

GREAT WESTERN ARCHITECTS

Learning Unlimited Fall 2015 Lecture Series

Thursdays, October 22 to December 10, 2015, 10:00 A.M. to 12 Noon
Fairfield Seniors' Centre, 80 Lothian Avenue, Etobicoke,
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Coordinator and Presenter

Marta O'Brien has been an architectural historian for over twenty years. She develops and teaches courses covering the architecture of Toronto, North America and Western Europe for the University of Toronto's School of Continuing Studies. Through her company, *Citywalks*, Marta presents tours and lectures for historical societies, cultural organizations and private groups.

Course Overview

Even today we see the influence of architects from as long ago as the 1500's. This course examines the lives and buildings of some of the West's greatest architects, men who designed iconic buildings and influenced generations. Aided by hundreds of images, we will discuss the buildings designed by these architects and their disciples.

Course Outline

October 22 Andrea Palladio (1508-1580) There is probably no other architect whose work has been so widely imitated for so long, in palaces, public buildings and churches. Yet his most lasting legacy is in house design. Even in 21st-century Toronto, you can find new homes incorporating his ideas.

October 29 Sir Christopher Wren (1632-1723) He began as a great astronomer and scientist, and became a self-taught architect. Since almost all of his commissions were from the Crown or the Church, his buildings include many landmarks.

November 5 Richard Norman Shaw (1831-1912) The most influential and successful of the late Victorian architects, he helped develop the Old English and Queen Anne Revival styles, which became so popular in the United States and Canada.

November 12 H.H. (Henry Hobson) Richardson (1838-1886) A genius with stone, he was the first American architect to develop a style whose influence spread beyond America, and found many followers in Toronto.

November 19 C.F.A. (Charles Francis Annesley) Voysey (1857-1941) Voysey was a successful and influential designer of country houses. His work is also important as a link between the Arts and Crafts and Modern movements.

November 26 Louis H. Sullivan (1856-1924) and Frank Lloyd Wright (1867-1959) Sullivan had tremendous influence on skyscraper design. Wright called him "Beloved Master". In his 70-year career, the flamboyant Wright designed hundreds of revolutionary buildings.

December 3 Le Corbusier (Charles-Edouard Jeanneret) (1887-1966) A Swiss-born architect, urban planner, writer and theorist, whose startling white houses and shocking urban plans made him a leader of the Modern Movement. For good or ill, his buildings and writings influenced many others.

December 10 Ludwig Mies Van der Rohe (1886-1969) Considered one of the 20th century's greatest architects, he was known for his precision and attention to detail, and his dedication to open, flexible spaces within buildings.

Researcher and Chair: Loretta Fines

Registration: \$35.00 per person, per course

