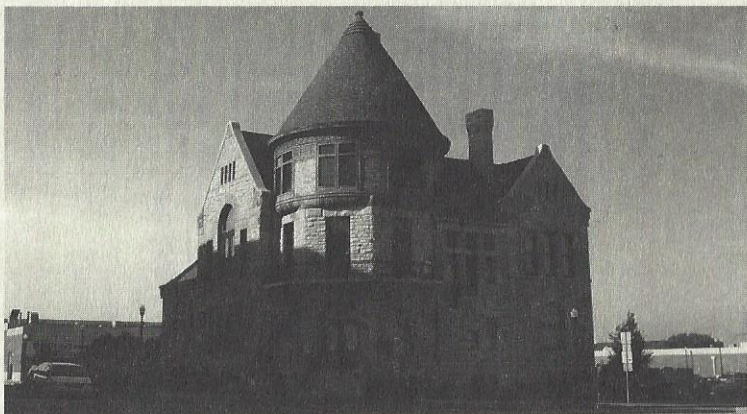




332 Maine Street

Romanesque Revival Style • 1888 • Patton and Fisher, architects
Gardner Museum of Architecture and Design

The Gardner Museum is a stone Romanesque Revival style building erected in 1888. It was designed by the Chicago architectural firm of Patton and Fisher and built with limestone supplied by the Frederick W. Menke Stone Works of Quincy. A stucco addition, designed by Quincy architect Ernest Wood, was added to the back of the building in 1929.

Massive masonry walls of rough-cut or rusticated stones, rounded arches, and towers characterize Romanesque Revival buildings. The Gardner Museum is a full two stories with a circular corner tower that rises to three stories and features views of nearby Washington Park, as well as of the Mississippi River and the Missouri countryside beyond. Ornamental iron railings and supports are intact at the entrance. The interior features butternut woodwork throughout and a handsome staircase with an ornately carved baluster.

The second floor has a large room, formerly the library reading room, has a tongue and groove wood vaulted ceiling. It now houses the "Aspirations in Glass" exhibit of stained glass windows saved from demolished churches along with pews and other artifacts from area churches.

In 1974 the Quincy Public Library vacated its old building at the corner of 4th and Maine and relocated to a new building at 526 Jersey Street. At that time, the family of John Willis Gardner bought the Maine Street property, with the intention of establishing an architectural museum. After adaptive reuse of the interior, the museum opened in 1977.

The building at 332 Maine closed for renovation in 2005. The ceilings in the stairway and main gallery have been replaced or rehabbed after the stairway ceiling collapsed during a board of directors meeting. The walls in the main gallery have had all of the cracks in the plaster repaired and have been repainted. The entire exterior has been tuck pointed and cleaned. The building also has a new roof. The garden surrounding the building has been installed along with limestone lighted signs on either side of the building. The woodwork has been cleaned throughout and refinished or replaced as needed. New carpet tiles have been installed along with underlayment where needed. A new heating and air conditioning system has been installed and will be more energy efficient. The offices on the second floor have been recarpeted, have new lighting and new paint. Glass has been replaced in several windows as needed. The exterior windows and trim have also been repainted this year.

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OCTOBER 18, 2008**