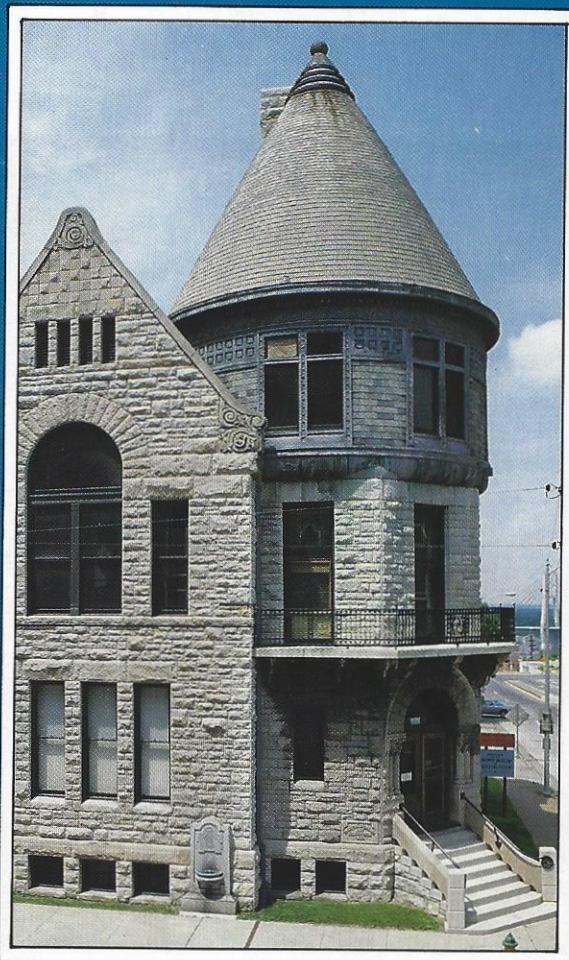


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Quincy
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**Gardner Museum of
 Architecture and
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Welcome to the Gardner Museum of Architecture and Design

The Gardner Museum, located in Quincy's Old Public Library, was organized in 1974 to encourage the preservation of Quincy's outstanding architectural heritage. The Museum offers a broad variety of exhibits, programs, and services. In the fall of 1991 it initiated its first permanent exhibit open to the public on a year-round basis. "Life in Historic Quincy: Architectural Views and Vignettes" tells the history of the community through pictures, artifacts, and partial reconstructions of its unique collection of buildings. This exhibit is crowned with a spectacular display of historic stained glass on the second floor.

During the summer months the Museum has a living history program utilizing area youth as docents. These "Quincy Characters" dress in period costume and explain the exhibits from the standpoint of an actual Quincy personage of times past. The living history program continues into the fall and winter months as a series of mini-dramas placing various Quincy characters in mock-ups of early architectural settings.

Other programs include varied lecture series on topics in architecture and design, activities for kids in the Archiroom, preservation workshops, neighborhood tours, and a summer residency program in cooperation with the University of Illinois School of Architecture. The Museum also houses an architecture and preservation research library open to the public during gallery hours.



Part of the sculpture garden, showing the arched entry of the Richardsonian Romanesque Musselman Building of 1892

Museum vestibule and grand staircase

