

Views From The Veranda

FRANCES W. HARPER



Presented by **Dr. Linda Caldwell Epps**
82 Union St. Montclair, NJ

Monday, March 18, 7:30^{PM} ★ **7:00^{PM} *Silent Auction***

Frances W Harper was a 19th century abolitionist, suffragette, educator and writer. Although radical in thought, she was very much a woman who acted within the accepted norms of her day. What made her remarkable was her ability to accomplish with tact, stability and acceptability. She became one of the outstanding activists of the 19th century. Come hear her story!



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The National

Victorian Society in America Fall Study Tour

November 7 - 10, 2018



Architecture of the Arkansas Ozarks – 19th, 20th and 21st Centuries.

Highlights from member PAT SANDERS trip

I attended the VSA (of which our Northern New Jersey Group is a Chapter) sponsors events of its own during the year, including lectures, three Summer Schools, in Chicago, London and Newport, a Spring Conference and a Fall Study Tour. Highlights of my trip were centered in Bentonville, Arkansas. Founded in 1837 and named in honor of Senator Thomas Hart Benton. It is the corporate headquarters of Walmart. Sam Walton opened his Ben Franklin Variety Store in May, 1950. It became Walton's 5 & 10 and is now the Walmart Museum. The museum includes "Mr. Sam's" actual office, his favorite Ford truck and many Walton family treasures. In Bentonville was a visit to "The Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art. designed by architect Moshe Safdie and opened in 2011 and holds collection of Alice Walton, daughter of Sam and Helen Walton. It is in a natural ravine on 120 acres of Ozark forest. In 2013, the Museum purchased the Bachman-Wilson House, an example of Frank Lloyd Wright's classic Usonian architecture. It was originally located along the Millstone River in New Jersey, where the structure was threatened by repeated flooding and was moved to Arkansas by truck and is now open to Museum visitors.

We visited two beautiful chapels, both located in the Ozark Mountains, surrounded by woods, water and natural beauty – the Mildred B Cooper Chapel, located in Bella Vista and Thorncrown Chapel near Eureka Springs. Both were designed by E. Fay Jones (1921-2004), an apprentice of Frank Lloyd Wright and followed his principles of "Organic Architecture" – simplicity of construction, use of native materials and integration of a building to its site. Jones developed his own style of architecture, including the vertical use of glass and the integration of light. Thorncrown Chapel was named by the American Institute of Architects as the fourth most significant structure in the twentieth century.

After lunch in and a tour of the historic Crescent Hotel, America's most haunted hotel, (no, we did not see any ghosts) we visited the Victorian village of Eureka Springs. The day ended with a private home visit and wine and cheese reception at the Governor Orville Faubus mansion in Huntsville. Our final day was a guided tour of the University of Arkansas campus, a tour of the Washington-Willow Historic District of Fayetteville, a visit to Headquarters House, home of the Washington County Historical Society. This Greek Revival home was built in 1853 was the headquarters for both the Union and Confederate armies during the Civil War. The Battle of Fayetteville was fought on its front lawn.

I want to thank the VSA for putting this wonderful trip together. I learned a great deal about the history and culture of a state that I knew almost nothing about. And I look forward to participating in other study tours in the future.



Pat Sanders, February, 2019



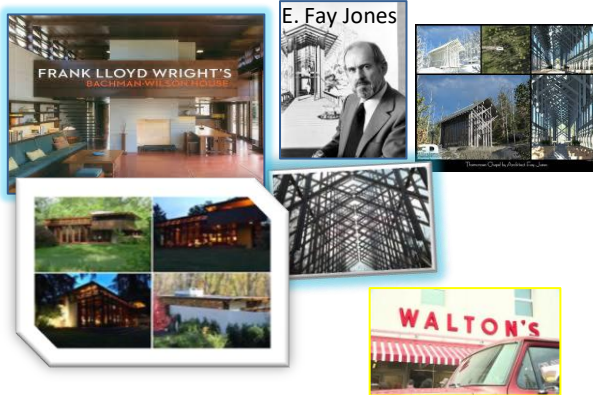
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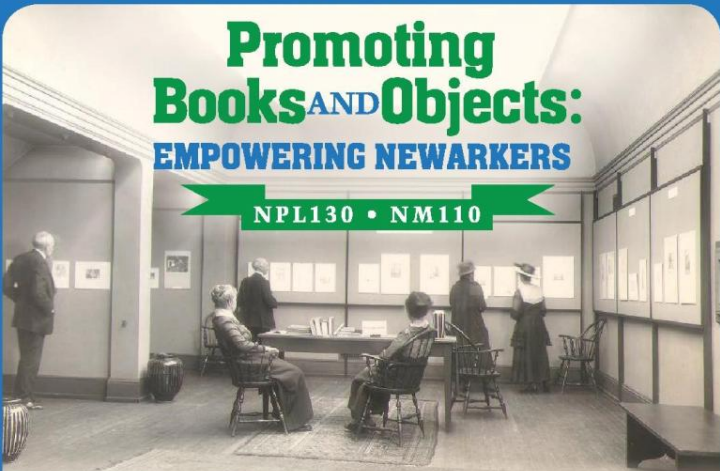


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