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Haunted tours; dogs on parade

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The Glessner House Museum on the Near South Side will host a Haunted Halloween Hounds Costume Party and Pet Parade on Thursday.

Tickets are \$20 per dog (or \$15 in advance), including pizza, human treats, dog treats and prizes. Festivities will begin at 6:30 p.m., and the parade will step off at 7:30 pm. Spectators are welcome. Sign up at: www.pdna.chicago@gmail.com.

The house museum also will host a Halloween party from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Oct. 31. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Admission is \$10 per child, \$2 for adults and free for infants. The not-so-scary party will include games, prizes, costume contests, refreshments and music. RSVPs recommended.

The museum also will present Haunted Tours of Prairie Avenue. Costumed docents will lead visitors on a 45-minute walking tour as they recount tales of untimely endings, strange sounds and unexplained sightings along Prairie Avenue, 7 and 8 p.m. Oct. 31 and Nov. 1. Tickets are \$10.

On Nov. 1, the museum will host its 22nd annual Edgar Allan Poe readings, "Tales of Madness and Revenge." Actors from the Lifeline Theatre in Chicago will present staged readings of Poe stories and poetry. Readings will be at 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. Tickets are \$25, and reservations are required.

The Glessner House is at 1800 S. Prairie. Call (312) 326-1480, or visit www.glessnerhouse.org.

The mansion was built in 1885 for wealthy businessman John Glessner. He hired Boston architect Henry Hobson Richardson to design a grand home (on three lots) on prestigious Prairie Avenue.

"When first built, the house was subject of much remark by passersby," Glessner wrote in *Story of a House* (1923). Not all the comments were complimentary.

His neighbor George Pullman didn't not like the Glessner house one bit. "I do not know what I have ever done to have that thing staring me in the face every time I go out of my door," Pullman said about the fortress-like Glessner home.

Meanwhile, another neighbor, department store founder Marshall Field, appreciated the unorthodox design, as did Frederick Law Olmsted, the celebrated landscape designer and a friend of the Glessners and Richardson.

Bungalows By Bus

Homes in Ravenswood Manor, the Villa, Portage Park, Galewood, the Schorsch-Irving Park Garden Historic District and Historic Wrightwood will be visited on Sunday during the North Side Bungalows By Bus Tour.

The bus will depart at 9 a.m. from the Chicago Architecture Foundation, 224 S. Michigan. During the four-hour event, docents from the Chicago Architecture Foundation will provide commentary on the history of the homes and neighborhoods.

Tickets are \$35 (discounted for members of the Historic Chicago Bungalow Association). For reservations, call (312) 902-1500, or visit www.chicagobungalow.org.

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