

Harvey Cedars Historic House Tour



July 27, 2016

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Walk to 7 historic homes in the heart of Harvey Cedars

Tour Homes are located

Between E. 83rd St. & W. 80th St.

\$20 Tickets

available at the

Harvey Cedars Borough Hall, W. 76th Street, Harvey Cedars.

Only 200 tickets will be sold.

*** Start Tour Anywhere ***

NO PURSES OR CAMERAS ** *BOOTIES WILL BE PROVIDED*

HOMES ARE NOT HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE

RESTROOM FACILITIES AND LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

AT HIGH POINT FIREHOUSE

WEST 80TH ST., HARVEY CEDARS

Tickets are non-refundable

Tour home information:

Lewis: 1926

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10 E. 83rd St.

Tradition has it that the original part of this house came from the 1926 Sesquicentennial in Philadelphia and was barged down the Delaware River, across the bay and up the Inland Waterway. Mayor J. B. Kinsey, who developed most of High Point, rebuilt it at this location. It was damaged in the 1944 hurricane, has suffered from fire and inattention, and was raised in the late '70s. Susan and Bryan Lewis bought it 1997 and restored it two years later.

Sinclair: 1910

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7 E. 80th St.

This 1910 expanded bungalow has been in the same family, the Meaghers and Sinclairs, since 1952. The dark wainscoting is original. Note how much lower the house is than the one directly to the east. After the 1962 storm new construction had to be on pilings and the replaced land was elevated, but older homes were not required to be raised up.

McGehee: 1929

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20 Maiden Lane

In 1929 Eleanor and Frank Smith built the original 20 x 26 cottage with lumber hauled down from Philadelphia. Artist Cricket McGehee, whose grandparents had a house right across the cove, bought the house from Smith's son in 1995. Badly damaged by Superstorm Sandy, raising and remodeling was completed this year.

Pos: 1924

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36 W. 80th St.

Built in 1924, this house was originally on the north side of 80th and the oceanfront. It was moved to the present location by Helen and Leon Kelly after it was knocked off its foundations by the disastrous 1944 hurricane. They also salvaged two smaller cottages that washed up on the bay meadows during the storm. One became a guest house and the other artist Leon Kelly's studio. Lida Pos has been living there since 2010.

Buchholz: 1934

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8102 Bay Terrace

Josephine and Reynold Thomas (Harvey Cedars' mayor from 1955 to '83) built the core of this house as a summer cottage in 1934. A bedroom wing was added in 1937 and another in 1940. The final expansion and remodeling was in 1988, when author Margaret Buchholz moved back into her childhood home. It was surrounded by water in 1935 northeaster, flooded in 1944 hurricane and in 2013 Sandy left a few inches of water in a portion of the house.

Rue: 1938

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8202 Bay Terrace

Philadelphia architect George Daub designed this home with the Art Deco curvilinear details, porthole windows facing the lighthouse and built-in furniture typical of his work in the 1930s and '40s. The carapace of the sturgeon over the fireplace is original. Annette and Matt Rue bought the house in 1956 and spent every summer and some winters there. The property also includes half of the little sandy beach adjoining the boathouse; it is now owned by the six children.

Sherman: 1978

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8306 Bay Terrace

This bayfront house was designed by Philadelphia architect David Beck for artist Lynn Sherman in 1978; it was the first house on this property. The main house has changed very little in almost 40 years. The ground-floor bedroom was added in 2005. Sherman displays her paintings above the built-in couches in the living room.

As you walk from one house to another: notice these other old buildings. Although the houses you are viewing today are not really "historic," they are among the oldest in town. The oldest structure on the Island -- yes, the whole island -- is the ice cream parlor; it was built in 1848 as a hunter's club in Loveladies and moved here in the early part of the last century. The cottage that is now StoneHenge Builders can be seen on a 1919 aerial view. Black Eyed Susan's was built in 1914 as Kinsey's general store, and Benée Scola's real estate office appears in a 1914 photo.

Walking down Maiden Lane: #16 was built in 1920; #28 is a houseboat that was beached horizontally to the water in 1927 and later turned around; #38 was moved from 77th St. and the ocean in 1929; #42 was moved from 80th & ocean after the 1962 northeaster; #48 was built in 1932 and has been owned by Freeman family since 1944; #56 was also designed by George Daub, in 1938.

On 80th St., #13 was built in 1928 as a boathouse for F. P. Small, who owned what is now Maris Stella, and he built the house to the right, with the hedge, for his daughter several years later.

On Bay Terrace, walk to the east end of 81st St. and you'll see a tiny houseboat on a tiny island in Kinsey Cove. This was built in a garage in Riverton and trucked down in 1933. #8108, now remodeled, was the third house to be built on Bay Terrace, after 8102 and 8004. (Note the original peaked roof on the left.)