Frank Packard, Architect

By Nancy Wardwell

Unless you are an Ohio architecture buff or went to Columbus North High School, you may not have heard of Frank Packard, but his works are still prominent on campus, in Columbus, and throughout the Midwest.

Frank Lucius Packard was born in Delaware, Ohio in 1877. At 17 he worked for the Delaware County Engineer. He studied at OSU for a while, then transferred to and graduated from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, returning to Columbus in 1892. He went into business with J.W. Yost, and seven years later he bought out the partnership.

Packard was responsible for numerous outstanding residences but his main focus was on institutional buildings, schools, university buildings, hospitals and courthouses throughout Ohio and West Virginia. His style ranged from Beaux Arts through Richardson Renaissance to Arts and Crafts. He was a pioneer in using local building materials and being in harmony with the landscape. He was often referred to as “America’s foremost institutional architect”.

In Columbus he saw the beauty in developing the Scioto riverfront into a grand civic center for the capitol city. That plan has evolved over time into our Civic Center and Scioto Mile. He was responsible for over 100 buildings in the general Columbus area, but among the most notable are:

- The Atlas Building at 8 East Long Street, seen as one of the early “skyscrapers”.
- The 1906’s Memorial Hall on East Broad. It was built as a community auditorium, known to be the second largest auditorium in the U.S. Later it has housed the first COSI and now various Franklin County Offices.
- The Governor’s Mansion on East Broad that is now home to The Columbus Foundation
- The Seneca Hotel

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FROM: The President

Hi, I’m Shirley Fields McCoy, your new President of OSURA. I’m excited about this opportunity to serve OSURA over the next year as it transitions from one department to another. I believe the theme for my Presidency with OSURA will be “transitions” as it has been in my life.

My first day of retirement was November 1, 2012. I had worked at the Wexner Medical Center for the last 22 ½ years as an RN Nursing Staff Development Specialist in the Nursing Education Department, primarily teaching orientation to nurses and patient care assistants who were joining the staff. Prior to that I had been an Academic Advisor, taught Community Health at the College of Nursing, where I was also a Graduate Teaching Assistant. 1985 began my four years at Riverside Methodist Hospital as a Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist. 1981, I worked four years as an RN at the VA Outpatient Clinic when it opened on Kenny Road. My first position as an RN was for Orient Developmental Center where previously I had been a secretary and nurse aide. So for most of my career I have been an RN, but have transitioned from place to place and had different roles with different populations. I’m still an RN with a license, but have transitioned to an inactive practice. Now my husband tells family and friends, he can’t get sick because his wife retired.

Another transition in my life occurred July 23rd; my only child got married to her Ohio State Sweetheart at the Faculty Club. Amy is the light of my life and it has been a joy to see her transition into a beautiful, mature, caring, and intelligent young woman.

So, I’m retired but ready to handle the next transition in my life and OSURA’s. We’ll have a great year!

Shirley Fields McCoy
President, OSURA Executive Board

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• Columbus Country Club
• The Columbus Club
• The pagoda style Toledo and Ohio Central Railroad building on West Broad, now home to the firefighters’ union
• The Jeffery Mansion
• The Sells Mansion, now for sale, on Goodale Park West
And, of course, Columbus North High School, a landmark in school designs.

On the Ohio State University campus in 1904, Packard laid out the plan for a central area that linked the 15th Street entrance to the University Hall, later to be known as The Oval. Around that oval area he was the architect for the Armory, Hayes Hall, and Orton Hall. The Armory opened in 1889 for Military Science, Men’s and Women’s Physical Education – and was the first home to Ohio State’s Men’s Basketball. The Armory burned in 1958 and is memorialized by the brick turrets in the Wexner Art Complex.

Lord Hall is gone now, but it opened as the home to the School of Mining and Ceramics. You will recall that Lord Hall had a unique orientation to later buildings. In Packard’s plan he had seen a diagonal road from the eastern part of campus to the “new” athletic fields near Woodruff and Lane.

Packard’s extensive architectural work, with over 3400 buildings to his credit, dot the landscape of central Ohio. More information can be found online, but the richest source is a 2008 article by Denison University’s Anthony J. Lisska, which leaves us with one more exquisite example of Packard’s work— the Granville Inn. The inn has been carefully restored and has recently reopened. While it was designed as a traditional English inn and tavern, it is built of stone quarried very near by.
Welcome New Retirees

Elizabeth E. Askue  
Student Health Services

Debra A. Blickensderfer  
Philosophy

Julie A. Bonfini  
Athletics

Holly J. Cattrell  
James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute

Maria T. Colter  
Wexner Medical Center

Jerry L. Curtis  
Newark Campus

Thomas M. Darkes  
Facilities Operations and Development

Janelle M. Duncan  
Veterinary Medicine

Lucia F. Dunn  
Economics

Phillis A. Gerchmez  
James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute

Cynthia L. Hatfield  
Chemistry and Biochemistry

Margaret A. Hickle-Grimm  
Wexner Medical Center

Anna M. Hoffman  
Student Life Disability Services

Andrew Hudgins  
English

Eugene Jones  
Agricultural, Environmental and Development Economics

Lindsay R. Jones  
Comparative Studies

John W. Langkals  
Physics

Barbara J. Martin  
Wexner Medical Center

Barbara J. McGovern  
Mansfield Campus

Robert J. McMahon  
Office of International Affairs

Cynthia J. Miller  
James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute

Douglas A. Nelson  
Evolution, Ecology and Organismal Biology

Betty A. Oberlander  
Wexner Medical Center

Corso Padova  
Engineering

Nancy K. Palnik  
Harding Hospital

James C. Patterson  
Facilities Operations and Development

Mechelle M. Payne  
Student Life Environmental Services

Gary S. Phillips  
Biomedical Informatics

Barbara H. Roberts  
Health Sciences Library

Alvin C. Rodack  
Business and Finance

Timmy A. Ross  
Facilities Operations and Development

Cynthia L. Selfe  
English

Richard J. Selfe  
Study and Teaching of Writing

Diane J. Sheets  
Nursing

Charles R. Smith  
Facilities Operations and Development

Normand R. St-Pierre  
Animal Sciences

Hanumantha R. Unnava  
Marketing and Logistics

Lane J. Wallace  
Pharmacy

Tracy L. Willcoxon  
Facilities Operations and Development
Calendar of Events

For events marked “REGISTRATION REQUIRED,” send email to osura@osu.edu (preferred method), or call 614-292-2916. See pages 12 and 13 in the OSURA Directory or the OSURA website for “Travel and Event Policies and Procedures” for additional information.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

August 2 
Benefits Committee 
**Time/Place:** 9 a.m., Longaberger Alumni House, 2200 Olentangy River Road

August 9 
Board Meeting 
**Time/Place:** 9 a.m., Northwood-High Building, 2231 N. High Street

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

August 23 (Tuesday) 
Tertulia Breakfast 
Join fellow OSURA members and friends for breakfast and conversation. 
**Time/Place:** 8 a.m., OSU Faculty Club 
**Cost:** On your own 
**Arranger:** Jerry Dare (Tertulia Breakfast SIG)

August 24 (Wednesday) 
Bridge Group 
Join us. There is no membership fee and it costs only 25 cents for prizes the day you play. Come enjoy the fellowship, and have fun playing a good game of bridge in air-conditioned comfort. 
**Time/Place:** 1 p.m., Friendship Village of Dublin, North CR 
**Arranger:** Steve Miller (Bridge Group SIG)

August 25 (Thursday) 
Lunch Bunch: BalletMet Season Preview 
REGISTRATION REQUIRED 
Graceful. Beautiful. Colorful. Athletic. These words are much used to describe performances by Columbus’s Ballet Met. Sue Porter, Executive Director of Ballet Met and Lisa Perks, Director of Development will talk about Ballet Met and what the next season will offer. Here is your opportunity to ask questions and understand why the ballet is a great cultural asset to our community. 
**Time/Place:** 11:15 a.m., MCL Cafeteria, Kingsdale 
**Cost:** On your own, order through cafeteria line starting at 11:15 a.m., program begins at approximately 12 noon. 
**Registration Deadline:** August 22 
**Arrangers:** Phyllis Carroll, Rai Goerler, and Elenore Zeller (Social Committee)

August Photo Society 
No meeting until Thursday, September 8th 
**Arranger:** Lawrence Kennedy (Photographic Society SIG)

August Walking/Hiking Group 
No planned walk until September. This gives you time to work on your walking goals. 
**Arranger:** Hallan Noltimier (Walking/Hiking SIG)

August Book Club 
While the OSURA Book Club is on summer hiatus until September 21st, why not start reading our first book in the new reading year — Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania by Erik Larson. What enormous consequences followed the sinking of this one ship? 
**Arranger:** Lee Hill (Book Club SIG)

August Dinner Series 
No event until we reconvene on September 22 for another year of great programs. 
**Arranger:** Howard Gauthier (Dinner Series SIG)

SPECIAL EVENTS

August 17 (Wednesday) 
OSURA Annual Meeting 
REGISTRATION REQUIRED 
Please join us for the OSURA Annual Business Meeting. We will review last year’s accomplishments and introduce our new officers. Our main purpose will be to vote on both the new OSURA Constitution that acknowledges our new relationship with the Alumni Association and the updated OSURA Bylaws. 
**Schedule:** 8:30 a.m. – Continental Breakfast 
9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. – Business Meeting 
11:30 a.m. – Tour of the Longaberger Alumni House 
**Location:** OSU Longaberger Alumni House, 2200 Olentangy River Road 
**Parking:** Free 
**Arranger:** OSURA Executive Board

August 18 (Thursday) 
Exploring Springfield 
Springfield, OH 
Challenge Level 2 
REGISTRATION REQUIRED 
We will be touring the Frank Lloyd Wright’s Westcott House which is the only prairie-style home in Ohio; the Pennsylvania House, built in 1839, known as the end of the Historic National Road; and the Heritage Center, built in 1890 which recounts history of America’s heartland. 
**Meet by:** 8 a.m. back parking lot at Kohl’s, 3360 Olentangy River Road 
**Return:** 5:30 p.m. 
**Cost:** $67; includes admissions, tours, lunch, motor coach transportation, snacks and tips 
**Registration Deadline:** August 12 
**Arrangers:** Jessica Pritchard, Pat James, and Shirley Flowers (Travel Committee)

CHALLENGE LEVELS

1 Light — may include a few stairs. 
2 Moderate — may include a few sets of stairs. 
3 Moderate + — may include climbing many stairs and/or uneven terrain. 
4 High — may include lots of walking, climbing stairs, hilly walkways and/or extended weather exposure.
August 26 (Friday)
Da Vinci – The Genius and 30 Americans
Cincinnati Museum Center and Museum of Art
REGISTRATION CLOSED
Meet by: 8:15 a.m. back parking lot at Kohl's, 3360 Olentangy River Road
Return: approx. 7:30 p.m.
Arranger: Odette Blum (Cultural Arts Committee)

September 27 (Tuesday)
OSURA Gallery Hop
Short North
Challenge Level 2
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Join members to visit three Short North galleries within a block of each other. Gallery reps will talk about their galleries and exhibited artists. Refreshments at each stop!
Meet by: 11:15 a.m. at Hammond-Harkins Gallery, 641 N. High Street
Return: Hop will end at approximately 1:30 at Joseph Editions Gallery, 17 W. Russell Street
Cost: $5; includes gallery talks, crudite, light lunch, dessert, water, wine and coffee
Registration Deadline: September 19; checks due by September 23
Arranger: Les Benedict (Cultural Arts Committee)

October 20 (Thursday)
Rock & Roll Hall of Fame and Christmas Story House/Museum
Cleveland
Challenge Level 2
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Learn the history of the best-known and influential artists, engineers, producers and other notable figures who have major influence on the development of rock and roll. (rockhall.com.) See the original props, costumes and memorabilia from the film Christmas Story as well as hundreds of rare behind-the-scenes photos. (achristmasstoryhouse.com)
Meet by: 7:30 a.m. back parking lot at Kohl's, 3360 Olentangy River Road
Return: approx. 7 p.m.
Cost: $92; includes admission tickets, lunch, motor coach transportation, snacks and tips
Registration Deadline: September 20
Arrangers: Bruce Wylie and Alabelle Zghoul (Travel Committee)

The OSURA Book Club—Indulge Yourself With Us—We’re Easy!

- No dues—we’re cheap!
- No book reports—thank goodness!
- Probably won’t read or finish the book?—join the crowd!
- Can’t attend meetings—no problem! Some members I’ve never seen, but the relationship continues onward just fine.
- Can’t host a meeting?—that’s OK! We always meet at the same time, same place, with ample parking at my condominium’s party house.
- No money for books?—isn’t the free library system wonderful? We only choose books available from it.
- Poor eyesight—our books come on audio CDs, in large print, and in digital formats where you can adjust the print size.
- No e-mail?—so what! Lee is so old fashioned that she likes to use Ma Bell and the US Mail to keep in contact.

No more Excuses! Join today!

Contact Lee Hill (SIG leader)
Phone: (614) 459-4743
e-mail: hill.30@osu.edu

Barbara Nelson and a new friend from the zoo
Great food, friends AND the zoo at the OSURA Summer picnic!
Ohio State President Michael V. Drake to Serve as Keynote Speaker

The Ohio State University Retirees Association is delighted to announce that President Michael V. Drake, MD, will serve as the keynote speaker for OSURA’s annual fall conference, taking place on September 13, 2016, at the Fawcett Center.

Dr. Drake’s service in higher education spans nearly four decades and includes senior leadership roles at universities and national organizations dedicated to advancing education. As the 15th president of The Ohio State University, Dr. Drake has overseen records in student applications, fundraising and graduation rates; hired a new leader for the University’s renowned medical center; celebrated six national championships in athletics; and launched a $400 million initiative to lower the cost and improve the value of an Ohio State education.

An alumnus of Stanford University and the University of California, San Francisco, Dr. Drake is an elected member of the National Academy of Medicine and the American Academy of Arts & Sciences and serves on the board of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. He helps lead five national groups whose work broadly aligns with the University’s vision and agenda: the Association of American Universities, Association of Public and Land-grant Universities, University Innovation Alliance, American Talent Initiative and National Collegiate Athletic Association.

During his keynote address, Dr. Drake will discuss his vision for Ohio State, which focuses on access, affordability and excellence, with an emphasis on groundbreaking research and modern and effective teaching. Other focus areas include deepening the University’s commitment to community engagement and advancing inclusive excellence and diversity. Dr. Drake will also address how OSURA, its members and the more than 530,000 Buckeye alumni across the globe are vital to the continued success of the University.

In Memoriam

Jerry L. Allen
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Kent W. Burgert
June 15 | OSU Golf Course, 64

Emily Brown-Ward
July 16, 2015 | OSU Extension, 80

George Mason Clark
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Cleora Ann Ingles
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LaDonna Shives
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Patricia Ann “Patt” Stewart
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Raymond H. Wehner
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Joseph Michael Zag
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On behalf of the board of OWLS (Older Wiser Lifelong Scholars), OSURA members are invited to join other friendly and inquisitive “senior scholars” in an exciting lineup of classes offered during the month of October. The 21st annual OWLS School will be held October 3–October 25, 2016 at the Westminster-Thurber Retirement Community, 717 Neil Ave., Columbus, Ohio, 43215. A series of seven classes is offered annually, based on specific themes, and are open to all senior adults. Participants may sign up for just one class or up to all seven classes, as desired. Instructors are chosen for expertise in their fields as well as their teaching skill.

Course fees are reasonable, at $25 per course, with each course consisting of four 2-hour sessions (eight hours each); each course has its own time slot to avoid overlap; all courses are scheduled during the day to avoid night driving; Westminster-Thurber is centrally located and easy to reach, with ample free parking; delicious and affordable buffet lunches are available for purchase on a pre-paid basis on class days. Attendance averages 300 each year.

This year’s classes are:

- **Get Up, Stand Up: Protest Music Heard Around the World**
  (Dr. Kimberlee Goodman, Otterbein University)

- **Why did it Take Women So Long to Win the Vote and What Difference Did it Make?**
  (Dr. Susan Hartman, The Ohio State University)

- **The Golden Age of Islam: Visions, Innovations and Interactions in the Sciences and the Arts**
  (Dr. Youssef Yacoubi, The Ohio State University)

- **A Retrospective of Past Presidents in a Presidential Election Year**
  (Dr. Greg Ferro, Pennsylvania State University)

- **Museums & Visual Arts in Columbus**
  (Dr. Carole Genshaft, The Columbus Museum of Art; Lyn Logan-Grimes, The Elijah Pierce Gallery of the King Arts Center; Tracie McCambridge, The Wexner Center for the Arts; David Butler, The Pizzuti Collection)

- **Greasepaint & Wigs: A Practical Guide to Columbus Theater**
  (Edward Carignan, Short North Stage; Stacie Boord, Shadowbox Live; Joe Bishara, CATCO; Lisa Napier-Garcia and Berkley Biggs, Little Theatre Off Broadway)

- **Books Morphed into Movies**
  (Steven Hunt, The Ohio State University)

To obtain a full class schedule and registration form, contact David Robinson at (614) 580-3458, or go to the Westminster-Thurber website at www.westminsterthurber.org and search for “OWLS 2016”. Registration deadline is September 16. Classes fill quickly, so please do not delay.

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**To Your Health**

U.S. getting happier, but Scandinavians have lock on good cheer

You may be happy to hear that the United States is inching its way up on the world happiness scale. But Denmark is still “smiles” above us as the happiest nation.

The UN’s World Happiness Report 2016 Update lists the U.S. as the 13th happiest country. That’s two spots ahead of last year. Holding steady in the top five are:

1. Denmark
2. Switzerland
3. Iceland
4. Norway
5. Finland

The researchers found people are happier in places where folks spread good cheer evenly. So despite the cold, Scandinavians have warmed up to sharing their happiness. Their societies boast strong safety nets, which seem to boost happiness.

Happiness measures may mean better public policy

Though the topic may seem lighthearted, it’s no joke. Societies worldwide are paying attention to data on happiness and well-being. It helps them embrace policies that support better lives. And researchers say measuring happiness tells them more about how well a society lives than other factors, such as income and education.

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**Lunch Bunch ALERT**

We’re starting up earlier this year! **August 25 at Kingsdale MCL**

Catch up on the latest with Ballet Met. **Be There!**
145th Academic Year at The Ohio State University

Move In Day ................................................. August 20
Autumn Semester Classes begin .................. August 23
Last day of classes ......................................... December 7
Autumn Commencement .............................. December 18

Enrollment on Main Campus is 58,663
• Undergraduates represent 69 countries

6,978 New Freshmen – 70% are Ohio residents

Ohio State provides:
• 12,000 courses
• 15 Colleges
• 200 Majors
• 278 Graduate Programs
• 7 Professional degrees

Estimated tuition for the Academic Year, Undergraduate:
• Ohio Residents - $10,037 | Nonresidents - $27,365
• Room and Board - $11,666