The 2007 Shaker Heights Landmark Commission tour celebrates the quality and distinctive character of Shaker Heights architecture. This year’s 21st annual tour features architectural styles popular beginning in the late 1920’s when the City’s development began. Each of this year’s featured homes represents the region’s “new era” aesthetic, with an eclectic architectural style. The Commission also designates local landmarks, offers educational programs and lattice publications as its mission to preserve the City’s historic resources and character. Through its efforts, two-thirds of the City is now listed on the Register of Historic Places.

18320 Scottsdale Boulevard, 1928 - Fox, Duthie & Foose
This house is of the French-Norman Revival style, was built in 1928, and was designed by the architectural firm Fox, Duthie & Foose. Construction of the house cost an estimated $12,000. James Duthie, a principal in the firm, was the supervising architect for all of the Van Swearingen Master Model Homes. The French-Norman style “developed under the rural conditions in Northern France, expressing the charm of the open country”, and was therefore seen as a valuable architectural style in the newly developing Shaker Village. The steeply pitched slate roof with flared eaves, dormers intersecting the roofline, a tower with a conical roof, and off-white exterior walls are features signature to the French-Norman style. The house was one of ten Master Model Homes built in 1928 on Scottsdale Boulevard, sponsored by the Plain Dealer and the Home Owners’ Service Institute of New York. Master Model Homes were featured in Shaker Heights. It is one of the many Demonstration Homes that were commissioned and constructed by the Van Swearingen Company to give examples of the type and quality of houses that they wanted built in Shaker Heights. The Demonstration Homes were designed by some of the most notable Cleveland architects, such as Phillip Small, Boogood Tuttle, and Howell & Thomas. In 1983 the house was designated a Shaker Heights Landmark, and the historic marker can be found to the left of the front entrance of the house.

18524 Parkland Drive, 1914 - Howell & Thomas
This house was built for the Van Swearingen Company in 1924, and designed by the firm Howell & Thomas in the English Revival style. Built at a cost of $20,000, it is one of the many Demonstration Homes that were commissioned and constructed by the Van Swearingen Company to give examples of the type and quality of houses that they wanted built in Shaker Heights. The Demonstration Homes were designed by some of the most notable Cleveland architects, such as Phillip Small, Boogood Tuttle, and Howell & Thomas. In 1983 the house was designated a Shaker Heights Landmark, and the historic marker can be found to the left of the front entrance of the house. Howell and Thomas designed the house in the English Revival style. The English Eclectic style borrows from the Post Medieval English style that was brought to the American Colonies in the 1600’s and early 1700’s. Architectural details include a side-gabled roof, an end chimney (from the southern tradition), small basement windows with many small panes, and red or white overhang from the roof. Building materials are generally wood, stone, and slate for the roof. The use of stucco, especially with garland ornamentation that never occurred on the original Post Medieval English style, defines it as Eclectic.

The interior of the house has a Tudor Revival influence that mixes with the exterior, in order to be consistent with the character of the house. The Tudor Revival influence is especially evident in the living room and study. The original features include stained wood paneling on the walls, built-in hardwood shelves, and the fireplace mantel and hearth. The leaded windows, hardwood floors, built-in fixtures, and radiators are all original. However, the wallpaper throughout the house is historic looking, but is not original. In contrast to the Tudor Revival, the dining room is Shaker Colonial Revival influence with blue painted walls and white wood paneling. The kitchen has since been remodeled to better suit the needs of the families that live here. Going up the stairway to the second floor, you might notice the original iron railing. In the cream colored children’s bedroom, there is an original stove hearth set on a fireplace hearth, though it has been dismantled today due to safety reasons.

240 Kingsley Road, 1928 - Dunn & Copper Associates
This house was constructed in 1928 at an estimated cost of $12,000. The architect was Dunn & Copper Associates, who designed many houses in Shaker Village’s initial development period in the Early Twentieth Century. The house is of the Colonial Revival style, which is one of the more common architectural styles in Shaker Heights. The style has its origins from the various architectural styles found throughout the American Colonies. Colonial Revival houses tend to have symmetrical facades, shallow roofs, and classical details around the front entrance. The house falls into the Federal Revival subtype of Colonial Revival because of the stone veneer siding, a reverse gabled roof with slate singles, and double-hung windows with shutters on the second floor, which are characteristic of the original Federal Style. The front entrance of this house is decorated with a curved underside pediment on top, with classical style pilasters framing the sides. Inside, the two-story living room, which is decorated in a Georgian style house, contains a Colonial Revival architectural details framing the entrances to the kitchen (classical style entablature) and living room, a keystone at the top of the arched Craftsman style tile floor and staircase to the second floor. The living room has been furnished to create a cozy atmosphere welcoming to guests, with a Georgian Revival entrailed fireplace mantel. The dining room is also of the Georgian Revival style, with white painted wood molding wrapping around the room, with rich red walls, and built-in shelves which are crowned with broken pediment trim. The dining room is also furnished with silver and china that fits with the Georgian style house. The Georgian Revival style of the front entrance, living room, and dining room, the library is of the Tudor Revival style with a central chimney and crossed wood mullioned doors, a dark-colored oilcloth, and a white stucco ceiling. The kitchen area has recently been remodeled to provide modern conveniences for the current homeowners. The second floor is also decorated with Georgian Revival style, evident in the arched window in the stairwell and trim in the bedrooms throughout the floor. The bathroom separating the two great bedrooms is ornately decorated by colored pattern tile popular during the 1920’s and 1930’s. Throughout the house, especially on the second floor, many of the wall/ceiling corners are curved where they come together.

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- Adapted from Peaceful Shaker Village advertisement, 1927

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3. & Chagrin Commercial Area
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