



**KENDALL COUNTY
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**
110 W. Madison Street • Court Room • Yorkville, IL • 60560
(630) 553-4141 Fax (630) 553-4179

AGENDA

December 15, 2025 – 5:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL: Eric Bernacki, Elizabeth Flowers, Kristine Heiman (Secretary), Marty Shanahan (Vice-Chair), and Jeff Wehrli (Chair)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of Minutes of November 17, 2025, Meeting (Pages 3-5)

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Presentation by Natalia Borowska Regarding America 250

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Discussion of Consultation Regarding 16929 Ridge Road (Pages 6-7)
2. Update on the Application of Landmark Status for the Norway Temperance Hall (Page 8)
3. Discussion of Future Historic Preservation Group Meetings
 - a. February 18, 2026, at Historic Courthouse, Yorkville
 - b. Discussion of Speakers/Topics
 - c. Review of Invitee List (Pages 9-11)
 - d. Other Meeting Logistics
4. Update on Historic Structure Survey
5. Discussion of Having Commission Meetings at Historic Locations in the County; Commission Could Determine Meeting Locations and Times
 - a. Plattville Lutheran Church on January 21, 2026
 - b. Church of the Good Shephard, Oswego on March 16, 2026
6. Discussion of Historic Preservation Awards (Pages 12-17)
7. Discussion of Native American Tribes Associated with Kendall County
8. Discussion of 13860 Fox Road
9. Discussion of Amendments to the Kendall County Code Pertaining to Commission Review of Certain Building Permit Applications; Commission Could Recommend Amendments to the Kendall County Code and/or Approve a New Policy for Review of Certain Building Permit Applications and/or Approve a Form to Give to Impacted Property Owners

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. November 26, 2025, Email from the Edith Farnsworth House Regarding Supporting the Edith Farnsworth House (Pages 18-20)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ADJOURNMENT: Next Meeting January 21, 2026, at Plattville Lutheran Church

If special accommodations or arrangements are needed to attend this County meeting, please contact the Administration Office at 630-553-4171, a minimum of 24-hours prior to the meeting time.

**KENDALL COUNTY
Historic Preservation Commission
Kendall County Historic Court House
110 W. Madison Street
Yorkville, IL 60560**

5:30 p.m.

November 17, 2025-Unofficial Until Approved

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jeff Wehrli called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Eric Bernacki, Kristine Heiman, Elizabeth Flowers, and Jeff Wehrli

Absent: Marty Shanahan

Also Present: Matt Asselmeier, Director, and Wanda Rolf, Part-Time Office Assistant

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Member Flowers made a motion, seconded by Member Heiman, to approve the agenda. With a voice vote of four (4) ayes, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Flowers made a motion, seconded by Member Heiman, to approve the minutes from the October 20, 2025, meeting with a correction changing the time that the meeting adjourned. With a voice vote of four (4) ayes, the motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Wehrli stated that Plattville was being proactive with their comprehensive land plan. Chairman Wehrli noted that he attended a meeting at Chapel on the Green in which a historical marker was placed in front of the church for its role in the Underground Railroad.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEW BUSINESS

Participation in Consultation Regarding 16929 Ridge Road; Commission Could Approve a Proposal Related to an Agreement Document

Mr. Asselmeier stated that this property was purchased for a Data Center. The structure has been slated for demolition. Ken Itle, Associate Principal, with Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates Inc, sent an email to Mr. Asselmeier stating that he feels the mitigation is reasonable. Mr. Itle went to the property and conducted a structure survey. The proposed mitigation includes intensive documentation and archival research of the property. There will be high resolution photographs taken of the interior and exterior of the house and barns. One (1) suggestion from the State was for the developer to perform a structure survey of a township. This may interfere with the with the existing structure survey of Seward Township and the developer may not want to add another township due to the cost. This property will be annexed into Minooka.

Member Bernacki made a recommendation that the developer might be able to reimburse a portion of the funds to the County for conducting a structure survey in Seward Township. Mr. Asselmeier will look into the available options, including having the developer fund a structure survey in another township.

Chairman Wehrli expressed the house was in good condition and people lived there.

Member Bernacki asked if there was any preliminary research that this is a livable residence. Mr. Asselmeier said he has not seen a report from Ken Itle or Burns McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc.

Mr. Asselmeier stated that the barn will be saved and everything else will be demolished.

Chairman Wehrli asked what options were available. Mr. Asselmeier stated that he will contact the State for clarification.

Discussion of Plattville Comprehensive Plan Update

Chairman Wehrli stated that HR Green Group is working on Plattville's comprehensive land plan. It appears they intend keep the community the same. Mr. Asselmeier mentioned a goal in the proposed plan was to create Historic Preservation Ordinance for Plattville. Mr. Asselmeier stated that Plattville could be included in the structure survey for Lisbon Township, if Plattville wanted to enter into an intergovernmental agreement. Plattville might be asked to contribute funds for the structure survey.

Plattville plans on having their proposed plan finalized by February or March of 2026

OLD BUSINESS

Update on the Application of Landmark Status for the Norway Temperance Hall

Mr. Asselmeier reported Temperance Hall in Norway has been approved by the Illinois National Register Advisory Council. They are one (1) step closer to being on the National Register of Historic Places.

Discussion of Future Historic Preservation Group Meetings

Mr. Asselmeier spoke about the location and topics for the February Historic Preservation Organization Meeting. Mr. Asselmeier suggested the location to be The Kendall County Historic Courthouse and the topic be the two hundred fiftieth (250th) anniversary of the United States. The Commissioners were in favor of the suggestion. Mr. Asselmeier will work with Natalia in the County Administration Office regarding speakers.

Update on Historic Structure Survey

Mr. Asselmeier reported there have been two (2) days of survey in Seward Township so far. The survey is complete for forty (40) properties of one hundred twenty-five (125) total estimated for Seward Township. They visited the farm at 16929 Ridge Road as part of this initial fieldwork.

Discussion of Having Commission Meetings at Historic Locations in the County; Commission Could Determine Meeting Locations and Times

Mr. Asselmeier stated he will reach out to Plattville Lutheran Church to have meetings in December or January and have the February Meeting at the Kendall County Historic Courthouse. Chairman Wehrli suggested having a meeting at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Oswego.

Discussion of Native American Tribes Associated with Kendall County

There were no updates on the Native American Tribes associated with Kendall County.

Discussion of 13860 Fox Road

Mr. Asselmeier reported he had a meeting with the Superintendent of Silver Springs and the Superintendent stated that the roof was fixed, and they are working on the siding. The contractors are working to make it safe for visitors. It appears that the last time the property was occupied was in 2007.

Discussion of Amendments to the Kendall County Code Pertaining to Commission Review of Certain Building Permit Applications; Commission Could Recommend Amendments to the Kendall County Code and/or Approve a New Policy for Review of Certain Building Permit Applications

Commissioners reviewed a form that Mr. Asselmeier drafted which consisted of a letter, a list of assistance programs that are available as of 2025, and the opportunity to landmark a property. Mr. Asselmeier stated that, if the policy was approved, Staff would check the properties that were slated for demolition or remodeling against the list of properties identified in one (1) of the structure surveys, it would be flagged, and the Department would let the Commission know of the application. Mr. Asselmeier stated this policy would need to be approved by the Planning, Building & Zoning Committee.

Commissioners will discuss the proposal with Planning, Building & Zoning Chairman Seth Wormley.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT:

The next meeting will be on December 15, 2025.

Member Flowers made a motion, seconded by Member Bernacki, to adjourn. With a voice vote of four (4) ayes, the motion carried. The Historic Preservation Commission adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Wanda A. Rolf
Part-Time Office Assistant

Matt Asselmeier

From: Bartlett, Courtney <cbartlett@burnsmcd.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 10:35 AM
To: Matt Asselmeier
Cc: Leggio, Christine N (Chrissy)
Subject: [External]NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES ADVERSE EFFECT

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES ADVERSE EFFECT

One Historic-Age Property located in the Village of Minooka, Kendall County, Illinois

Equinix, LLC is developing a data center campus in the Village of Minooka, Kendall County, Illinois. The project site encompasses approximately 368 acres (including a 68-acre land-bank) with seven buildings totaling roughly 1,099,000 square feet of data-center space. The development plan incorporates landscape screening including dense, native plantings designed to create natural buffers, meadows, and areas of diverse habitat. A multi-use path is proposed along Ridge Road to support community access and connectivity. In addition, Equinix will preserve a historic barn located near Ridge Road to recognize and maintain the area's cultural heritage. At full capacity, the campus is expected to utilize up to 345 kV from ComEd's local transmission substation.

In accordance with the Illinois State Agency Historic Resources Preservation Act (20 ILCS 3420) and its implementing rules (17 IAC 4180) (Act), the Illinois State Historic Preservation Office determined the Project will have an adverse effect on one (1) historic-age property that is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP):

- 16929 Ridge Road, Minooka, IL (Resource 09)

In order to resolve these adverse effects pursuant to the Act, Equinix, LLC is seeking public input as potential mitigation options are developed to offset adverse effects to the resource. Any person or group wishing to submit comments regarding the adverse effects to the historic property may do so in writing by December 8, 2025. Comments should be directed to Christine Leggio, Senior Cultural Resource Specialist, at cnleggio@burnsmcd.com or (484) 772-4378.

Thank you for your time,

Courtney Bartlett \ Burns & McDonnell

Assistant Environmental Scientist

o (737) 263-3151

cbartlett@burnsmcd.com \ burnsmcd.com

Bridgepoint Building 4, 6200 Bridge Point Pkwy #400, Austin, TX 78730 \ Austin, TX 78759

Matt Asselmeier

From: Leggio, Christine N (Chrissy) <cnleggio@burnsmcd.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 4, 2025 10:19 AM
To: Matt Asselmeier
Cc: Harris, Brandy M; Jeff Wehrli; Christina Burns
Subject: RE: [External] Invitation to Participate in Consultation - Notification of Adverse Effect to an Eligible Historic Resource in Kendall County

Hi Matt –

We are currently discussing your request with the project proponent. Do you have a specific township in mind? If you have an example of a previous survey with a similar scope, that would be helpful in gauging level of effort and feasibility.

Thank you,

Chrissy Leggio \ Burns & McDonnell
Senior Cultural Resources Specialist, Environmental Services
o 484-772-4378 | M [REDACTED]

From: Matt Asselmeier <masselmeier@kendallcountyil.gov>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 11:46 AM
To: Leggio, Christine N (Chrissy) <cnleggio@burnsmcd.com>
Cc: Harris, Brandy M <bmharris@burnsmcd.com>; Jeff Wehrli <[REDACTED]>; Christina Burns <cburns@kendallcountyil.gov>
Subject: Re: [External] Invitation to Participate in Consultation - Notification of Adverse Effect to an Eligible Historic Resource in Kendall County

Chrissy:

In addition to those items, would the project proponent be willing to finance an historic structure survey in one of Kendall County's townships?

Thanks,

Matt Asselmeier

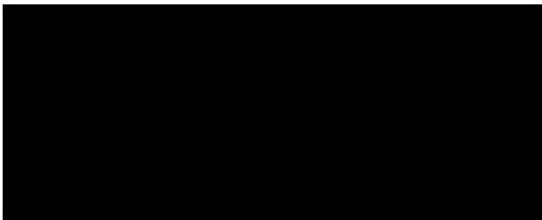
From: Dave Johnson <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, December 9, 2025 12:26 PM
To: Matt Asselmeier
Cc: Jeff Wehrli
Subject: Re: [External]Re: Norsk Temperance Hall Question

We don't expect anything from Washington DC until January 2nd.

Sent from my iPhone

Med vennlig hilsen,
(With friendly greetings,)

David Johnson
Norsk Museum
Board President
Slooper Historian



www.NorskMuseum.org

On Dec 9, 2025, at 10:29 AM, Matt Asselmeier <masselmeier@kendallcountyil.gov> wrote:

Dave:

Any update on your application?

Thanks,

Matthew H. Asselmeier, AICP, CFM
Director
Kendall County Planning, Building & Zoning
807 West John Street
Yorkville, IL 60560-9249
PH: 630-553-4139
Fax: 630-553-4179

Name	Organization
Mr. John Purcell	United City of Yorkville
Mr. Terry D'Arcy	City of Joliet
Mr. Ryan Kauffman	Village of Oswego
Mr. John Argoudelis	Village of Plainfield
Ms. Jackie Kowalksi	Village of Millbrook
Mr. Doug Holley	Village of Millington
Mr. Paul Pope	Village of Lisbon
Mr. Ric Offerman	Village of Minooka
Mr. Jim Davis	Village of Newark
Ms. June McCord	Village of Plattville
Mr. Todd Latham	City of Sandwich
Mr. Matt Brolley	Village of Montgomery
Mr. Mike Rennels	City of Plano
Mr. John Laesch	City of Aurora
Lyon Farm	Kendall County Historical Society
Mr. Lee Hohmann	Kendall County Historical Society
Subash George	Oswego Historic Preservation Commission
John Brenneman	Oswego Resident
Kelly Schomer	Oswego Resident
Shaunna Barrow	Oswego Historic Preservation Commission
Juan Terrazas	Oswego Historic Preservation Commission
Kevin Zentner	Oswego Historic Preservation Commission
Rod Zenner	Village of Oswego
Rachel Riemenschneider	Village of Oswego
Jeff Lind	Village of Oswego
Jack Guldenbecker	Village of Minooka
Jon Prouxl	Plainfield Historical Commission
Michael Bortel	Plainfield Historical Commission
Roger Matile	Little White School Museum
Ted Clauser	Oswego Historical Association
Deanna Howard	Plano Library
Jeanne Valentine	Plano Historical Society
Ken Donart	Chapel on the Green
Suzie Kritzberg	Chapel on the Green
Sharon Lowery	Chapel on the Green
April Morganegg	Chapel on the Green
John Aman	Montgomery Historic Preservation Commission
Sonya Abt	Village of Montgomery
Krysti Barksdale-Noble	Yorkville
Marilyn Thompson	Ferndell
Ferndell General	Ferndell
Jeff Mathre	Ferndell
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Chris Phillips	Sandwich Historical Committee

Kendra Parzen	Landmarks Illinois
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Kristin Lochner	Farnsworth House
Carolyn Lioce	Farnsworth House
Jill Morgan	Aurora Preservation Commission
Kathy Vorbau	Gaylord House
Eric Gray	Gaylord House
Jayne Bernhard	City of Joliet
Greg Peerbolte	Joliet HPC
Sharon Merwin	Joliet HPC
Joliet HPC General	Joliet HPC
Brook McDonald	Dickson-Murst Farm
Krista Katzen	Oswego Public Library District
Lynette Heiden	Charles B. Phillips Public Library District
Lisa Pappas	Plainfield Library District
Tina Beaird	Plainfield Historical Society
Barbara Posinger	Sandwich Public Library
Michaela Haberkern	Aurora Library
Megan Millen	Joliet Library
Shelley Augustine	Yorkville Library
Lauren Offerman	Three Rivers Library District
Michele Houchens	Three Rivers Library District
Anne Sears	
James Morris	
Ken Wolf	
Leigh Anne Scoghton	
Paul Burd	
Jeff Farren	
Todd Milliron	
Barb Klock	Village of Lisbon
Martha Stephenson	Village of Lisbon
Cliff Fox	Village of Newark
Natasha Didos Ritsma	Executive Director of Schingoethe Museum
Dr. Mark Soderstrom	University of Aurora
Dr. Gerald Butters	University of Aurora
Lisa Wolancevich	Save the Historic Jail
Valerie Burd	Save the Historic Jail
Johanna Byram	Yorkville Historic Preservation Society
Jason Peterson	Kendall County Board
Seth Wormley	Kendall County Board
Ruben Rodriguez	Kendall County Board
Matt Kellogg	Kendall County Board
Dan Koukol	Kendall County Board
Scott Gengler	Kendall County Board
Brian DeBolt	Kendall County Board
Elizabeth Flowers	Kendall County Board
Zach Bachmann	Kendall County Board

Brooke Shanley	Kendall County Board
Kristine Heiman	Kendall County HPC
Eric Bernacki	Kendall County HPC
Jeff Wehrli	Kendall County HPC
Marty Shanahan	Kendall County HPC
Todd Volker	Kendall County Economic Development Coordinator
Kelvin Johnson	Bristol
Ed Hatteberg	Norsk Museum
Sandy Vahl	Sheridan
Shannon Bronn	Minooka
Bev Casey	Millington
Millington Historical Socie	Millington Historical Society
Mark Harrington	
Thomas Milschewski	
Jenna Siegel	Kendall-Grundy Farm Bureau
Dan Dowling	LaSalle Manor
Jon Pressley	IHPA
Joe Noce	Oswegoland Park District
Jane Burke	
Jeff Nakaerts	
Philip Buchanan	
Ken Itle	WJE
Jane Johnson	Kanakakee County
Mary Lou Wehrli	
Eric Pry	Aurora GAR Museum
Benn Joseph	Northwestern University
Blake Smith	Plano Stone Church
Derek Solberg	Silver Springs State Park
Jamie Winner	Big Grove Township
Corey Johnson	Bristol Township
Randy Seggebruch	Fox Township
Steve Gengler	Kendall Township
Thomas Anzelc	Lisbon Township
George Goehst	Little Rock Township
Brian LeClercq	Oswego Township
Tim O'Brien	Seward Township
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
January 13, 2026

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
Chairman Jeff Wehrli, (630) 553-4139

Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission Announces Historic
Preservation Awards Application

The Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission invites applications for recognition of historic preservation in Kendall County. Awards will be given for structures that have undergone exterior or interior preservation, restoration, rehabilitation, adaptive reuse, landscape restoration or sympathetic additions. Awards will also be given to a person or group that exhibits dedication to the field of historic preservation or for a site that possesses importance to the history of Kendall County, State of Illinois, or the United States. The County Historic Preservation Commission reserves the right to grant multiple awards in the same category or zero awards within a category.

Applications may be found on the Kendall County website at: <https://www.kendallcountyil.gov/departments/planning-building-zoning/historic-preservation>. Completed applications are due by March 2, 2026, at 4:00 p.m., and can be submitted by mail to the Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission, 504 S. Main Street, Yorkville, IL 60560 or by email at masselmeier@kendallcountyil.gov.

The Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission shall review applications at their April meeting and the awards will be distributed at a County Board meeting in May as part of Kendall County's celebration of Historic Preservation Month.

The Kendall County Historic Preservation Commission was established to influence comprehensive historic preservation planning within the County and to recognize, support and protect the quality of life enjoyed by the residents. The Historic Preservation Commission uses the technical standards issued by the Department of the Interior which produces reliable, understandable, and up-to-date information for decision-making related to the identification, evaluation, and protection/treatment of historic resources. The Historic Preservation Commission is composed of 5 volunteers appointed by the County Board Chairman with the approval of the County Board and normally meets the 3rd Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in the Kendall County Office Building on Main Street in Yorkville. Our meetings are open to the public and we invite anyone interested in Kendall County history to attend our meetings. More information can be found at <https://www.kendallcountyil.gov/departments/planning-building-zoning/historic-preservation>.

Annual Historic Preservation Award

Application for Award Nomination Announcement:	January 13 and February 13
Deadline for nomination:	March 2 by 4:00 pm
Date of HPC Review:	March and April HPC Meetings. <i>HPC shall be provided with applications prior to the March meeting for their review</i>
Date of final selection:	April HPC meeting
Award given:	Second May County Board meeting

How the final selection will occur. The HPC will review the nominations at their March and April meetings and make a final selection at their April meeting. The Secretary of the HPC will notify award recipient(s) by May 1. The Kendall County Board will bestow the award at their second May meeting, which typically occurs the third Tuesday of the month at 9:00 am.

Physical Description of Award: At a minimum, the recipient will receive a certificate, which will be bestowed at the County Board meeting. The HPC also aspires to provide award recipients with a small sign that they could place on their property. County staff is still researching whether the HPC has funds to purchase signs annually for this program. If the County does not have funding for this, donations may be sought.

Aluminum garden flags



Wooden garden flags



Nomination Procedure: Each nomination must include a completed application form and a minimum of five photographs or quality digital photographs. Applications will be available on the County's website as well as in hard copy form at Planning, Building and Zoning Department at 807 W. John Street in Yorkville.

Award categories and number of awards to be given: Nominations may be for a structure (residential or commercial) that has undergone exterior or interior preservation, restoration, rehabilitation, adaptive reuse, landscape restoration or sympathetic additions OR for a person or group that exhibits dedication to the field of historic preservation OR for a site that possesses importance to the history of Kendall County, State of Illinois, or the United States.

The HPC reserves the right to offer one or more awards based on the quality of submitted nominations. The HPC also reserves the right to offer zero awards.

Award designation may simply be: “2026 Historic Preservation Award (s),” “Person of the Year,” or “Project of the Year.”

Examples

- “2026 Kendall County Historic Preservation Award” *for the restoration of the home at _____*
- “2026 Kendall County Historic Preservation Award” *for the adaptive reuse of the building at _____*
- “2026 Kendall County Historic Preservation Award” *for the sympathetic building addition at _____*

Award Review and Selection Criteria:

Preservation/Restoration

- Only completed projects shall be considered.
- Historic character and features of the property shall be retained and preserved.
- Features, spaces, and spatial relationships that characterize a property shall be retained.
- Distinctive materials, features, finishes, and construction techniques or examples of craftsmanship that characterize a property shall be preserved.
- Original materials shall be retained (example: slate roof repair/replacement, removal of artificial siding, repair/restoration of wood siding).
- Historic materials and features shall be repaired rather than replaced.
- When material is replaced, the new shall match the old in composition, design, color and texture.
- Landscape and site features original to the site shall be preserved.

Architecturally Compatible New Addition:

- Only completed projects shall be considered.
- New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction shall not destroy historic materials, features, and spatial relationships that characterize the property.
- The new work shall be differentiated from the old but shall be compatible with the historic materials, features, size, scale and proportion, and massing to protect the integrity of the property and its environment.

HPC Commissioner Award Selection Procedure

- **Meeting:** Each Commissioner secretly ranks applications by number of applications. For example, if there are 7 applications then you they are ranked 1-7 with #1 being the highest ranking.
- Rankings are discussed.
- Recommendation made on number of awards to be bestowed followed by a recommendation and formal vote on awardees.
- A tie may result in a second vote for one.

Past Award Nominees

1. Chapel on the Green (New Deck, Landscaping, Paint, Carpeting, and Wood Floor)
2. Naperville Preservation, Inc.
3. Dickson Building
4. Ferndell School
5. Kohlhammer Barn
6. Misner Blacksmith's Shop
7. Yorkville Historic Preservation Society

Matt Asselmeier

From: Edith Farnsworth House <farnsworthhouse@savingplaces.org>
Sent: Wednesday, November 26, 2025 11:04 AM
To: Matt Asselmeier
Subject: [External]Make a Lasting Impact This Holiday Season

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Support the Edith Farnsworth House and make a lasting impact with our 2025 Year-End Giving Campaign

Dear Friend,

It's that time of year again!

As we enter the holiday season, I hope you'll consider **supporting the Edith Farnsworth House** with a gift of any amount. Your generosity helps us continue our mission to preserve, promote, and provide meaningful experiences for all.

For 75 years, the Farnsworth House has been a place to relax, reflect, and reconnect with nature—a tradition we proudly uphold as we welcome nearly **10,000 visitors of all ages each year**.

Whether you're an architecture or design enthusiast, or simply looking for a fantastic daytrip destination, we're here with tours, programs, exhibitions, videos, nature trails, and a **museum shop filled with inspiring gifts**.

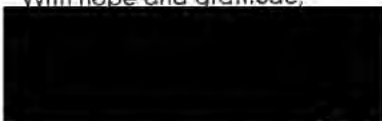
As we conclude our two-year focus on "**Nature & Culture**," we're excited to begin "**FarnsworthForward**" in 2026–27, **celebrating the 75th birthday** of Edith Farnsworth's now-iconic modernist retreat through diverse and insightful artistic perspectives.

When you make an online donation this season, you can choose to support one of three important initiatives: **FarnsworthForward**, **WiFi Campus**, or **Operational Support**. You may also **dedicate your gift** in honor or memory of someone special, **selecting an e-card that will be sent automatically to your designee**.

If you prefer, you can mail a check payable to the National Trust for Historic Preservation or make a credit card donation by phone. We'll be happy to send you a Farnsworth holiday card to share with your designee.

Please consider giving today—and make plans to visit again in the coming year!

With hope and gratitude,


Scott Mehaffey, M.S., FASLA
Executive Director
Edith Farnsworth House

P.S. Looking for a great holiday outing? Join us for our 8th annual **Mod&Merry** celebration on December 6, or enjoy one of our **Holiday House Tours**, offered on select weekends from November 28 through December 28.

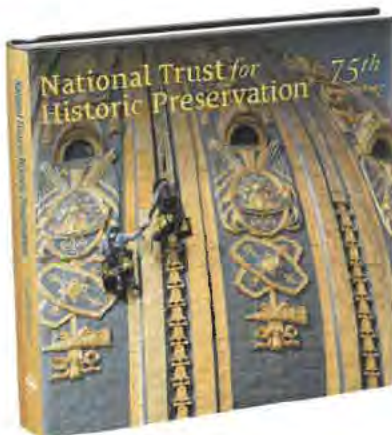
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Mod&Merry - early
pricing ends Nov.
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Holiday House
Tours Tickets

2025 END OF YEAR GIVING

SUPPORT FARNSWORTH HOUSE THIS GIVING SEASON



In this season of giving, here is an opportunity to support Edith Farnsworth House and enjoy something special in return.

Donations of **\$250 or more**, made directly to Farnsworth House, will receive a complimentary copy of *The National Trust for Historic Preservation: 75th Anniversary* commemorative book. This beautifully produced coffee table volume celebrates 75 years of preserving America's most meaningful places.

Give today and receive a keepsake that reflects the impact of your generosity.

[Donate Now!](#)

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