



Twin Cities Tour of Homes, hosted by the Fairfield County Heritage Association

11-5 pm, June 29 & 30, rain or shine

14 properties on tour

\$15 in advance; \$20 tour weekend; \$6 for students 5-18

Visit historic Baltimore, Ohio, for “The Twin Cities Tour of Homes” June 29 and 30, the 51st tour hosted by the Fairfield County Heritage Association.

Fourteen sites – including seven homes – will be open for touring from the former rival towns of Basil and Baltimore, which consolidated in 1947. The tour runs from 11-5 both days, rain or shine, and several stops are within easy walking distance of each other.

The buildings date from the 1820s to the 1920s, including Greek Revival, Colonial Revival, Victorian, and Arts and Craft styles.

One home was moved in three pieces over three acres of farmland and a creek bed to its new site outside Baltimore. Another home was a Sears Craftsman Catalog house that features built-in bookcases, a china closet and window seats of oak. Yet another was purchased at sheriff sale and was made into a B&B and event center.

The Basil and Baltimore opera houses are also on tour. The Victoria Opera House in Baltimore is open for performances even as it undergoes restoration and houses village offices in its lower level. Basil’s former opera house, built by the Knights of Pythias in 1902, is now a spectacular home that has been featured twice on HGTV.

Members of the Basil Garden Club, the oldest garden club in Ohio, as well as the Central Ohio China Painters Guild will have displays and demonstrations at historic Griley House.

Tickets are \$15 in advance; \$20 tour weekend; \$6 for students 5-18. All proceeds benefit the Fairfield County Heritage Association, a nonprofit organization that owns and operates the Sherman House and Georgian museums in Lancaster; champions historic preservation; and provides educational programming.

Tour details are available at www.fairfieldheritage.com. Advance tickets may be purchased at:

- * www.fairfieldheritage.com
- * the Sherman House Museum
- * the Georgian Museum
- * Fairfield National Bank’s downtown office and its branches in Baltimore and Meijer.

Tour weekend, tickets may be purchased at

- * Griley House, 209 E. Market St., Baltimore
- * Old Basil Firehouse, Market & High streets, Baltimore
- * The Nielsen Home, 3316 Leonard Road NW, Baltimore.