

Parkwood National Historic Site

The Mansion Interiors

The period interiors at Parkwood are a complete representation of early 20th century design and grand estate function. Complete room settings showcase the designers' works and illustrate the lifestyle of the wealthy family as well as the hospitality that they extended to guests. Crystal and china, silver, linens, books, family photographs and memorabilia, needlework and trophies are all preserved and displayed in their original settings. The collection is complete down to the monogrammed linens, creating an impression that the family is still in residence.

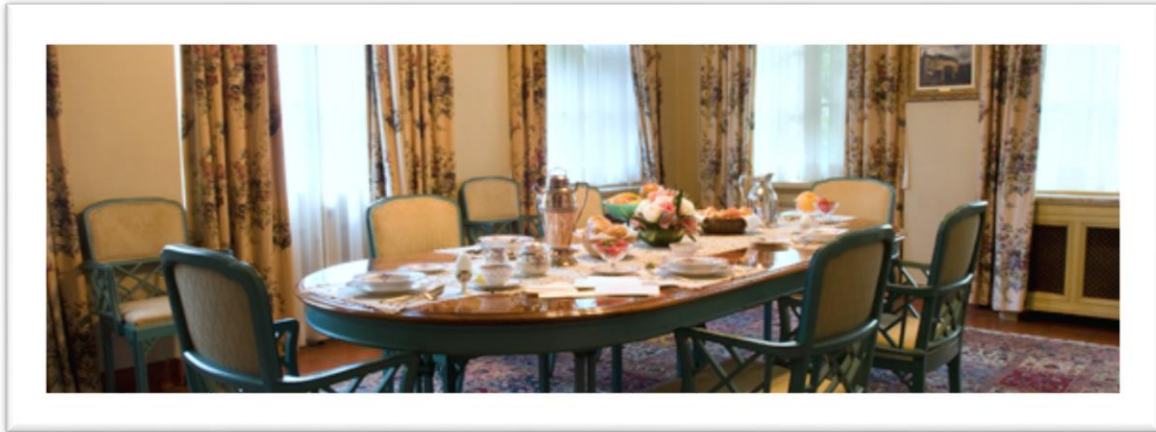


Significant murals adorn the interior, including works by renowned Canadian artists Frederick Challener and Frederick Haines. The hand-painted murals and decorative artwork, sparkling chandeliers, custom furniture designs, European and Canadian fine art, photographs and family mementos are all remarkable.

Interior decorations in the mansion include lavish architectural finishes in carved wood and plaster, decorative plaster ceiling treatments, mantles and fireplaces, marble, tile and wood flooring, and charming architectural novelties such as hidden panels and stairways.

The decorations truly reflect old-world style blending with new-world *art moderne*. The collection includes pieces like Louis XVI furniture, elaborate window treatments, oriental carpets and custom-loomed carpets, ornamental metal

works and decorative clocks, planters and vases and countless objects of original artwork.



Breakfast Room

Visitors today continue to marvel at the quality workmanship and artistic creativity that is demonstrated throughout each room's decorations and furnishings. The Parkwood Foundation and staff take great pride in preserving the inestimable collection for future enjoyment.

