



Wednesday, January 23, 2002

## Family Fun Day scheduled for Jan. 26

Hear the fascinating stories behind the historic photographs of **Meadow Brook Hall** at the hall's next Family Fun Day on Saturday, Jan. 26, from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Children also will learn how to hand-color black and white photographs. They are encouraged to bring their own photograph or **Meadow Brook Hall** can provide an image of Pete the Turtle (beloved pet to Matilda Dodge Wilson) for them to color.

Held on the last Saturday of each month, Family Fun Day is a monthly series of events for children and their families.

Each month, Family Fun Day features a new theme and children's activity to help interpret the history, architecture and collections of **Meadow Brook Hall** in a fun and educational manner. The cost is \$4 per child (one free adult per child). Reservations are required and can be made by calling (248) 370-3140.

### Upcoming Family Fun Day Events:

- February 23, 2002 — Learn about the work of architectural sculptor Carrado Parducci and paint a plaster animal to take home.
- March 30, 2002 — Take a closer look at Matilda Dodge Wilson's unique mini box collection and decorate a box to take home.

**Meadow Brook Hall** is the fourth largest historic house museum in the United States. It is especially renowned for its superb craftsmanship, architectural detailing and grand scale.

Built in the 1920s as the residence of Oakland University founders, Matilda Dodge Wilson (widow of auto baron John Dodge) and her second husband Alfred G. Wilson, the 110-room, 80,000-square-foot, Tudor-revival-style mansion is complete with collections of original art and furnishings.

Listed on both the national and state registers of historic places, **Meadow Brook Hall** strives to preserve and interpret its architecture, landscape, and fine and decorative art so visitors may be entertained, educated and inspired by its history.

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