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**LANDMARK SOCIETY HOUSE & GARDEN TOUR:
LIVING ON THE HILLTOPS: HIGHLAND HEIGHTS AND HIGHLAND
AVENUE EAST**

ROCHESTER, NY May 10, 2015 —This year The Landmark Society of Western New York will take you to the top—the top of the Pinnacle Range for the 45th annual House and Garden Tour. The popular event is set for Saturday, June 6 and Sunday, June 7, 2015 and runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

One of the area's most prominent geological features, Pinnacle Range is a linear series of hills and knobs that extends from the Genesee River to Winton Road, including Mt. Hope, Pinnacle and Cobbs Hill. "It's one of the rare Rochester locations where you can enjoy homes in a hilltop setting," said Cindy Boyer, Landmark Society Director of Public Programs.

The tour includes something for fans of all types of architecture in eight homes on the south side of Cobbs Hill including homes on Highland Avenue, Highland Heights and Cobbs Hill Drive.

Highland Heights is a cluster of homes designed as a private enclave at the top of the hill. Two buildings there will be open including a spectacular Claude Bragdon-designed home.

Several homes on Highland Avenue and Cobbs Hill Drive will appeal to fans of the Tudor revival.

An amazing colonial revival home is reminiscent of 18th century Georgian manor homes in the tidewater area of Virginia.

For fans of midcentury modern the tour includes a great architect designed home built in 1950.



Ticket booklet provides a map, descriptions of the house, and admission to each home for one visit. Tour-goers may go in any order – at their own pace – and can even choose to visit some houses on Saturday and others on Sunday.

Tour headquarters will be in St. Thomas' Episcopal Church at 2000 Highland Avenue, a wonderful early 20th century Gothic Revival building. The church commissioned Pike Stained Glass to design, create and install 35 stained glass windows. Valerie O'Hara, owner and designer at Pike Stained Glass, will be on hand from noon to 2 pm each day to answer questions.

This year's event will feature a Pre-Tour Talk on Thursday, June 4th at 7 p.m. at St Thomas' Episcopal Church— "The UNnatural History of Cobbs Hill: How humans have shaped and reshaped beautiful Cobbs Hill." The talk is FREE to ticket holders – present ticket at the talk, or pick up pre-ordered ticket that evening. Tour tickets may also be purchased that evening (if not sold out) or admission for the talk only is \$5.

Tour tickets will be available after May 12. Advance tickets for Landmark Society members are \$18, available only directly from The Landmark Society on our website at www.landmarksociety.org or by calling (585) 546-7029 x11. The nonmember advance price is \$22, and may be purchased from the Landmark Society or at Parkleigh, corner of Park Avenue and Goodman Street. On the days of the tour, tickets for all will be \$25, if the event is not sold out.

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About The Landmark Society: *The Landmark Society of Western New York, Inc. is one of the oldest and most active preservation organizations in America, serving nine Western New York counties. Formed in 1937, The Landmark Society continues to protect the unique architectural heritage of our region and promote preservation and planning principles that foster healthy and sustainable communities. For additional information about The Landmark Society, visit www.landmarksociety.org. The Landmark Society is supported in part by New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature.*