



Dining in Akron History

An Intimate Autumn Fundraiser for Progress Through Preservation of Greater Akron

Celebrate October with a most unusual dining experience in one of Akron's finest historic homes—and help support the programs of Progress Through Preservation of Greater Akron (PTP), this community's historic preservation advocacy organization, as well.

Join us on Sunday, Oct. 15 at 3 p.m. for an inspired meal at one of six host homes. Each home is distinct in architectural design and history and each host will treat guests to a specially themed meal. Afterwards, all guests will adjourn to the patron house for coffee, dessert, drinks, and merriment.

Cost for the event is \$100 per person, and venues will be assigned on the basis of personal choice/earliest reservations. For more information or to make a reservation, please contact Janet Little at **954-605-1197** or **330-983-4900**. The event is open to the public but seating is limited.



The Patron House

The Robert Noah House. 470 Merriman Road.

Built in 1925 by architect Robert Noah, the house is situated on the estate of his father, Akron rubber baron and financier, Andrew Noah. The elder Noah's stone mansion faced Portage Path across from the country club and was razed in the early 1960s to make way for the condominiums that now enjoy that view. The stone wall that surrounded the property can still be seen on Portage Path and Memorial Parkway.

The younger Noah's house is a superb example of Arts and Crafts style architecture. Exterior features include prominent horizontal lines, a shed dormer, and pyramidal porch supports. The interior is intact with original woodwork in most rooms and some surprising design elements included by the architect/homeowner. The house sits on more than an acre of land, and the current homeowners are avid gardeners. **All guests will meet here at 5 p.m. for coffee, drinks, and dessert following mealtime at each of the six host homes.** Weather permitting, the porch and patios will be available to enjoy.



The Host Houses

Hower House. 60 Fir Hill.

One of the finest examples of Victorian Second Empire architecture in the country, Hower House was built in 1871 for Akron industrialist John Henry Hower, who was involved in many business ventures and his cereal company eventually became part of Quaker Oats. The family was also known for its philanthropy and the 28-room mansion stayed in the Hower family for 100 years until it was donated to The University of Akron in 1970. Diners will enjoy a delectable and substantial formal Victorian High Tea in the home's elegant dining room along with opportunity for a relaxed tour of the mansion and its eclectic furnishings.



Mandus Baughman House. 330 Merriman Road.

Built in 1883 for gentleman farmer Mandus Baughman, this Victorian farmhouse is one of the oldest on Merriman Road. Mr. Baughman and his wife, Irene Garman, lived there until their deaths, his in 1923, hers in 1926. The interior of this home honors the legacy of Victorian luxury with modern amenities seamlessly woven into the tapestry. As a nod to his hometown, the host will prepare a Key West-inspired menu for your dining pleasure.



The Anchorage. 1010 Merriman Road.

Built in 1925 for Goodyear executive Paul Litchfield, this fine example of Tudor Revival architecture is often cited as the second largest home in Akron. Litchfield took the advice of Frank Seiberling, owner of the largest home in Akron—Stan Hywet, to “move west” to avoid the smoke and odors emanating from the city’s many rubber factories. The house has been lovingly restored by the current owner who will treat guests to a steak dinner and open bar.



The Joseph Wesener House. 700 Merriman Road.

Built in 1887, this home is also one of the oldest dwellings on Merriman Road. The house was built for Joseph Wesener who, according to his obituary, was “the wealthiest merchant in Akron, at one time.” The Wesener family actually lived in a downtown mansion and used this as a country home for their large farm on the outskirts of Akron. Dinner guests will enjoy a festive Halloween-themed meal in the house which will be elaborately decorated for the holiday.



The John Barry House. 830 Mayfair Road.

This home was built in 1927-1928 as a spec house for Paul Litchfield who wanted to control the view from the windows of his majestic home, The Anchorage. The Tudor Revival style house was purchased while still under construction by John Barry, chief financial officer for Knight Publications. The property remained in his family until the current owners bought it in 2002 and impeccably restored the interior and exterior. Be sure to ask about the padlock on the staircase. Dinner guests will be treated to a pre-Thanksgiving meal with all the fixings.



The Dr. J. Elmer Schultz House. 33 Corson Avenue.

This fine example of Arts and Crafts architecture was built in 1908 for Akron dentist Dr. Elmer Schultz as one of the earliest houses in the Portage Park allotment. The exterior is glazed brick and cedar shingles and the interior features unusually fine original woodwork. The homeowner is known for hosting dinners for guests from all over the globe. Her lucky diners will feast on Julia Child’s *boeuf bourguignon* entrée.