



IN HER OWN RIGHT MARION MAHONY GRIFFIN



Exhibit and Related Programs—Fall 2016

EXHIBIT

In Her Own Right: Marion Mahony Griffin

October 7, 2016-March 12, 2017

Marion Mahony Griffin (1871-1961) was one of America's first female architects, a Chicagoan also known as a skilled artist, environmentalist, and community activist. A central contributor to the Prairie School of Architecture, her drawings of the Unity Temple and many other projects introduced Frank Lloyd Wright's early work to the world. Mahony Griffin was the first registered woman architect in Illinois who became a pioneer in architecture and community planning. A key member of Wright's Oak Park Studio for 15 years, she and husband Walter



Burley Griffin won the international design competition for Canberra, Australia's national capital. This exhibition traces her early life, her personal and professional partnership with Griffin on three continents, the final years of her life in Chicago—and sheds light on the work and legacy of a Chicagoan of immense but often overlooked importance.

Location: Elmhurst History Museum, 120 E. Park Ave., Elmhurst

Hours: Sun., Tues.-Fri., 1-5 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. **Admission: FREE**

More info: elmhursthistory.org or 630-833-1457

GROUP TOURS: Book a private tour for your group today by contacting our Museum Educator at 630-833-7090 or via email at EHMeducator@elmhurst.org. The docent-led tour of this exhibition will trace Marion Mahony Griffin's remarkable life—from her childhood in Chicago, to her studies at MIT Boston, her association with Chicago's design reformers, and an architectural career spanning three continents—the United States, Australia and India. For more information, visit www.elmhursthistory.org.

Cost: \$4/per participant



We are located at: 120 E. Park Ave., Elmhurst, IL 60126 630-833-1457 www.elmhursthistory.org

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EXHIBIT-RELATED PROGRAMS

Thursday, October 6

Exhibit Opening Lecture—

In Her Own Right: Marion Mahony Griffin

Time: 7 p.m.

Cost: Free to Elmhurst Heritage Foundation Members, Non-Members; \$10

Elmhurst History Museum's new exhibit opens with a lecture by author, architect, and university professor *Dr. Anna Rubbo* (PhD, LFAIA and Senior Scholar, Center for Sustainable Urban Development at Columbia University), writer and consultant for the Marion Mahony Griffin exhibit. Dr. Rubbo will discuss Mahony Griffin's remarkable life—from her childhood in Chicago, to her studies at MIT Boston, her association with Chicago reformers, and an architectural career spanning three continents. Rubbo has published widely on various architecture-related subjects including Walter Burley and Marion Mahony Griffin, design education, and sustainable housing.

Location: Elmhurst History Museum Education Center, 120 E. Park Ave., Elmhurst

Reservations: Online at www.elmhursthhistory.org (Adult Programs section)

More Info: EHMprograms@elmhurst.org or call 630-530-6879



Tuesday, October 25, 2016

Graceland Cemetery Tour: Women of Influence

Time: 8:30 a.m.–1 p.m.

Cost: Elmhurst Heritage Foundation Members: \$30; Non-Members: \$35

During Chicago's period of growth in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, women played a major role in many historic events: they participated in the Underground Railroad, exhibited the first Modern Art paintings, created the juvenile justice system, and even foiled a plot to kill President Lincoln. This tour, presented by the *Chicago Architecture Foundation*, celebrates the achievements of women in Chicago history who are buried in Graceland (including Marion Mahony Griffin), remembering their influence on architecture, arts, education and more. Co-presented by Elmhurst History Museum and Elmhurst Public Library. Note: Rain or shine and includes 2 hours of walking through the cemetery. Please bring a snack and water for bus ride home.

Location: Tour begins at Elmhurst History Museum, 120 E. Park Ave., Elmhurst

Reservations: Online at www.elmhursthhistory.org (Adult Programs Section) or call 630-530-6879





Tuesday, November 1, 2016

Marion Mahony Griffin: A Force of Nature

Time: 7-8 p.m.

Cost: FREE to Elmhurst Heritage Foundation Members; Non-Members: \$5

An extraordinary graphic artist, architect, and landscape architect, Marion Mahony Griffin was no less than a force of nature who today is approaching legendary status. Turning her world upside down in 1914, she and her husband Walter Burley Griffin relocated from Chicago to Sydney to orchestrate the realization of their prize-winning design for Australia's capital city, Canberra. Long fascinated with and inspired by the natural world, Mahony Griffin was enraptured by the Australian landscape.

Christopher Vernon, professor of design and landscape architecture at the University of Western Australia and an international authority on the lives and works of Walter Burley Griffin and Marion Mahony Griffin, presents an illustrated lecture surveying Mahony Griffin's little known practice as a landscape architect and the legacy of Marion's impressive work for Canberra and the world.

Location: Elmhurst History Museum Education Center, 120 E. Park Ave., Elmhurst

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Thursday, November 17, 2016

Women of Steel and Stone: Inspirational Architects, Engineers and Landscape Designers from 1800s-Today

Time: 1-2:15 p.m.

Cost: FREE

Anna M. Lewis, author of *Women of Steel and Stone: 22 Inspirational Architects, Engineers, and Landscape Designers*, shares stories of female architects, engineers, and landscape designers from the 1800s to today. Subjects include Marion Mahony Griffin, who worked alongside Frank Lloyd Wright to establish his distinct architectural-drawing style; Emily Warren Roebling, who took over duties as chief engineer on the Brooklyn Bridge project after her husband fell ill; Beverly L. Greene, the first African American woman in the country to get her architecture license; and Zaha Hadid, one of the first women to receive the prestigious Pritzker Architecture Prize. *Co-presented by Elmhurst History Museum and Elmhurst Public Library.*

Location: Elmhurst History Museum Education Center, 120 E. Park Ave., Elmhurst

Reservations: Online at www.elmhursthhistory.org (Adult Programs Section) or call 630-530-6879





Wednesday, December 7, 2016

Frank Lloyd Wright Home & Studio Tour with Wasmuth Portfolio Viewing

Time: 8:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

Cost: Elmhurst Heritage Foundation Members: \$30; Non-Members: \$35

Marion Mahony was Wright's first professional employee when she was hired in 1895, and she stayed with his office for nearly 15 years rendering buildings and landscapes that became known as a staple of Wright's style. This tour will visit the beautiful studio connected to Wright's Oak Park home, where participants will learn about the role Marion played in the projects during the golden years of Wright's office (1895-1910). The tour will also visit the Special Collections librarian at the Oak Park Public Library for a private viewing of the influential *Wasmuth Portfolio*, for which Mahony Griffin created more than half of the numerous renderings. The tour will drive past a number of the Oak Park and River Forest buildings that Marion played a part in designing. *Note: This tour will run rain or shine and includes walking. Please bring a snack and water for the bus ride home.*

Location: Tour begins/ends at Elmhurst History Museum, 120 East Park Ave., Elmhurst

Reservations: Online at www.elmhursthhistory.org (Adult Programs Section) or call 630-530-6879

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS THIS WINTER

Additional programs related to the Marion Mahony Griffin exhibit will be added to our Winter Calendar of Events (published at the end of November) for programs in December 2016-February 2017. For the latest exhibit and program information, please stay in touch:

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- Check our web site at www.elmhursthhistory.org.
- Join our email list to receive monthly e-blasts by sending your email address to: patrice.roche@elmhurst.org.