



AMERICA CELEBRATES FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT'S 150TH BIRTHDAY

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A dapper Frank Lloyd Wright poses on the balcony of the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum during construction in 1959. Photo by William H. Short; from the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum Archives

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This year marks the 150th anniversary of the birth of Frank Lloyd Wright, one of the most influential and visionary architects of the 20th century. The Wisconsin-born Wright pioneered the Prairie style of residential design, which was inspired by the broad, flat landscape of the American Midwest. He also became known for what he called “organic architecture,” which aimed to create harmony between buildings, their inhabitants and the natural surroundings. The prolific architect designed some 1,000 buildings, several hundred of which were built.

To commemorate Wright’s June 8 birthday, his work is being celebrated around the country with museum shows, home tours, lectures and parties. Join us on an armchair tour of some of his noted designs. Be sure to check ticket availability if you plan on visiting any of the sites.



Hollyhock House in Los Angeles

Although Wright's Hollyhock House has no special events planned for June, the National Historic Landmark is well worth a visit. The Los Angeles home, built from 1919 to 1921, is considered a forerunner of modernism. Wright designed it for indoor-outdoor living in the temperate Southern California climate. Today the expansive hilltop house is part of Barnsdall Art Park. It underwent an extensive renovation and reopened in 2015.



Glass doors connect Hollyhock House's interior to the outdoors

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