

Great Outdoors OC/LB Chapter presents

## Hollyhock House

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### From the website: "ABOUT HOLLYHOCK HOUSE

Hollyhock House is Frank Lloyd Wright's first Los Angeles project. Built between 1919 and 1921, it represents his earliest efforts to develop a regionally appropriate style of architecture for Southern California. Wright himself referred to it as California Romanza, using a musical term meaning "freedom to make one's own form."



Taking advantage of Los Angeles' dry, temperate climate, Hollyhock House is a remarkable combination of house and gardens. In addition to the central garden court, each major interior space adjoins an equivalent exterior space, connected either by glass doors, a porch, pergola or colonnade. A series of rooftop terraces further extend the living space and provide magnificent views of the Los Angeles basin and the Hollywood Hills. Selecting a thirty-six acre site known as Olive Hill, Wright and Barnsdall worked together to develop a plan that included a home for Barnsdall and her young daughter, two secondary residences, a theater, a director's house, a dormitory for actors, studios for artists, shops and a motion picture theater.

But because of financial and artistic differences, only the main home and two secondary residences were built. The secondary structures include

Residence A (extant) and Residence B (demolished to make way for apartments in 1948).

Hollyhock House takes its name from Aline Barnsdall's favorite flower. At her request, hollyhocks were incorporated into the decorative program of the house, and stylized representations of the flower are found on the roofline, walls, columns planters and furnishings.

In 1927, Aline Barnsdall gave Hollyhock House and eleven surrounding acres to the City of Los Angeles for use as a public art park in memory of her father, Theodore Barnsdall."

Today, surrounded by a modern theater and art galleries, Hollyhock House comes closer to realizing its original purpose as the centerpiece of a functioning arts complex.

Project Restore oversaw a major restoration of Hollyhock House that was completed in February 2015, when the house reopened after several years, with significant contributions from the City of Los Angeles and the Barnsdall Art Park Foundation. The house's original garage was outfitted as a brand new visitors center and museum store and archive.

Now the Barnsdall Art Park Foundation is planning and fundraising to restore the Motor Court and Pet Pergola as the next major capital project for this historic structure.

## TOURS

"Walk Wright In" Self-Guided Tours

Hours:

Thursday – Sunday, 11:00 am to 4:00 pm  
Last ticket sold at 3:30 pm.

Please be advised: Hollyhock House is not equipped with air conditioning. For the well-being of visitors and staff, and to be in compliance with state worker safety regulations, the house will be closed without advanced notice when interior temperatures reach 90 degrees Fahrenheit.

Hollyhock House is wheelchair accessible. Accessible rooms include the foyer, loggia, music room, and reading alcove. Fully visible are the dining room, living room, inner courtyard, library, pergola, and conservatory.

Admission:

\$7–Adults

\$3—Seniors (65+) & Students (w/ current ID)  
Free for children under 12 when accompanied by a paying adult.

Visa or MasterCard only. We do not accept cash payment.

Tickets are sold onsite in our Visitor Center.

We do not take reservations.

Inside the House:

No photography

No food or beverage

Please wear flat shoes, preferably rubber soled. Shoes with a minimum heel width of two inches are required. No stiletto shoes (spike heel) may be worn inside.

Shoe covers (provided) must be worn inside the house. Children may wear socks instead.

Strollers are not allowed inside but may be left on the entry pergola (Please note that Hollyhock House is not responsible for items left unattended).”

Hollyhock House is located at 4800 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90027. For those taking the Metro, get off at the Vermont/Sunset Station.

[Click here for the self-guided tour in PDF](#)