

# Architectural Tour of Springfield Thursday, October 9

Featuring the Dana Thomas House designed by Frank Lloyd Wright

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Join us for an architectural tour of historical buildings and homes in the old capital city of Springfield. Although not as old as the state of Illinois, Springfield was founded soon after Illinois joined the Union in 1818 and quickly became a center of government, first as the seat of Sangamon County in 1821 and then as the state capital in 1837. Many of the city's historical buildings have been restored and are open to the public for tours. We will have an opportunity to explore the grounds and interiors of these buildings and to learn more about their history with the help of local guides.

**Cost/person:** \$53.00 for members; \$58 for non-members (limit of 50 people). Price includes bus transportation, lunch, all entry fees and suggested donations, taxes, and tips for bus driver, restaurant staff, and tour guides.

**Accessibility:** A wheelchair-accessible bus is available on this date. Buildings are accessible but may require advance notice to make arrangements for special needs. Please contact Julia or Kathy if you require any assistance or accommodations for your tour.

**For more information:** Contact tour directors Kathy Valdes at 217-590-0311 or Julia Schmidt at 217-714-1238 or [tours@theillinoisclub.org](mailto:tours@theillinoisclub.org).

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**Signup deadline is Friday, September 26, 2014**  
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## Tour Itinerary, October 9

**Morning:** The bus departs from County-Market on Mattis in **Champaign at 7:30 am**. We will begin our tour in what is actually one the newest of the buildings, the Old State Capital. The current building is a 1960's reconstruction of the fifth capital building that originally stood from 1839 to 1876. The Greek-Revival style building is a National Historic Landmark and on the National Register of Historic Places. Our second stop is the red brick Executive Mansion built in the Italianate style. Since 1855, the mansion has been home to Illinois governors beginning with Governor Joel A. Matteson and his family. The mansion was fully restored in 1971. The morning will conclude with a visit to the sixth and current state capital. The building of the French Renaissance style capital began in 1869 and was completed in 1889. Crowned with a silvery zinc dome, it is one of the tallest state capital buildings of its type in the nation and to this day a city statute does not allow any buildings to be built higher than the Illinois State Capital.

**Lunch:** Lunch will be at the historic Maldaner's Restaurant, one of the oldest restaurants on the Historic Route 66 and the oldest continually operating restaurant in Springfield. The restaurant opened in 1884 and has been in its current location since 1894. We will be treated to a buffet with several lunch options.

**Afternoon:** Our final stop on the tour will be the Dana-Thomas House designed by Frank Lloyd Wright in 1902 for Susan Lawrence Dana. The prairie style house was acquired by the Illinois State Historic Preservation Agency and underwent a major restoration. This well-preserved home contains one of the largest collections of original Wright art glass and furniture. **We will return at about 5 pm**

Reservation for Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s) (cell preferred) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of member tickets \_\_\_\_\_ Cost: \$53.00 each

Number of guest tickets \_\_\_\_\_ Cost: \$58.00 each Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_