

News and Notes for Historic Homeowners - August, 2009

Insights on Site: Thursday, September 17, 5:00-7:00 p.m.,
Gropius House, 68 Baker Bridge Road, Lincoln, Mass.

Sustainable Design at the Gropius House is a behind-the-scenes tour of the 1938 Gropius House focusing on how famed modern architect Walter Gropius incorporated sustainable features into the house he designed for his family. Learn what green lessons the siting, landscaping, and scale of the house offer today's homeowners and how Gropius adapted this modern house to its New England setting.

This event is free and open only to Historic Homeowner members. To register, contact Sally Zimmerman at szimmerman@historicnewengland.org or call (781) 891-4882, ext. 226. Limited to ten.

Historic Homeowners program in the news

The *Burlington Free Press* of Vermont recently ran an interview with preservation specialist Sally Zimmerman on the Historic Homeowner membership program. If you'd like to see what Vermonters learned about the program, click on <http://www.burlingtonfreepress.com/article/20090704/LIVING03/90703018> to read the article.

Do you remember the Sears catalog? Live in a Sears kit house?

Even if you don't, you may find the recently-launched Sears Archive web site intriguing. The history of this all-American retail institution is revealed in an attractive and informative new online resource. Like the old catalog, it's fun to look through! <http://searsarchives.com> (for kit houses, see the Historic Homes section).

Coming soon! Introduction to New England Architecture

Have you ever wondered what style your house is or what influenced the architectural development of your neighborhood? Wonder no more!

This October, Historic New England will offer an introductory course on the architectural history of New England, presented by senior stewardship manager Joseph Cornish and preservation specialist Sally Zimmerman. The course, which runs for four weeks on Tuesday evenings at the Codman Carriage Barn, Lincoln, Mass., culminates with a "reading your old house" tour of the Codman House on the morning of Saturday, October 31. Attendees are encouraged to bring photos to the class to learn more about the architectural history of their own homes.

For more information, or to register for the course, check the Calendar section of the Historic New England web page at: <http://www.historicnewengland.org/things/calendar/Events.asp>. Historic Homeowner members receive discounted admission.

Take advantage of your Historic Homeowner membership

Please don't hesitate to call or be in touch by email with your questions about maintaining and preserving your "historic home"! Contact: Sally Zimmerman, szimmerman@historicnewengland.org or call (781) 891-4882, ext. 226.