tickets will be issued. Your name will be on a list of pre-paid participants. You can pick up your wrist band Friday or Saturday at the museum. Or Sunday, get your wristband at museum or any of the tour stops.

Buy tickets the day of the event for \$25 each. Purchase tickets with cash or check at any of the tour stops. Or stop by the museum to pay by credit card.

How to enjoy the tour

Friday or Saturday

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Museum open. Wrist bands can be picked up.

Sunday

9:30 a.m. Museum opens for ticket sales or wrist band pick up

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Homes open for touring, cash or check ticket sales, or wrist-band pick up.

4:30 to 6:30 pm. Museum open for refreshments, a no-host wine bar and special tours

Please be aware

- ♦ The homes vary in age, size and style; they may have high-stooped entries with steep steps to climb.
- ♦ We regret that animals and service animals cannot be admitted into the homes.
- ♦ We ask that you wear the shoe covers provided.
- ♦ The restrooms of the homes are not available for use.
- ♦ Trained docents will be on hand at each location.

At the museum

Wenatchee resident Ray Toll will give guided tours of the two historic structures that house the museum. Mr. Toll worked in the buildings when they housed the post office and USDA research station.

In addition, there will be behind-the-scenes tours of the museum basement available. The reception also features demonstrations of the museum's 1920s apple sorter and theater organ.

Be sure to check out the exhibit on local architect Ludwig Solberg in the blue gallery upstairs. In addition to many photographs, there are some architectural artifacts from his era and a three-dimensional model of a home he designed.

1 Haines-Roehl House

1217 Pershing Street, Wenatchee

Year built: 1908

Architect: Unknown*

Builder: Unknown*

Architectural Style:

Early farmhouse 4-gabled style with Arts and Crafts influences.

Craftsman characteristics include the wide front porch which extends across the house with four square support columns and the gabled roof line with dominant front and back gables and smaller side gables.



Original Owner: Ora and Cora Haines

Current Owners: Andrew and Melanie Doubroff

About the home: This two-story classic farmhouse-style house is historically known as the Haines/Roehl Family Home. The orchard home was constructed in 1908 with surrounding acreage in fruit.

About the owners: Ora and Cora Haines built the house and developed the surrounding orchards. Ora passed away in 1910 at the age of 32, leaving Cora with three children ages 9, 7 and 4. In 1913, Cora married Robert Nicholson and then sold the home to Ed and Lillian Roehl (pronounced Rail) in 1916, completing the sale in 1917.

Ed and Lillian Roehl married in 1915 and operated a dairy at Deep Creek in Spokane County before moving to Wenatchee. They worked the orchards and raised five children in the home – three boys and two girls. Two of the homes across the street were built by Ed Roehl in the 1940s. In 1955 Ed and Lillian filed the Roehl's Addition for land from Central to Pershing and including Poplar and Gaspar streets for road and utility improvements and acceptance into the city limits.

A year later, Ed passed away suddenly. Lillian continued to live there until her death March 25, 1991. She outlived two husbands, two sons and two of her siblings. At her death, she had lived in the house for more than 74 years. Due to this long-time ownership of the house by the Roehls, their name is associated, along with the original owners, in identifying this house historically.

Fruit was grown on the property – red delicious apples and cherries – until the red delicious variety fell out of favor and the trees were pulled out. The cherry trees were later pulled out as well. In the last 14 years Lillian was in the house, the land was largely bare of fruit trees and today only a few remain.

In October of 1992, Lillian's son Howard (known as Sam) filed a short plat of the property into five lots, retaining two lots for the house, garage, drive and yard/garden area. Shortly thereafter, the property was sold to Chris and Linda Stahler who raised their family in the residence. In June of 2007, the property was sold to Andrew and Melanie Doubroff.

The home is unusual in that it has had only four sets of owners since its construction 109 years ago and retains its near original condition.

*Many homes built in Wenatchee during this time period did not have a designated architect or builder associated with them in county records. Instead, many homes were built by the original owner or someone the owner knew. Often, they were built from plans published in home design catalogs.

Remember

The fun does not stop at these seven buildings. Be sure to stop by the museum for a behind-the-scenes tour of our basement, and guided tours that explain the museum's first life as a post office and USDA research station. These tours are available from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on May 21st only.

2 Wells House

9th and Nelson Streets, Wenatchee

Year built: 1909

Architect: Designed by Mrs. W.T. (Adelaide) Clark and C.C. Cross and Son Architects of Santa Monica, CA

Builder:

Constructed by ranch hands supervised by C. A. Sterling

Architectural Style:

Juxtaposition of craftsman and Tudor with a castle-style tower made from locally sourced stone



Original owners: William Timothy and Adelaide Clark.

Current owner: Wenatchee Valley Museum & Cultural Center

About the home: Situated on the Wenatchee Valley College Campus, this newly renovated single-family dwelling built by pioneer promoter William Timothy Clark was the first home in Washington State to be placed on the National Register of Historic Sites. Its unique architecture, ties to Wenatchee Valley history and its significance as a local landmark helped the home achieve this status in 1973.

Mrs. W.T. (Adelaide) Clark designed the house and the leaded, stained-glass apple windows. The exterior walls are 12-inch thick hand-hewn stone from the Columbia River, prompting the home to be known for a time as the “Cobblestone Castle.”

In 1919, the home was purchased by A.Z. and Emogene Wells who, in 1949, deeded the home to the Wenatchee School District for use as Wenatchee Valley College classrooms, cafeteria, ladies dormitory and administrative office space.

A “Save the Wells House Committee” was formed in 1972 when the college considered demolishing the structure. After several years of

working with the college board of trustees, the committee incorporated and the home was deeded to them in 1975.

In 2012, the committee became an affiliate of the Wenatchee Valley Museum & Cultural Center and began to jointly work on the project of restoring and preserving Wells House. In 2014 the committee deeded the property to the museum, but continues as a lead partner in the mission of preserving and restoring the historic Wells House and grounds.

In early May of 2017, the work of the museum and Wells House Committee members to restore the home reached a significant milestone with a grand re-opening celebration. Home tour visitors can now view the home as it looked at the time of its original construction.

About the owners:

William Timothy Clark engineered the construction of the Highline Irrigation Canal and was instrumental in the building of the first bridge across the Columbia River at Wenatchee.

In 1919, A.Z. and Emogene Wells owned 900 acres of bearing orchard between Wenatchee and the Canadian border. A.Z. was co-owner of Wells and Wade Hardware and Wells and Wade Fruit Company.



Did you know

The Wells House is available to rent for small parties, meetings and events. For more details and availability, contact the museum at 888-6240.

3 Julius Weinstein House

25 N. Delaware, Wenatchee

Year built: Mid-1920s

Architectural Style:

Craftsman

Original owner: Unknown.

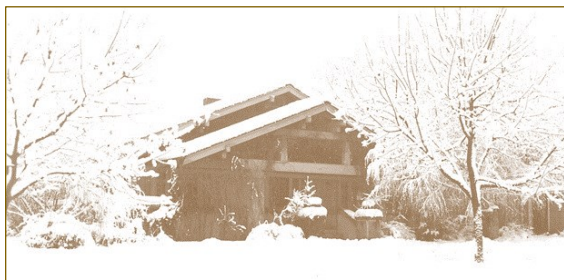
Property owners include A.W.

and Nellie Tidmark, E.W.

Lloyd, Paul Tomlinson, Henry

Davies, Roy and Martha

Tedford and Julius and Ida Weinstein.



Current owner: Dennis and Sadie Ferrel

About the home: This two-story craftsman home is set among mature birch and maple trees on a lovely corner lot featuring azaleas planted by Julius and Ida Weinstein. The Weinstains, important community investors and business owners, lived in the home from 1924 to 1977.

With its bold horizontal lines, stucco exterior and finely trimmed moldings, the Weinstein home is a unique combination of early 20th Century craftsman attention-to-detail and quality with the distinctly American “prairie” architectural style inspired by the strong horizontal lines and earthy materials of Frank Lloyd Wright.

Guests to the home can see the original back-porch cupboard for milk delivery, windows and many other details pertinent to everyday life from a bygone era.

The spacious home was remembered fondly by the Weinstein children who remember the Delaware address as a place for large family gatherings.

About the owners: Julius and Ida Weinstein moved to Wenatchee from Alaska in the early 1920s when they opened what was to become a prominent downtown dress shop, the “Fashion Shop.” Ida operated the store while Julius pursued real estate interests. Julius joined forces with Herbert Claasen in constructing and managing two substantial Wenatchee buildings including the Wenatchee Federal Savings & Loan on the southeast corner of Wenatchee Avenue and Palouse Street (1926). In 1929, the Claassen-Weinstein Company constructed the Doneen Building for \$250,000. Across from the S&L building, it served as a medical and business center from 1929 to about 1947 when doctors moved to the newly expanded Wenatchee Valley Clinic.

Julius died in 1958. His son, Royal, took over his father’s real estate affairs, which now included four downtown office buildings plus the Fashion Shop. Ida continued to manage and work at the dress shop until she was in her 80s.

4 Williams House

115 S. Franklin, Wenatchee

Year built: 1929

Architect: Ludwig Solberg

Builder: Unknown

Architectural Style: Tudor Revival

Original Owner:

Burton J. and Irene H. Williams

Current Owners:

Bob and Jane Culp

About the home: With its steeply pitched multi-gabled roof line, stucco finishing, wood shingle roof and decorative half-timbered framing, this two-story Ludwig Solberg home is a prime example of Tudor Revival architecture. The residence, along with its clipped-gable garage, serve as a dramatic backdrop to an open front yard with mature trees. Multi-paned windows are original to the building.



The redesigned arched entryway replaces a flat-faced front door opening into the interior directly off the top of a set of small rounded brick steps.

The kitchen of the home, including patterned glass cabinet-front detailing, has been remodeled using Solberg's blueprints.

The telephone table in the back hallway is original to the house. The computer nook was repurposed from a downstairs linen closet.

About the owners: Burton Williams was the City of Wenatchee attorney with an office in the Central Building downtown. High school teacher Gladys Selleck and Whitman School principal Eliza Knoff boarded at the home according the Polk Directory listings for 1929-30. The Tudor design was requested by original owner Irene Williams because it reminded her of her native England.

After the Williams', the home passed through ownership by Ray and Gertrude Kendall, Bob and Barbara Bonifaci and finally Bob and Jane Culp.

Well-known Wenatchee physician Ed Cadman lived next door to the Williams home during its ownership by the Kendall family. During one of the polio epidemics of the 1950s, Cadman's quarantine for his children extended to just north of the neighboring home so the children of the two families could play together. A crack in the sidewalk delineated one boundary established in hopes of protecting the children from infection.

5 Home of Peace Mausoleum

850 S. Miller Street, Wenatchee

Year Built: 1916

Architect: Unknown

Builder: Unknown

Architectural Style:

Beaux Arts

Original Owner:

Wenatchee
Community
Mausoleum
Association

Current Owner:

City of Wenatchee



About the Mausoleum: In 1914, the Wenatchee Daily World reported that Seattle promoters would “build a structure of great beauty that will last a thousand years or more.” The Beaux Arts style structure built of sandstone with a white marble interior and formaldehyde gas system was designed to house 208 of the city’s most important residents.

Notable interments: The mausoleum’s first occupant was Harry Jr., the two-year-old son of Frannie and Harry Wiester, owners of one of Wenatchee’s first department stores. The elder Wiesters later joined Harry Jr. in the mausoleum. According to city records, 25 people placed in the mausoleum died before it was built.

Other notable residents housed in the Mausoleum are

- ◆ Mayor James W. Ferguson (1899-1901)
- ◆ Early pioneers Alfred J. Olds, Grace Griggs and Louis Crollard
- ◆ Isaac Reeves, a Civil War veteran and member of the Grand Army of the Republic
- ◆ Two other former mayors, C.B. Halbert and Fred Reeves
- ◆ Spanish-American war veteran James H. Dengel
- ◆ Several young victims of the 1918 influenza epidemic

There are eight vacant spaces, believed to have been purchased for people that were later buried elsewhere. No one has been placed in the mausoleum since the early 1980s.

6 Skolopia/Havers House

1111 Okanogan Avenue, Wenatchee

Year built: 1908

Architect: Unknown

Builder: Unknown

Architectural Style:
Craftsman

Original Owner: Jacob and Marie Skolopia

Current owner: Mark and Heather Seman

About the home: This classic Craftsman-style home built by Jacob and Marie Skolopia sits on a spacious quarter-acre lot

shaded in the hot summer months by the generous branches of an original maple tree. All of the windows and doors, including the framing and hardware, reflect the home's earliest construction. A three-part window section at the front of the home features a leaded glass window with an elongated green floral and white diamond design set in clear glass.

The interior of the structure includes craftsman attention-to-detail in the natural wood staircase, oak floors, wood panel doors and half-wall paneling with recessed areas and trim elements for displaying china or other decorative objects.

A control lever and chain furnace damper device remains as an unusual ornamental (but once functional) element of the home. A workbench used by Charles (Stuart) Havers sits in the basement (Charles S. and Elsie M. Havers purchased the property in the late 1950s).

The home was one of the first to be built on Okanogan Avenue.

About the owners: Wenatchee pioneers Jacob and Marie Skolopia (born in Hungary and Norway respectively) were some of the earliest white settlers in North Central Washington. Jacob, born in 1860, established a Waterville-area homestead in 1887. He later moved to Wenatchee in 1895. Marie, born in 1872, came to Wenatchee in 1897. The couple was married in 1902.

Charles (Stuart) and Elsie Havers purchased the residence in 1956 and raised five daughters, including current owner Heather Seman. A University of Washington graduate, Charles entered the U.S. Navy in 1942 and met Elsie while stationed on St. Simon's Island, Georgia. The couple married in 1948, moving to Wenatchee in 1949 where Charles worked for Wells & Wade until his retirement in 1977.

Before marrying Charles, Elsie worked as a secretary to the president of the Hercules Powder Company, traveling extensively and living for a time in Okinawa, Japan.



7 Gensinger House

1360 Sunset Highway, East Wenatchee

Year built: 1921

Architect: Unknown.
Believed to be a copy of the Wild Huckleberry Restaurant building plan which is a Sears Kit House.

Builder: Unknown

Architectural Style:
Craftsman

Original Owner:
Edward and Okel
Gensinger



Current Owner: Randy and Maria Johnston

About the home: Located on the west side of Sunset Highway, this classic brick bungalow is surrounded by mature shrubs and deciduous and conifer trees. A circular driveway extends to the back of the house. Research conducted by the current owners indicate that the home was constructed following the Sears Roebuck Catalog floor plan used for the building that now houses the Wild Huckleberry Restaurant. Skillfully laid alternating Flemish and soldier-coursed brickwork patterns, decorative wooden railings, and double-hung and tripartite windows denote the skilled arts and craft detail work that prevails throughout the home. The interior of the house includes original bookcases with stained glass doors.

About the owners: Well-known Wenatchee Valley businessman and community leader Edward Gensinger moved from North Dakota and settled in unincorporated East Wenatchee in 1906 where he founded Columbia River Orchards, a successful fruit operation. After the 1954 million-dollar-plus sale of this business, Gensinger financed construction of the shopping center in East Wenatchee. He also helped found the Ninth Street Skookum Growers Association.

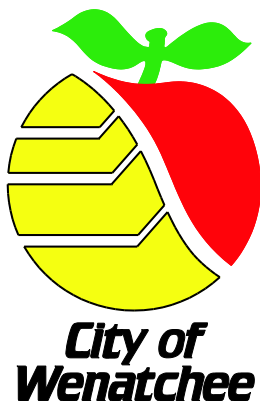
Wenatchee Historic Preservation Program

The Historic Preservation Board reviews all properties for placement on the Wenatchee Register or Historic Places and makes recommendations to the City Council for final approval. It also reviews all changes to properties listed on the local register prior to permit issuance. In addition, the board works with representatives of the Grandview Historic District and generally supports the work of the Historic Preservation Office.

Meetings are held at 5:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month in the Wenatchee City Council chambers. Meeting agendas and minutes are public record. Board member duties including touring properties and meeting with property owners. For more information, contact Historic Preservation Officer Kirsten Larsen at klarsen@wenatcheewa.gov.

2017 Historic Preservation Board Members:

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Wenatchee Valley Museum & Cultural Center

The Wenatchee Valley Museum & Cultural Center occupies two former federal buildings constructed in 1917 and 1937. Both are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Led by the efforts of the Columbia River Archeological Society, the museum was established in 1939 as a way to publicly display extensive private collections of local American Indian artifacts. The museum opened its doors in its current location in 1978 after outgrowing the Wenatchee Carnegie Building at Memorial Park.

Today the museum operates as an independent nonprofit with generous support from the cities of Wenatchee and East Wenatchee and a strong membership base.

The buildings house two floors of engaging exhibits and are home to a diverse set of educational

programming offerings including school tours, living history presentations, theater organ concerts, lectures, STEM enrichment classes, and films.



Details

Open Tuesday - Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and students and \$2 for children 6-12.

Admission is free to museum members and children under 6.

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The basements of the two buildings house an extensive collection of more than 60,000 artifacts related to preserving the rich heritage and diversity of North Central Washington. The Wenatchee Area Genealogical Society holds regular office hours in the museum annex building.

Upcoming at the Museum

June 2 — First Friday opening of Makers & Shakers exhibit

June 3 — Native Heritage Tour: Moses Coulee

June 10 — Ice Age Floods Trail Tour

June 11 — Members-only Makers & Shakers event

June 12 — Super Summer Adventures classes begin and run weekly,
Mondays through Thursdays, through August 25

July 8 — Malaga Geology Tour with stop at Malaga Springs Winery

July 31 to August 3 — Kids and families hiking camp

August 19 — Wellington Tour

August 25 — Wurlitzer Theater Organ Concert

August 25 to 26 — Super Summer Sleepover

September 9 — Great Escape Geology Tour

October 14 — Fire and Ice Geology Tour

See our website for details at WenatcheeValleyMuseum.org. While you're there, sign up for our e-newsletter. Follow us on Facebook for all the latest updates.

Benefits of Membership

Basic membership gives you:

- ◆ Discounts on classes, and tours
- ◆ Special members-only events
- ◆ Subscription to *Confluence*, our historical magazine
- ◆ Free admission every day
- ◆ Discounts at our gift shop

Explorer membership gives you:

- ◆ Free admission to more than 1,000 museums, galleries and science centers around the world, including Pacific Science Center, the Burke, Museum of Flight, MoPop and many more.

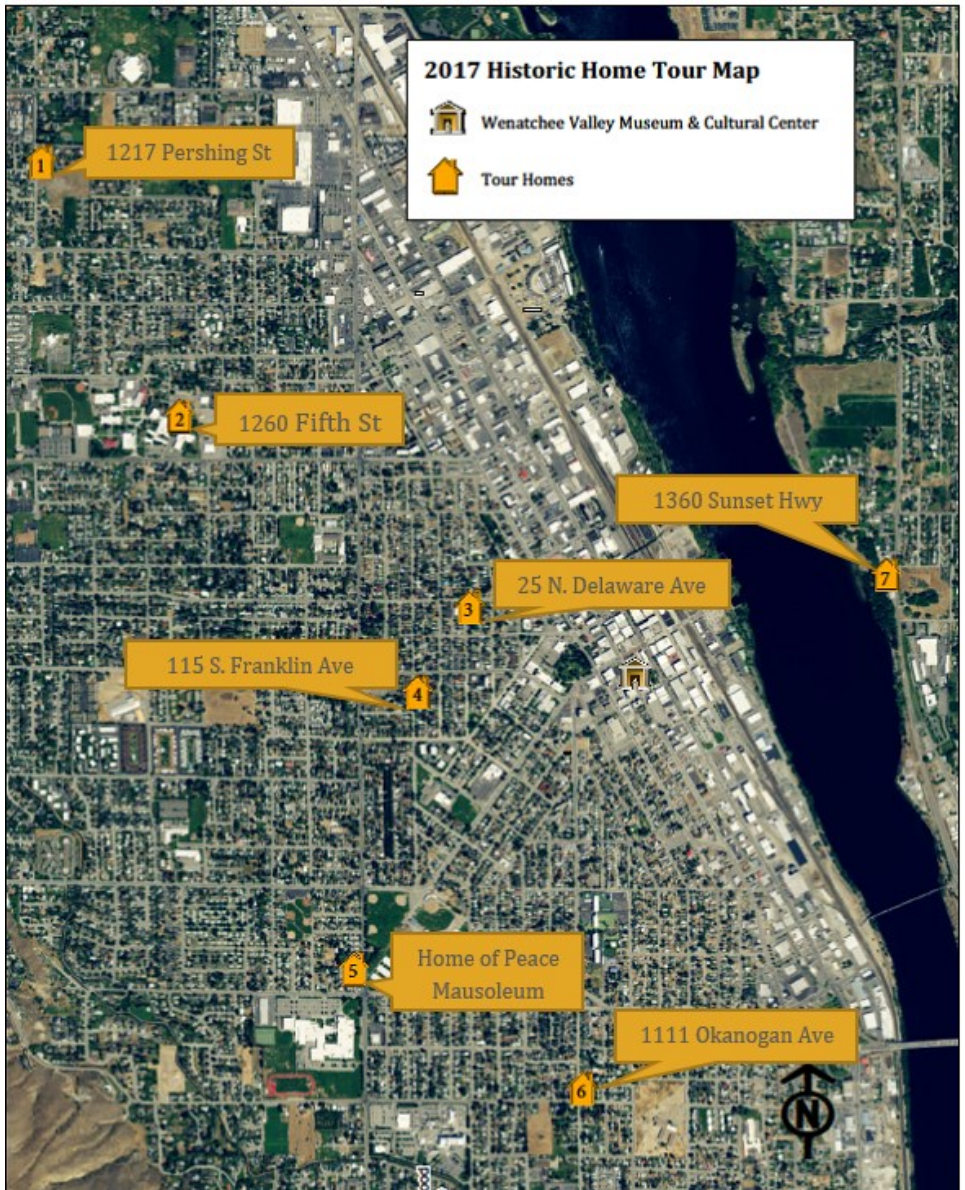
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