

2024 | 18th Annual

Oct. 16–18 | Hilton Appleton Paper Valley

Local History & Historic Preservation Conference

Hearthstone Historic House Museum

625 W. Prospect Ave., Appleton, WI

Hearthstone is a nationally significant engineering site as the first house anywhere in the world to be incandescently illuminated by a water powered Western Edison Electric Light Company dynamo power station and an Edison Electric System. This was realized by Henry J. Rogers, an entrepreneur and visionary, who not only built the house, he brought electrification technology to Wisconsin and shaped the city of Appleton through his paper mills and his work bringing gas and water services to the citizens of Appleton. Beyond its engineering significance, Hearthstone is a truly exceptional example of Queen Anne style residential architecture. It is one of the few residences in the state exhibiting an elite level of exterior design and richness of interior design, finishes, and furnishings.

Hearthstone is located within walking distance of the conference on safe, low-traffic streets. They have a paved parking lot adjacent to the museum and are handicap accessible.

Museum Daytime Tours:

- Thursday, Oct. 17 – 10:30 A.M., 12:00 P.M., 1:30 P.M., 3:00 P.M.
- Friday, Oct. 18 – 10:30 A.M., 12:00 P.M., 1:30 P.M., 3:00 P.M.
- Saturday, Oct. 19 – 10:30 A.M., 12:00 P.M., 1:30 P.M., 3:00 P.M.
- \$12.00 adults/\$9.00 Seniors (65+)

Horrors of the Household Tour:

- Wednesday, Oct. 16 – 4:30 P.M., 6:00 P.M. (WHS Conference attendees only)
- Thursday, Oct. 17 – 4:30 P.M., 6:00 P.M. (WHS Conference attendees only)
- Friday, Oct. 18 – 11:00 A.M., 2:00 P.M.
- Saturday, Oct. 19 – 11:00 A.M., 2:00 P.M.
- \$15.00 per person

Sequential Killers of the Victorian Age - Season Seven (theatrical performance):

- Friday, Oct. 18 – Tours run every 20 minutes starting at 6:00 P.M.
- Saturday, Oct. 19 – Tours run every 20 minutes starting at 6:00 P.M.
- \$22.00 per person



For tour and event details and to purchase tickets, please visit www.hearthstonemuseum.org/events.

Museum Daytime Tours can be purchased at the door.

There is also a free audio walking tour of Prospect Avenue (starting at Hearthstone) available at www.hearthstonemuseum.org/walking-tours.