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## **Elmhurst History Museum presents new Sunday afternoon Lecture Series starting January 15**

*Artist, curator and author Debora Wood explores the artistry of Marion Mahony Griffin*

ELMHURST, IL – If continuing to learn and expanding your point of view is on your list of 2017 New Year's resolutions, the Elmhurst History Museum has a suggestion for fulfilling those aspirations: sign up to take part in a new series of Sunday afternoon lectures at the Museum.

Beginning on **Sunday, January 15, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.**, the Elmhurst History Museum kicks off the new lecture series with a program by artist, author and curator Debora Wood entitled ***"Marion Mahony Griffin: Rendering the Grand Variety of Nature's Grace."*** Ms. Wood will examine the trajectory of Mahony Griffin's graphic art—from children's book illustrations and architectural renderings to an exquisite series of Australian "Forest Portraits," two of which are featured in the Elmhurst History Museum's current exhibit, *In Her Own Right*.

Marion Mahony Griffin is known for a magnificent drafting style incorporating densely treed landscapes into architectural presentation drawings. She was Frank Lloyd Wright's chief draftsman for 14 years before embarking on a career with her husband Walter Burley Griffin that catapulted them from Chicago to Australia in 1914 after winning an international competition to design the capital city of Canberra. Ms. Wood will discuss Marion's drawing methods and her inventive adaptation of photo-reproduction processes.

This program takes place at **2 p.m.** in the **Elmhurst History Museum's Education Center,**

**located at 120 E. Park Ave. in Elmhurst.** The cost is \$5 for members of the Elmhurst Heritage Foundation, and \$10 for non-members. Reservations may be made online at [www.elmhursthhistory.org](http://www.elmhursthhistory.org) (in the Adult Program section) or by calling 630-530-6879. Limited on-site parking is available.

Program participants are welcome to tour the exhibit in the first floor gallery of the Glos Mansion before or after the program. *In Her Own Right*, which is open through March 12, 2017, sheds light on the important yet often unheralded Mahony Griffin, who was the first woman architect in the state of Illinois, a pioneer in her field, and an innovative architect, illustrator, and landscape designer in the Prairie School. Admission to the exhibit is free.

Delve into the art and artistry of Marion Mahony Griffin on January 15<sup>th</sup> at the Elmhurst History Museum. For information on this and additional programs in this series, visit the Adult Programs section at [www.elmhursthhistory.org](http://www.elmhursthhistory.org) or call (630) 833-1457.

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*The Elmhurst History Museum is a department of the City of Elmhurst supported by the Elmhurst Heritage Foundation. The Museum is located at 120 E. Park Ave. in downtown Elmhurst. General admission is free with nominal fees for special programs. For more information, call 630-833-1457 or visit our web site at [www.elmhursthhistory.org](http://www.elmhursthhistory.org).*