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MBH offers new Garden and Architecture Tour

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The tour explores the planning and building of the hall's facade and its landscaping. An orientation takes place in the coach house. The tour then moves on to view and discuss the architectural detailing and style of the hall, highlighting its turrets, terraces, stone and wood carvings, and stained glass windows, among other details.

The grand vistas and intricate landscaping that surround the house also are viewed. Wilson delighted in fresh flowers, and her many gardens afforded her the opportunity to enjoy them daily. The tour highlights these outdoor spaces, including the Garden Wall and Gazebo, Breakfast Garden, and Pegasus Garden.

The Garden & Architecture Tour is offered daily at 12:45 p.m. Cost is \$8 for the general public, children 2 and under are free.

Throughout the summer, Meadow Brook Hall also will continue to offer its "Thoroughly Modern Tillie" tour that showcases Wilson as a modern and progressive woman beyond her time and a general tour of the hall's main and entertainment levels.

For more information on summer tours at Meadow Brook Hall, call (248) 370-3140 or visit the **Meadow Brook Hall** Web site.

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