

## **Frick Fine Arts Library**

### **FRICK ART & HISTORICAL CENTER**

**7227 Reynolds Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15208  
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### **Library Guide Series, No. 31**

“Qui scit ubi scientis sit, ille est proximus habenti.” -- Brunetiere\*

## **An Introduction**

The Frick Art and Historical Center is located in Pittsburgh’s Point Breeze neighborhood in the East End of the city. On the death of Miss Helen Clay Frick (1888-1984 ), the daughter of Pittsburgh industrialist Henry Clay Frick, Pittsburghers discovered that she had left her family’s estate to be preserved as a monument to her family and her own life-long interest in art. The Frick Art and Historical Center is one of many memorials Miss Frick built in her father’s honor. Others included:

- The Frick Art Reference Library, New York City (1924)
- The Frick Fine Arts Department, University of Pittsburgh (1927) – now named the Department of the History of Art and Architecture
- The Frick Fine Arts Library, University of Pittsburgh (1927)
- Henry Clay Frick Birthplace and Westmoreland County Historical Center (1949)
- The Frick Fine Arts Building, University of Pittsburgh (1965)
- Frick Art Museum, Pittsburgh (1969)
- Frick Art and Historical Center, Pittsburgh (1991)

## **The Frick Art and Historical Center**

The Frick Art and Historical Center is comprised of Clayton, the Frick family home; the Car and Carriage Museum, the Frick Art Museum, the greenhouse, the grounds, the award-winning Frick Café, and the Museum Shop. It is here that visitors can enjoy a glimpse of nineteenth century aristocratic life by touring Clayton, strolling through the gardens, and enjoying high tea in the Frick Café. The Center also offers traveling art exhibitions, concerts and lectures. For a list of special events, please call the Center at the telephone number listed above.

## **Hours**

All of the facilities of the Frick Art and Historical Center are open from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday – Saturday. On Sunday, everything is open from Noon – 6:00 p.m. The Center is not open on major holidays. Hours are different for the Frick Café, please see that section listed below.

## **Clayton**

Opened to the public in 1990 after an extensive restoration, Clayton, the Frick family home, offers visitors a slice of Victorian life like no other American historical monument. This turn-of-the-century home is filled with furnishings, decorative arts, and artifacts collected and used by the family. Décor changes with the seasons and carefully trained docents lead tours while describing the family and social life at Clayton. *Guided tours of Clayton are scheduled by reservation only. It is wise to call for reservations during*

*holiday seasons because tours fill quickly.* Fee: \$8.00/adults; \$7.00/senior citizens and groups; \$6.00/students; members free.

## **The Frick Art Museum**

The Frick Art Museum was built by Helen Clay Frick in 1969 to house her collection of Italian, French and Flemish paintings, sculptures and decorative arts. The permanent collection includes works by Rubens, Giovanni di Paolo, François Boucher and Jean Antoine Houdon. The museum also offers a program of changing exhibitions. Recent examples include: *Collecting in the Gilded Age: Art Patronage in Pittsburgh, 1890-1910*; William Sydney Mount: *Painter of American Life*. The Frick Art Museum offers free guided tours of temporary exhibitions by docents on Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday at 2:00 p.m. Admission is free.

## **The Car and Carriage Museum**

See cars owned by the Frick family such as Henry Clay Frick's 1914 Rolls Royce Silver Ghost touring car and a 1931 Pierce Arrow 43 Club Sedan, as well as Howard Heinz's 1898 Panhard. An award-winning short film tells visitors the story of "Pittsburgh and the Automobile." Admission is free.

## **The Frick Café**

Lunching, dining and having high tea at the Frick Café lend a special touch to the visitor's experience of life during The Golden Age. The café is an intimate place that serves award-winning foods. Members of the Frick Art and Historical Center may make reservations, the public is invited to dine in the café as well, although non-members may not make reservations. The Café's hours for lunch are from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Tuesday – Saturday. High Tea is served from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. on those days. Sunday luncheon hours are from Noon – 3:00 p.m. with High Tea served from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

## **Address and Driving Instructions**

The Frick Art and Historical Center is located opposite Frick Park at 7227 Reynolds Street. It is located approximately 30 minutes east of downtown Pittsburgh.

- Follow Fifth Avenue
- Turn right onto Penn Avenue
- Turn right onto Homewood Avenue
- Travel one block to the Reynolds Street traffic circle
- Follow the circle around to the left and watch for signs to the *free* parking lot

*(See map on following page)*

PAT buses 67A, 67C, 67E, 67F, 71C and 74A provide service to this location.

"The person who knows where knowledge is, as good as has it." -- Brunetiere No. 31 –Rev. 08/01/00



Fifth Ave.

Penn Ave.

Homewood Ave.

Reynolds St.

Fifth Ave.

Bigelow Blvd.

Frick Fine Arts  
Bldg. (Pitt)

Frick Art  
Museum

Schenley Dr.