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“MASON CITY 1910”

WRIGHT ON THE PARK SCHEDULES TEAS/COFFEES AT THE HISTORIC PARK INN HOTEL

MASON CITY, IA: Wright on the Park will hold two teas and two dessert and coffee evenings with the program “Mason City in 1910” during the holiday season. The events are scheduled for The Historic Park Inn Hotel’s Ladies’ Parlor.

“Mason City in 1910” is back by popular demand. Six teas that featured the program during the Grand Opening Week of The Historic Park Inn Hotel were filled within days after invitations went out to area women’s clubs. “The requests for additional teas have inspired us to do more of these,” says Pat Schultz, board member of Wright on the Park, the non-profit group responsible for the preservation of Frank Lloyd Wright’s hotel.

Dates include a November 10 dessert and coffee at 6:30 p.m., a November 22 tea at 10:30 a.m., a December 7 tea at 1:30 p.m. and a December 12 dessert and coffee. The dessert and coffee times have been added at the request of people who work during the day. “And men are welcome!” says Pat, who also received complaints that the September events were “ladies only.”

The program, presented by Pat in period attire, features “the town gossip sharing tidbits about Mason City and its citizens” with a humorous appeal as well as factual information gleaned from researching newspaper articles, county histories, and papers found in the Mason City Public Library, on line, and at the University of Iowa Archives. “These things all really happened – this is our city’s history personified.”

Morning or afternoon teas or evening coffee/dessert parties can be scheduled by calling Wright on the Park 423-0689. The group size is 20 maximum and 15 minimum; however, groups may combine and individuals may make reservations if extra seats are available with a group. The cost is \$35 per person, which includes food, the program and a contribution to Wright on the Park. “This continues to be a fund-raiser,” says Pat. “Even though the restoration is complete, we still need to maintain this landmark in years to come.”

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