



Thursday, November 29, 2001

Meadow Brook Holiday Walk starts Dec. 1

This year's **Meadow Brook Hall** Holiday Walk has been expanded. The 20-day show will run from Dec. 1 through Dec. 20 and will include three late nights by popular demand.

As in the past, tours are at your own pace with docents stationed throughout the house to provide information and answer questions.

This year's exhibition, "Flappers and All That Jazz," focuses on the exciting era of the 1920s, the decade in which **Meadow Brook Hall** was constructed, women won the right to vote, prohibition was in effect and jazz music took center stage.

A combination of family history and objects from the collection will be used to help tell the story of this tumultuous time in American history, from Matilda Dodge Wilson's early involvement in women's clubs to the incredible success of the Dodge Brothers Motor Cars, to the stock market crash of 1929.

Objects to be exhibited include several flapper style dresses including the yellow cut velvet gown designed by Peggy Hoyt and worn by Matilda Dodge Wilson to her housewarming party in 1929. Compacts, jewelry, feather fans and other fashion accessories from the period also will be included in the exhibit.

Architectural blueprints and original drawings documenting the design, construction and decoration of Meadow Brook Hall will help to tell the story of the popularity of Tudor-revival style architecture in the 1920s.

Jazz music will play on the 1923 Steinway player piano. A collection of records, 1928 radio and a Victorola used by the family will be exhibited.

The story of Charles Lindbergh's first nonstop flight from New York to Paris will be told in Daniel Dodge's bedroom. A childhood hero of Danny's, Meadow Brook Hall's collections include numerous newspaper clippings documenting Lindbergh's life and achievements and a beautifully illustrated map of Lindbergh's famous flight.

Dolls, furniture and a child-sized tea set from Frances Dodge's playhouse will be exhibited in Frances' bedroom.

Pre-prohibition whiskey stockpiled by John Dodge will be exhibited in the Games Room and art deco objects including Lalique glass will be exhibited in the French Room.

This year's Holiday Walk is sponsored by Verizon Wireless.

Meadow Brook Hall Holiday Walk Information:

HOURS

- Open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Last admittance is at 4 p.m.
- Open until 9 p.m. every Thursday in December (Dec. 6, 13 and 20). Last admittance is at 8 p.m.

ADMISSION

(Includes Knole Cottage – open during daylight hours only)

- \$12.50 adults
- \$10 adult in group of 20 or more with advance reservations
- \$6 children ages 3-12 (children under 2 are free)
- \$6 OU affiliates with ID
- \$5 per student for school groups

OU affiliates may bring family for OU price on Thursday, Dec. 13.

GIFT SHOP

The Gift Shop will be open to the public during Holiday Walk hours. Many unique items have been added for holiday and

souvenir shopping.

KNOLE COTTAGE

Santa Claus will greet visitors at Knole Cottage, the completely furnished six-room playhouse built for Frances Dodge.

HOLIDAY GROUP LUNCHES

- Minimum group of 20 required. Maximum of 70 in any one group.
- Seatings at 11:30 a.m. and 1:15 p.m.
- \$25 adults or child. Includes lunch, tax, gratuity and tour.
- Reservations required.

MEADOW BROOK HALL GALA EVENINGS

Elegant and festive holiday evenings to benefit the preservation and interpretation of Meadow Brook Hall take place Friday, Nov. 30, and Saturday, Dec. 1. The Reception and touring begin at 6:30 p.m., with dinner at 8 p.m. Dancing and afterglow follow dinner. Cost is \$200 for Patron, \$275 for Benefactor. Reservations are required and black-tie attire preferred. For reservations, call the Hall at (248) 370-3140.

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