

## Free Brucemore Mansion Tours

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Celebrate Preservation Month and National Tourism Week at Brucemore with free guided tours of the mansion Saturday, May 5 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Sunday, May 6 from noon to 3:00 p.m. The 21-room Queen Anne style mansion and 26-acre park-like estate, built between 1884 and 1886, provides insight into Cedar Rapids' rich history and Midwestern life in the early twentieth century. Tours will begin approximately every 15 minutes with the last tour beginning at 3:00 p.m.

In 1971, the National Trust created Preservation Week to spotlight grassroots preservation efforts around the country, and has since grown into an annual celebration for local communities to honor their past and help build their future. Brucemore will offer other Preservation Month activities in May, including:

- Brucemore's Historic Neighborhood Walk – May 3, 6:00 p.m. and May 5, 12:00 p.m.
- Brucemore Plant Sale – May 12, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Nooks and Crannies Mansion Tours – May 15-18, 6:00 p.m.
- Historic Landscape Tours – May 19, 10:30 a.m. and May 24, 6:00 p.m.

The 2012 Plant Sale will celebrate the newly-restored Lord & Burnham Greenhouse. This

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annual event funds preservation projects throughout the estate. For more information about Preservation Month activities during May and throughout the year, visit Brucemore's website at [www.brucemore.org](http://www.brucemore.org)

or call

[\(319\) 362-7375](tel:(319)362-7375)

. Visit the National Trust for Historic Preservation website at

[www.preservationnation.org](http://www.preservationnation.org)

for more information about Preservation Month.

The Cedar Rapids Convention and Visitors Bureau invites you to "Discover CR: Be a Tourist in Your Town" by celebrating National Tourism Week, May 5 through 13. Other participating businesses and organizations can be found by visiting [www.cedar-rapids.com/partners/tourist-in-your-town/](http://www.cedar-rapids.com/partners/tourist-in-your-town/)

Brucemore, Iowa's only National Trust Historic Site, is located at 2160 Linden Drive SE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The 26-acre park-like estate in the heart of Cedar Rapids boasts a Queen Anne style mansion built between 1884 and 1886. Bruce more has been home to three prominent families who used the estate as a center for culture and the arts. The estate continues to be a hub for cultural, philanthropic, and educational activities. Each year thousands of visitors attend specialty tours, concerts, fine arts performances, children's programs, holiday celebrations, preservation events, and garden workshops on the estate. For more information, call [\(319\) 362-7375](tel:(319)362-7375) or visit [www.brucemore.org](http://www.brucemore.org).

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