

# Cream of the Cream City Awards



## FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT WISCONSIN HERITAGE TOURISM PROGRAM, INC.



### AMERICAN SYSTEM BUILT HOMES MODEL TWO FLAT "C"

2733-2734 WEST BURNHAM STREET  
FULL HOUSE RESTORATION

Not many people realize that the row of American Systems Built Houses on Burnham Street is the largest contiguous grouping of Frank Lloyd Wright-designed houses in the world. Four of the six dwellings are duplexes. As a follow-up to the successful restoration of the single family house at 2714 West Burnham the non-profit Frank Lloyd Wright Wisconsin Heritage Tourism Program, Inc. decided to showcase the restoration of one of the duplexes it acquired in 2007.

The duplex, deteriorating for years, underwent forensic testing to determine the original stucco texture and appearance and original colors. Pressed metal fascia trim pieces were reproduced using the original designs. The cantilevered front porch was rebuilt with new engineering so that it wouldn't continue to sag. A new roof was installed. The rear sleeping porches were reopened. All of the work was conducted under the expert guidance of Uihlein Wilson Architects.



rebuilt cantilevered porch (left)



cut-away revealing original materials

The work that Frank Lloyd Wright Wisconsin Heritage Tourism has done has begun to re-energize the neighborhood. Tour groups come regularly from all parts of the globe to study Wright's designs here and local residents are seeing their neighborhood in a new light. Turning around a

situation where private owners were unable to restore or even appreciate their unique asset, the dedicated group of volunteers committed to Wright's legacy has made a difference for all Milwaukeeans and Wisconsinites alike.



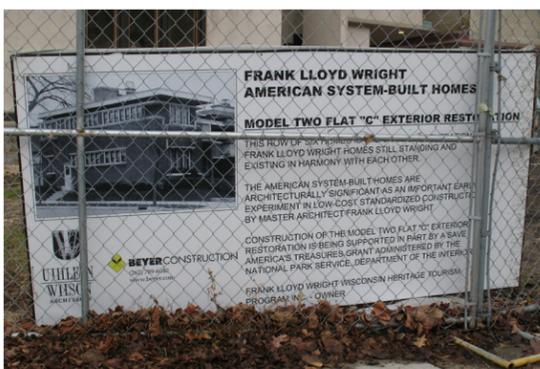
restored rear porches



fascia before



fascia after



on-site project overview sign



1931 photo of block

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