



PRESENTS

FROM PROSPERITY TO PEACE: THE STORY OF ELM COURT IN WEST AKRON

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FREE EVENT

THURSDAY, APRIL 18 | 6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

OUR LADY OF THE ELMS THEATER
AKRON, OHIO

This event is open to the public. Cars should use the 1290 West Market Street Entrance. Parking is in the lower lot. Use Door #8 and the presentation will be in the Upper (High) School Theater. If you have questions, please contact historicakron@gmail.com.

Elm Court, the stately mansion built in 1912 by Howard Van Doren Shaw for BF Goodrich Vice President Arthur Hudson Marks, has a long and storied history. It is nestled on 33 acres in West Akron and has been home to the Akron Sisters of St. Dominic (now the Dominican Sisters of Peace) and Our Lady of the Elms School for the past 100 years. Although Marks' time was limited at Elm Court, its architecture, still largely unchanged, is a prime example of an Italian Renaissance Revival style. The Dominican Sisters made few changes to the mansion over their 100 years of occupancy as it served as the first school, as well as home to more than 400 Sisters. Elm Court, built during an industrious period in Akron's history is, in itself, a testament to the prosperity of the rubber industry and its reimagination as a school for young women during a time when women's education was not at the forefront of society.