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Celebrate Preservation Month at Brucemore with free guided tours of the Mansion on Satur day, May 4 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Sunday, May 5 from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. Explore over a century of Cedar Rapids history through the lives of the three families who called Brucemore home. Follow a guide on a tour of the 21-room Queen Anne Mansion and investigate the art, furnishings, technology, architecture, surrounding landscape, and stories preserved at Brucemore. The Mansion tour provides a glimpse into the past and an incomparable way to understand modern Cedar Rapids and Eastern lowa. 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. The theme for 2013 is "See it. Save it. Celebrate it."

Brucemore will offer other Preservation Month activities in May, including:

- **Evening Mansion Tour** May 2, 6:00 p.m.
- Historic Neighborhood Walk May 9, 6:00 p.m.
- Brucemore Summer Plant Sale May 11, 9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.
- Brucemore Arts Share: An Evening of Literature and Music May 14, 7:00 p.m.
- Hired Help Tour: Working on a Country Estate May 16, 6:00 p.m.
- Nooks and Crannies Mansion Tours May 23, 6:00 p.m.
- Brucemore in Bloom Tour May 30, 6:00 p.m.

For more information about Preservation Month activities during May and throughout the year, visit Brucemore's website at www.brucemore.org or call (319) 362-7375 . Visit the National Trust for Historic Preservation website at

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About Brucemore

Experience Brucemore, an unparalleled blend of tradition and culture, located at 2160 Linden

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Drive SE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. At the heart of the historic 26-acre estate stands a nineteenth-century mansion filled with the stories of three Cedar Rapids families. Concerts, theater, programs, and tours enliven the site and celebrate the heritage of a community. For more information, call (319) 362-7375 or visit www.brucemore.org.

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