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CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENT

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Bungalows By Bus Tours Highlight Historic Homes, Neighborhoods *North and South Side Tours Available*

What: Bungalows By Bus Tours
When: South Side: Sunday, May 11th (9am)
North Side: Sunday, June 8th (9am)
Where: Tours depart from Chicago Architecture Foundation, 224 S. Michigan Ave.
Cost: \$30 for members of the Historic Chicago Bungalow Association
and Chicago Architecture Foundation; \$35 for non-members
Reservations: Recommended. Call (312) 902-1500 to reserve a seat

CHICAGO –The Historic Chicago Bungalow Association and Chicago Architecture Foundation will once again celebrate the City’s ubiquitous bungalows with “Bungalows By Bus” tours late this spring. The two bus tours will again highlight the historical and cultural significance – both in the past and present – of the more than 80,000 homes that make up Chicago’s famed “Bungalow Belt.”

The **South Tour on Sunday, May 11th** will wind through McKinley Park, Gage Park, Chatham, the South Park Manor Historic District, and also highlight the energy-efficient Green Bungalows in the Chicago Lawn and Auburn Gresham neighborhoods. The **North Tour on Sunday, June 8th** will showcase homes in Ravenswood Manor, the Villa, Portage Park, Galewood, the Schorsch-Irving Park Garden Historic District, and the Historic Wrightwood community.

Each four-hour tour will begin at 9 a.m. and be conducted by docents from the Chicago Architecture Foundation who will provide commentary on the history of the homes and neighborhoods.

“Together with the Chicago Architecture Foundation, we are excited to once again offer our widely-popular Bungalow tours,” said Annette Conti, Executive Director of the HCBA. “Our goal with these tours is to highlight the Bungalow Belt neighborhoods as an excellent destination for families, especially in a difficult housing market.”

Walk-ins are available if space permits, but these tours often reach the 50-person capacity quickly, so reservations are encouraged. The cost for each tour is \$30 for members of the Chicago Architecture Foundation and the Historic Bungalow Association and \$35 for non-members. Call the Chicago Architecture Foundation at 312.922.3432 or visit www.architecture.org for more information or to make reservations.

The Bungalow Initiative was launched in 2000 as an effort to preserve the City’s architecturally significant bungalows, which comprise nearly one-third of the single-family housing in Chicago. Since then, over 8,500 bungalows have been certified and more than 2,000 families have received grants and vouchers assisting them with restoration.

The Chicago bungalow is the 1 ½-story single-family brick home that dominates many of the City’s distinct neighborhoods, called the Bungalow Belt. Built more than 75 years ago, these historic homes can be preserved and modernized for today’s lifestyles and energy needs. The Bungalow Initiative ensures that bungalow owners have the tools and resources necessary to restore their historic homes.

If you have any questions or want more information, please call the HCBA at 312-642-9900 or visit www.chicagobungalow.org.

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