WELCOME GARDEN WRITERS!

1868: City of Buffalo retains Frederick Law Olmsted, Sr. to design park system.

1872: A "park side" garden community promoted by Olmsted for the area east Delaware Park.

1903 - 1905: Wright's plan for his opus is constructed on Jewett.

1909: Gardener's Cottage built.

1935: Darwin D. Martin dies.

1937: Isabelle Martin abandons house, which remains vacant for 17 years.

1954-55: House sold to architect Sebastian Tauriello.

1962: Portion sold to developer. Pergola, conservatory and garage demolished. Three 2-story apartment buildings constructed.

1966-67: University at Buffalo purchases remaining property and house from Sebastian Tauriello.

1989: Property listed as a National Historic Landmark.

1992 - Present: Martin House Restoration Corporation (MHRC) restores entire complex.

Discover an Integrated Landscape

The Martin House is a unified composition of architecture, design, and landscape. The restored residence is a Prairie style masterpiece designed by Frank Lloyd Wright for his client, Darwin D. Martin. The six interconnected buildings and surrounding landscape act as physical representations of the unique collaborations between Walter Burley Griffin, Frank Lloyd Wright, Darwin D. Martin and his wife, Isabelle.

While touring, visitors are invited to explore the composition's outdoor spaces and discern their relationship with the inside design. Visitors will also discover the story of The Martin's passion for gardening which, in a tangible way, showcases their love for each other. Additionally, visitors will further their education of the site's historical significance and it's future landscape rehabilitation plans by hearing from Martin House resident horticulturist, Nellie

Photo Policy

All visitors are encouraged to take photos of the composition's outdoor spaces. You're invited to take photos while on the Pergola and Verandah, in the Conservatory and Carriage House. All other interior photography is not allowed. All photos must be taken and used for personal use only.

We encourage you to share your photos with us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram by using the hashtags #BUFFLW, #FLW150, #BUFFLW150, and #GWA2017.

To arrange professional photography sessions or request press images of Martin House interior, contact Caitlin Deibel at cdeibel@darwinmartinhouse.org.

For access to historical Martin House photos, contact William Offhaus at lib-archives@buffalo.edu.

