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HISTORIC FRED & WINIFRED KNIGHT HOUSE & GARAGE

- BUILT IN 1913 The Fred & Winifred Wright House and Garage, built in 1913, are eligible for listing on the Spokane Register of Historic Places due to their architectural significance.
- THE CRAFTSMAN BUNGALOW STYLE • The property is a notable example of Craftsman bungalow style. It features a low-pitched hip roof, overhanging unenclosed eaves, exposed rafters, a frontfacing cross-gable with decorative braces, and its original wood-shingle cladding.
- SPACIOUS INTERIOR The interior retains the 1913 design with spacious living/dining area, four bedrooms, hardwood floors, and honey-colored gumwood woodwork.
- A LATER ADDITION THAT WAS COMPLETED • A single-car garage was added in 1915 complements the house with matching Craftsman features.

SPA'S JUNE SOCIAL & TOUR

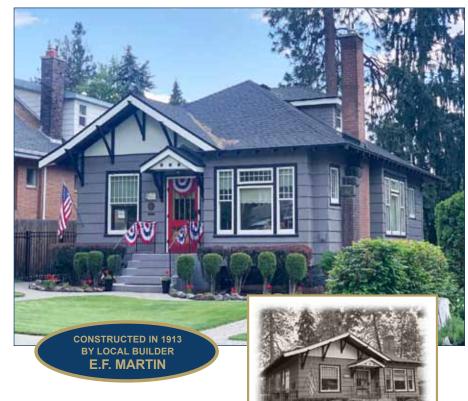
AT THE
HISTORIC
FRED & WINIFRED
WRIGHT HOUSE

507 WEST 14TH AVE • THE SOUTH HILL

TUESDAY, JUNE 17TH • 5:30-7:30 PM

Members and guests are encouraged to bring a bottle of wine or an hors d'oeuvre to share

THIS SPA SUMMER EVENT IS COMPLIMENTARY



HISTORIC SOUTH HILLNEIGHBORHOOD •

The Wright House and Garage are situated in a historic residential neighborhood with a variety of architectural styles, including Tudor Revival, Colonial Revival, and Craftsman. This area lies between two early 1900s parks, Cannon Hill Park and Manito Park, adding to its historic charm.

• PROPERTY'S SETTING • A registered Spokane patent attorney, Fred and his wife Winifred Wright purchased the residential lot on 14th Avenue in 1909. He then hired Spokane home builder, E.F. Martin, to construct a single-family home for the

Early spring view of the home with its handsome brick walkway to the front steps and porch.

cost of \$3,000. The Wrights remained at the house for seven years and welcomed two children during their time there.

ALTERATIONS TO THE

HOME • The bungalow underwent alterations in 1948, including a significant reduction of the front porch and changes to the roof and cladding. Recent restoration efforts reinstated the original Craftsman roof design and details.

 Article from the HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE Website Listing of Historic Properties of Spokane



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Message from SPA President Phil Ogden

- EDUCATE ADVOCATE PRESERVE I'm humbled to serve as SPA's president this year. We are business people, historians, developers, professionals, homeowners, and retirees, all with an interest in historic preservation. What we do is on our website and social media pages where you find the verbs EDUCATE, ADVOCATE, and PRESERVE.
- SPA LECTURE SERIES & MORE You may be familiar with our Winter Lecture Series, most recently held SPA President Phil Ogden at the Liberty Park branch of the Spokane Library. Two years ago we heard from Dr. David Beine of Great Northern University who spoke on the case of Spokane Garry concerning the theft of his homestead. Now Dr. Beine is co-hosting a series of tours with Spokane Parks and Recreation including a bus tour of sites that are relevant to Spokane Garry, a walk through Indian Canyon, a bike ride on Centennial Trail to Horse Slaughter Camp, and a bus tour of the site of Qualchan's hanging.
- SIGN UP & TICKETS Sign-up and tickets are on Spokane Parks and Recreation website under the Wellness and Enrichment tab, then scrolling down to the What's Happening where you'll find Spokane Garry Historical Tours. My wife and I enjoyed the bus tour of Spokane Garry sites three years ago and found it educational and moving. Although these are not SPA events I recommend them to you.
- ADVOCACY Advocacy is offered on an as-needed basis. Recent efforts locally include Spokane's deconstruction ordinance which prioritizes the reuse and preservation of materials from demolished buildings, especially those on the Spokane Historic Register or more than 50 years old. Efforts at the state level include a modification of (CONTINUED ON PAGE 3)

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One of the signature white horses on the historic Looff Carrousel

our state's clean buildings law which eases compliance for historic buildings.

- SHB 1543 This has passed the State's House and Senate, and now awaits the governor's signature. Relevant language is on page 10 of SHB 1543 quoted here:
- "... buildings or structures that are listed in the state or national register of historic places; designated as a historic property under local or state designation law or survey; certified as a contributing resource with a national register listed or locally designated historic district; or with an opinion or certification that the property is eligible to be listed on the national or state registers of historic places either individually or as a contributing building to a historic district by the state historic preservation officer or the keeper of the national register of historic places, no individual energy efficiency requirement need be met that would compromise the historical integrity of a building or part of a building ..."
- ADVOCACY RESULTS Such results are the product of Advocacy going beyond our walls. There is strength in numbers.
- PRESERVATION IS ONGOING •

Sometimes preservation is supported with SPA grants, such as efforts to restore the Looff Carrousel (French spelling) in Riverfront Park ~ and for the salvage and restoration of signs in the recently opened neon museum, sometimes with "DOING IT" volunteer work efforts, and sometimes with helping to list homes on the Local Register of Historic Places. We do what we do because these places matter.

JOIN US!

CHERISHED SOUNDS & BRIGHT LIGHTS! SPA ADVOCACY & HERITAGE COMMITTEE AWARDS TWO GRANTS IN THE SPRING CYCLE

- TWO SPA SPRING GRANT RECIPIENTS SPA is proud to announce the recipients of its spring grant cycle. We are awarding funding to two unique projects that celebrate and safeguard Spokane's historic character.
- THE HISTORIC LOOFF CARROUSEL Listed on the National Register of Historic Places and located in Downtown Spokane's Riverfront Park, the Looff Carrousel has delighted generations since 1909. The Heritage grant funding from SPA will help support the final phase of restoration of the original organ, enhancing the experience with its iconic sounds and preserving the carousel's cultural and mechanical integrity.
- BOYD-WALKER SEWING MACHINE SIGN The second grant will assist in the restoration of the Boyd-Walker sewing machine sign, a cherished piece of Spokane's commercial heritage. Once a beacon for the Boyd-Walker Sewing Machine Company, the sign is now set to become part of the new Spokane Neon Museum. This effort not only revives a historic landmark but also contributes to the growing appreciation for vintage signage and neon art in the region.
- **COMMITMENT** SPA remains committed to preserving Spokane's unique architectural and cultural history. Through these grants, we continue to support projects that connect the past to the present, ensuring the city's stories and symbols endure for future generations.

• POLLYANNE BIRGE • SPA EDUCATION CHAIR (Former Advocacy-Heritage Grant Chair)



(Left) Artist Patti Simpson Ward's "The Golden Carousel" portrait of Riverfront Park's historic Looff Carrousel from her Spokane Parks Collection.

(Left Center) Photo of the historic Boyd-Walker sign.

(Lower Left) Chris Bovey Art of the vintage Boyd-Walker Sign from his Spokane Collection.

(Lower Right) "Boyd-Walker Sewing Machine Company" from the Megan Perkins' Art Collection picturing the vintage sign on a handsome old brick structure.







Sparkle &

- SATURDAY NIGHT APRIL 19TH, 2025 This Spring, Spokane Preservation Advocates welcomed over 135 guests to Sparkle & Spend, our annual gala annual fundraiser, held this year at Overbluff Cellars in the Washington Cracker Building.
- RECORD-BREAKING RESULTS Thanks to your generosity, we raised a record-breaking \$48,530.78, a 9% increase over last year's event. That means more resources for preserving our historic places, protecting our architectural character, and keeping the stories of our city alive. The evening began with a warm welcome from SPA Vice President Dawn Wynne, followed by a rousing raise-the-paddle call from Mitsy Hunter, SPA Communications Chair and Gala Chair, who reminded us all that preservation isn't just about nostalgia. It's about identity, belonging, sustainability, and building a future that respects where we've been.
- EVENT HIGHLIGHTS Guests wined and dined on (very) spicy black bean croquettes, crab rangoon, beurre blanc salmon, and more. A Mexican Chocolate & Coconut Cake by SPA member and personal chef Melissa Flynn stole the show during the live auction, igniting a bidding war so fierce that Auctioneer Jeff Owens called for a second cake on the spot. The pair brought in \$2,600 for the cause. Meanwhile, in the silent auction, a mid-century modern decanter donated by SPA member Marc Anthony sold for 230% of its estimated value. Let it never be said that Spokane Party Animals don't have excellent taste. Thank you to every guest, bidder, donor, sponsor, and volunteer who made the night such a success. Because of you, Spokane's historic places have a brighter—and more beautifully preserved—future. Want in on the fun next year?
- INTERESTED IN BEING PART OF THIS? If you're interested in getting involved in planning the 2026 Sparkle & Spend Auction & Gala, we're hosting a mid-year committee meeting on Monday, July 21. We'll toss around new venue ideas, explore potential business partnerships and naturally drink some wine in the sun. Location TBD. Reach out to Mitsy@TheHouseOfHunter.com or keep an eye on the SPA calendar at spokanepreservation. org for updates. ○

MITSY HUNTER • Sparkle & Spend Committee Chair

SPARKLE & SPEND SHINES BRIGHT THANKS TO YOU



























SPA MEMBERS AND GUESTS MAKING THE MOST OF A GREAT NIGHT OF FUNDRAISING AT THE 2025 SPARKLE & SPEND!

















"STEP BEHIND THE CURTAIN" AT THE GARLAND THEATER"

- ONE NIGHT ONLY "Step Behind the Curtain," Evening at the Garland Theater, a special, one-night-only event celebrating one of Spokane's most iconic mid-century landmarks. Doors open on Thursday, June 19th at 5:30. Get exclusive access to the projection booth, backstage spaces, and hidden corners of the Garland Theater ~ plus insider glimpses into its colorful history.
- REFRESHMENTS Enjoy a complimentary wine or beer in the Bon Bon lounge and a nostalgic Chinese dinner from Spokane legacy business Red Dragon Chinese, served in the Garland's iconic lobby, where original 1940s details like violet

glass tile columns still shimmer.

- GROUPS OF 5 Tours depart every 20 minutes in groups of five. Due to space, safety, and staffing limits, only the first 40 to register will receive full-access, behind-the-scenes tours.
- GET YOUR \$40 TICKET TODAY

Scan the QR code here or visit the SPA website at https://spokanepreservation.app.neoncrm.com/event Reg.jsp?event=55&.





Iconic Sign at the Mid-Century Garland Theater



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- QUARTERLY SPA UPDATE newsletter by email and/or U.S. Mail
- UPDATES on critical preservation issues
- MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS held in unique historic buildings
- INVITATIONS to special events throughout the year
- GREAT OPPORTUNITIES to join a committee and volunteer
- COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS with civic-minded folks in our community

SPA VOLUNTEER COMMITTEES ✔

- LET US KNOW if you want to volunteer on one of our SPA committees:
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