

**ABOUT THE TOUR** The walking tour of the Sherman Hill neighborhood offers a unique opportunity to see gardens and the interior of the homes, condominiums, apartments and buildings in one of Des Moines oldest neighborhoods. Property owners provide personal tours detailing renovation

projects to preserve these historic structures. Guests will enjoy the unique mix of Victorian, Queen Anne, Italianate, Turn-of-the-Century, Row and Double houses, Stick Style, Flemish, 20th Century Commercial and a modern structure throughout the Sherman Hill Historic District.

## PLACES OF INTEREST

**A. Studio Virtu** 697 19th Street  
Open between 11 to 4, stop by and visit their store or enroll for an art class to learn how to use a variety of media to create your own masterpiece. Shop their gift boutique for artisan inspired jewelry, homegoods, or unique gifts. Virtu means "a curious collection of art" and that's exactly what you will find. [studiovirtu.com](http://studiovirtu.com)

**B. Classic Hats for Men**  
654 19th Street  
Open Saturday and Sunday from 9 to 1 or by appointment; visit this fine gentleman's haberdashery for a great selection of men's hats (and you will find selections for the ladies also). [classichatsformen.com](http://classichatsformen.com)

**C. Vines to Wines** 684 20th Street  
Visit this unique winery and shop or enroll in a class to make your own special wine. Check out their latest schedule and offerings at [vinestowinesDM.com](http://vinestowinesDM.com).

## FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS

**D. A Dong** 1511 High Street  
Visitors rate A Dong 4 to 4 ½ stars. If you like Vietnamese food, A Dong is the best in Des Moines. Open for lunch or dinner. [adongrestaurant.com](http://adongrestaurant.com)

**E. Gateway Market**  
2002 Woodland Avenue Gateway is a fun place to eat, shop and just hang out. Make a stop at this lively café for breakfast, lunch or dinner. [gatewaymarket.com](http://gatewaymarket.com)

**F. Tay Dogs** 1510 Center Street  
Sunday, Sept. 18th 12pm-2pm ONLY Stop and enjoy the finest hot dogs and other yummy fare, including vegan options.

## G. Music on afternoons of tour:

Wallace House, 756 16th Street  
Saturday, Sept 17 Krista Haugland  
Sunday, Sept 18 Low Plains Drifters  
Saturday, Sept 24 Ortonville Circus  
Sunday, Sept 25 Jodi Stanfield

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**1501 Woodland Ave. Hoyt Sherman Place**

**1877 Italianate mansion**  
Originally built by Hoyt Sherman, a prominent Des Moines businessman, as his residence. Today Hoyt Sherman Place is home to the Des Moines Women's Club who built the adjacent art gallery in 1907 and auditorium in 1923.



**756 16th Street The Wallace Centers of Iowa**

**1883 Italianate cottage** The Wallace family helped to establish the worldwide reputation of Iowa's agricultural heritage. "Uncle" Henry and Nancy Wallace resided in this home beginning in 1892. Their grandson was Henry A. Wallace, Vice President under Franklin D. Roosevelt and founder of Pioneer Seed Corn.



**H&H Grocery (Green & Main I) Condominiums Indigo Dawn, LLC.**

**1880 brick small commercial**  
One of the few remaining corner grocery store buildings left in Sherman Hill. Abandoned in the 1990s, the building has recently been rehabilitated into a Women's Health Center on the first floor and condo on the second floor.



**1911 Pleasant Street Ray & Kathy New**

**1895 brick Craftsman Double House**  
The original owners lived on 19th Street and built this double house as a wedding gift for their two sons. This finished double house stands in contrast to the previous double house where preservation work was not begun.



**710 18th Street Mary Kay Frasier**

**1894 wood Victorian cottage**  
Originally built by F. G. Moffitt, total rehabilitation began in 2014. The rehabilitation has preserved the exterior, what little remained of the interior trim and many character defining features while marring them with ultra-modern finishes.



**1041 8th Street, Chet Guinn**

**1907 brick fire house No. 4**  
Although not located in the Sherman Hill neighborhood, this lovingly renovated fire house has been converted into an imaginative home and is an amazing historic property. Tour a historic building that was close to demolition before it was purchased and re-imagined.

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**1620 Pleasant Street Robert W. Mickle Neighborhood Resource Center**

**1961 Mid-Century Modern**  
Originally built as the Iowa Jewish Nursing Home for the Aged, the Neighborhood Investment Corporation (NIC) purchased the property from Polk County in 2001 for \$1. Developed into an incubator for small not-for-profit organizations and for-profit business, the center is working to open a new shared-use community kitchen in the lower level.



**805 18th Street Mary Noss Reavely**

**1896 farm house**  
This early residence was moved to its present location probably about the turn of the 19th Century. The huge central fireplace with ball-and-stick screens give a hint to its early life as a farm house.



**729 19th Street Chaden Halfhill**

**1880 & 1897, brick Victorian Double House**  
Little is known about who built this house originally. Recently vacated, the double house is an example of architectural design once common in urban Des Moines in the late 19th Century. Three double houses on 19th street are a remnant of hundreds of similar structures that once existed.



**693 19th Street, Rally Cap "Properties" Ryan Francois & Michael Donlin**

**1888 Victorian**  
Built originally as a rental property by Manassah Sheurman it was an early home to Edward H. Jones, whose family founded the Jones Piano Company, the prominent piano company in Iowa until the 1920s. This is the first time the home has been open for the tour and rehab has been limited to de-construction.



**722 18th Street Lowell Apartment Building**

**1922 Brick apartment building**  
Typical of larger apartments built after WWI with careful detail for the entry to visually attract a passerby, central stair and ornate stained glass window. The building has two apartments on each floor with layouts reminiscent of a standalone home.



**658 17th Street Lindsay & Anders Hagberg**

**1895 Queen Anne**  
This house has undergone a full renovation since 2013. It is a testimony to hard work and preservation turning a once deteriorated property into a contributing structure to the Sherman Hill Historic District.

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**1902 Woodland Ave. Hillside Condominium**

**Saturday only: Apt. #201, Lauren Butaric Sunday only: Apt. #101, Michele Slawson**  
**1902, Brick apartment building**

Purchased by the Sherman Hill Association in 1993 to save it from demolition, the building was rehabilitated into condos and sold in 2005. The floor plan is similar to many other brick apartment buildings in the neighborhood.



**1821 High Street Craig & Bethany Crile**

**2014 Residential Urban infill**  
The home features a unique stair-case constructed with laminated wood treads supported by a crib of 2x6 fir. The second floor includes 2 bedrooms, full bath, laundry, and storage room. On the third floor is a small bar area just inside the south-facing rooftop deck with tremendous view of downtown. The master suite also lies at the top of the stairs with walk-in closet, full bath and vaulted ceilings



**728 20th Street, Anthony Horvath**

**1895 Edwardian Double House and garden**  
This double house had been split into eight apartments when gutted by fire in the late 1980s. Anthony purchased the building in 1993, continuing renovation started by a previous owner incorporating architectural salvage from various sources throughout the area. The side yard was purchased and developed into a stunning garden in 1998..

**Tour begins at Hoyt Sherman (#1) 1501 Woodlawn**

