

Of Note

The *Quincy Preserves* Tour Committee wishes to thank all of the homeowners who have so graciously opened their homes for the 2006 tour. Since you are their guests, we ask you to observe the following rules:

1. Sponsors and property owners are not responsible for lost articles or accidents during the tour.
2. Smoking is not permitted anywhere. No food or beverages are allowed on the property or within the tour structure, except at a designated refreshment stop.
3. No photographs or videos may be taken inside the properties.
4. You may be asked to remove your shoes or to wear shoe coverings in the homes.

Quincy Preserves, a community organization, is open to all and devoted to the preservation of Quincy's outstanding architecture.

Quincy Preserves tours provide an opportunity for all to enjoy the many beautiful structures throughout the city and to witness community members' ongoing efforts to preserve Quincy's architectural treasures. When we go "Behind Closed Doors", we are privileged to see the legacies of yesterday cherished today.

Funds raised from the house tour are used to promote preservation education and preservation projects in the Quincy community.

Homeowners who are interested in being part of a *Quincy Preserves* tour in the future may contact Bruce Gardner, *Quincy Preserves* president at 224-9332.

Enjoy the Tour!



1401 North 8th Street
Prairie Style • 1922
Washington School

Washington School, named in honor of George Washington, was built on the Pease Homestead at Eighth and Sycamore. The first Washington School was built in 1868 at the corner of Sixth and Cherry. This building was destroyed by fire about 30 years later, rebuilt, but then became inadequate.

In 1922, after voter approval, a Prairie Style structure was started in the spring. The land was purchased from Nathaniel Pease's descendants who had lived on the property since 1870. The building contract was awarded to Buerkin & Kaempfen and the architect was Ernest Wood. The exterior materials are buff brick and stone trimming. Prairie Style elements appear in the wide overhanging eaves and piers. The school was dedicated on October 4, 1923 with 400 students enrolled. The building included eleven classrooms, a principal's office, a gymnasium, an auditorium, a manual training department, a domestic science room, lavatories, and boiler rooms.

The main entrances to the school show evidence of old radiator set-backs. Terrazzo flooring covers the corridors and six pane transoms over twelve pane doors are stationed at most inside doors. Each original classroom also has its own outside entrance. Built-in storage units were included for each classroom. The storage unit covers an entire wall with sliding doors that have weighted pulleys and built-in stops. A chimney style cupboard provides additional storage at another end of the classroom. The bathrooms are updated but retain their original tiled floors. The auditorium and stage area with their broad arched ceilings have been partitioned into computer, library, and storage areas. On the west side of the auditorium, a courtyard remains. The cafeteria area with wood floors was part of a 1964 restructuring. The principal's office has built-in cabinets with bin pulls. An original internal fireplace appears in great shape in the teachers' lounge and work area. There are two small rooms upstairs that are currently being used as classrooms.