



Friends of Ewing Cultural Center

Ewing Cultural Center

Ewing Cultural Center, which includes Ewing Manor, the Theatre at Ewing, and the Genevieve Green Gardens, is privately owned and operated by the Illinois State University Foundation. The properties serve Illinois State University and the Bloomington/ Normal community through rental of the Manor for business meetings, retreats, and social gatherings; rental of the Manor/Gardens for weddings and other large social events; lease of the Theatre to the Illinois Shakespeare Society for its annual summer productions; and public access to the garden pathways.

Operational and maintenance expenses of such a large facility, especially one built in the late 1920s, are high. Fees generated from rentals are critical to not only pay the monthly bills but also handle large, capital maintenance projects such as slate roof repairs and painting. The properties receive no state or University financial support.

Developing and growing a group of individuals who are interested in the historic preservation of this community landmark and appreciate the extensive gardens available for public enjoyment can assist the limited staff now and help build a strong infrastructure for the future.

Purpose

The Friends of Ewing Cultural Center will:

1. Aid in the financial stability of Ewing Cultural Center;
2. Build the base of support from which private gifts can be generated;
3. Create more opportunities for public events; and
4. Expand the outreach of Ewing Cultural Center and ultimately assist in generating more clients and traffic.

Membership

The Friends of Ewing Cultural Center is open to anyone interested in maintaining, preserving, and growing the properties. Benefits of membership include garden educational programs presented by Ewing staff and incentives for reaching designated levels of volunteer hours.

Ewing staff will regularly coordinate and communicate with members, including informing of specific volunteer opportunities and notifying of special events. Volunteers will schedule the specific times they wish to work in advance with Ewing staff.

Examples of potential volunteer activities include:

1. Assist with seasonal activity such as planting in the Gardens;
2. Water and weed in the Gardens;
3. Greet guests during specific high use days in the Gardens (such as Prom nights, Homecomings, and spring/summer/fall weekends);
4. Develop and staff special events for the public (such as Trick or Treating at the Manor);
5. Prepare the Manor for special events and holidays, including decorating;
6. Serve as docents in the Gardens for group outings;
7. Serve as docents in the Manor for group outings and public tours; and
8. Assist with general maintenance projects and/or cleaning tasks.

For Information

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Volunteers Needed

Please take a moment to complete this form and let us know how you would like to assist in maintaining, preserving, and growing Ewing Manor, Genevieve Green Gardens, and the Theatre at Ewing.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

Email Address _____

Please give us some information that will help us plan volunteer activities. You will determine your own schedule.

Which days of the week are you typically available to volunteer?

Mon Tues Wed Thurs Fri Sat Sun

Do you prefer?

Mornings Afternoons

What types of volunteer activities are you most interested?

Please tell us about any special interests, skills, or talents you have?

If you have other suggestions for volunteer activities please share them with us.

Please return to

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