

# Where Arts & Culture are at Center Stage



The legacy of commitment to culture and the arts lives on in a city that boasts its own symphony orchestra, first-class history museum, art museum and modern performing arts complex – amenities that keep the arts and culture at the community's center stage.

## A WEB OF ARTS AND CULTURE



Westcott House | [westcotthouse.org](http://westcotthouse.org)

Pennsylvania House | [pennsylvaniahousemuseum.info](http://pennsylvaniahousemuseum.info)

Heritage Center | [heritagecenter.us](http://heritagecenter.us)

Springfield Museum of Art | [springfieldart.museum](http://springfieldart.museum)

Springfield Symphony | [springfieldsym.org](http://springfieldsym.org)

Performing Arts Center | [pac.clarkstate.edu](http://pac.clarkstate.edu)

Project Jericho | [project-jericho.com](http://project-jericho.com)

## ART • MUSIC • DANCE • THEATER • AND MORE

### SPRINGFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

## CELEBRATING 72 YEARS

With its 72 professional musicians and international renowned guest artists, the Springfield Symphony Orchestra celebrates the finest composers of the past and present through both traditional and modern multimedia performances held at the 1,500 seat Clark State Performing Arts Center downtown.



### SPRINGFIELD MUSEUM OF ART

## OHIO'S ONLY SMITHSONIAN AFFILIATE ART MUSEUM

The Smithsonian-Affiliate Springfield Museum of Art houses a permanent collection of American art from the 1700s to the present. Its dynamic schedule of changing exhibitions features a variety of art forms, self-taught and contemporary artists, and annual juried members shows.

### CLARK STATE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

## FINE ART, FINE THEATER

The stage of Clark State Community College's Performing Arts Center plays host to nationally known artists and performers from Broadway to Nashville, and all points between. From American Idols to Rock and Roll legends, the home of the Springfield Symphony Orchestra is also the favorite venue for Springfield Arts Council presentations, musicals, and theatrical performances by the Ohio Lyric and Springfield Civic theaters.

### WITTENBERG UNIVERSITY

## THE TOWN/GOWN CONNECTION

During the academic year, check to see whether you're in town for an offering from the Wittenberg Series. An ongoing tradition of the highly regarded liberal arts college, it has brought Doris Kearns Goodwin, John Updike, Steven J. Gould and the Joffrey Ballet to town. At all times of year, the Springfield Museum of Art at Wittenberg University offers not only programs made possible by its affiliation with the Smithsonian, but regular exhibits and a fine collection of its own in a handsome building beautifully situated in Veterans Park.

FERNCLEIFF CEMETERY AND ARBORETUM

A WOODED DRIVE

Founded in 1863 in the midst of the Civil War, Ferncliff Cemetery and Arboretum is a beautiful and peaceful place year round. For a daytime drive through the wooded hills past elegant mausoleums and placid ponds, go west on McCreight Avenue to the main entrance, or find the Plum Street entrance just south of Buck Creek.

HARTMAN ROCK GARDEN

A FOLK ART TREASURE

With more time than money on his hands during the Great Depression, Ben Hartman created one of the great folk art contributions to Ohio by building scenes of religion, pop culture and Americana in his yard at 1905 Russell Ave.

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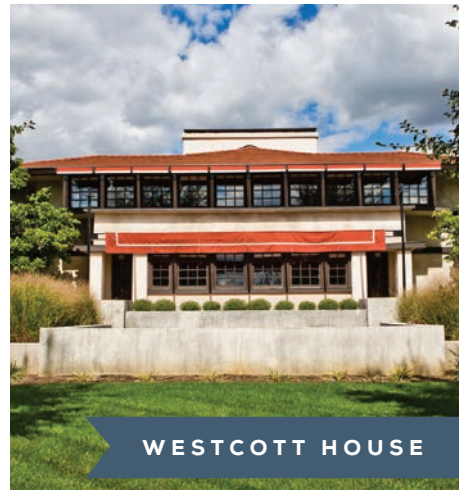
Future president Harry Truman came to Springfield on July 4, 1928, to officially dedicate the first of 12 Madonna of the Trail statues erected from coast to coast along the old National Road.

Architectural Treasures

FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT'S WESTCOTT HOUSE

JUST WRIGHT AND MORE

Frank Lloyd Wright's Westcott House, brought back to life lovingly during a \$5.8 million restoration, shines as a centerpiece of Springfield amenities. A tour of the 1908 Prairie style home with its striking horizontal lines and organic color scheme is a must. As lovely as it is, however, the house that Wright designed for Springfield automaker Burton Westcott hasn't just parked itself and sat idling. It has added the Westcott Center of Architecture and Design, a vibrant center for preservation, innovation, education and inspiration.



WESTCOTT HOUSE

ARCHITECTURAL TOUR

RICHARDSON ROMANESQUE

Before Frank Lloyd Wright, H. H. Richardson was America's premier architect. His Richardson Romanesque style is found all over the city. The finest example is the Warder Literacy Center (1890), at the corner of Spring and High Streets, industrialist Benjamin Warder's tribute to his loving parents. Amidst the handsome multi-colored stone work, keep an eye out for an owl that guards the property. The Bushnell Building (1903) sits in the city's core while the Bushnell Mansion—now the Richards, Raff & Dunbar Memorial Home—once served as the spectacular anchor to a stretch of High Street once called Millionaire's Row.



SOUTH FOUNTAIN AVENUE

A COOL DRAUGHT OF VICTORIAN

Those whose architectural tastes run to gingerbread will want to take in the sumptuous Victorian homes in the South Fountain Avenue Historic District. The neighborhood is a tribute not only to the distinctive architecture, but to a community of Springfielders dedicated to preserving architecture and the richness of urban neighborhood living.



HISTORY

PENNSYLVANIA HOUSE - MADONNA OF THE TRAIL

ALONG THE HISTORIC NATIONAL ROAD

The Pennsylvania House, commonly known as "The Inn at the End of the Pike," opened in 1839 to provide a welcome relief for pioneers heading west on the National Road. The beautifully restored 24-room house museum and its artifacts is maintained by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Another tribute to the road and its travelers stands in the downtown park, National Road Commons. In 2011, the Daughters of the American Revolution gave their blessing to move the circa-1928 Madonna of the Trail statue to the new downtown park. One of 12 statues commissioned by the DAR in 1927, the Madonna honors the courage and sacrifice of the country's founding mothers.

HERITAGE CENTER

OUR STORY, OUR HISTORY

Beneath the clock tower of the grand old city building, time doesn't stand still — it comes alive. The Heritage Center tells the story of the area in two floors of exhibits plus an annex that houses old fire engines, a horse-drawn hearse and the accoutrements of undertaking past.

