

Benefit Will Build on Sullivan Exhibit

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If renowned architect Louis H. Sullivan were alive today, he'd probably enjoy the party and exhibit to be held in his honor tomorrow at Architectural Artifacts on the North Side.

More than 50 pieces of Sullivan-designed elements from historical buildings will be on display tomorrow



Lyman Shepard

through Aug. 31 at the store, 4325 N. Ravenswood. To get things started, the Evening Associates of the Art Institute of Chicago are

hosting a benefit tomorrow night that will include a lecture by Frank Lloyd Wright impersonator Lyman Shepard.

"Wright was a student and apprentice to Sullivan who worked at his firm," said Shepard, an architectural historian and actor. "What Wright learned from Sullivan was organic architecture, which gives detailing on how to extract nature into ornamental units such as art glass and various murals.

"I'm going to be talking about Wright's relationship with Sullivan. For example, Sullivan lent Wright \$5,000 to purchase a piece of property in Oak Park which is now the Frank Lloyd Wright Home and Studio Foundation."

The artifacts on display came from private collections. Some will be for sale at prices ranging from

\$200 for a window pull from the old Stock Exchange building to \$40,000 for a rare stained-glass panel from the original skylight at the Auditorium Building.

"Sullivan artifacts are especially interesting because most embody his theory of architectural ornament, inspired by nature and geometric forms," said Stuart Gramen, owner of Architectural Artifacts. The store/showroom exhibits and sells building elements of historical significance such as fireplace mantels, door knobs and other hardware.

Some of the other artifacts at

Artifacts by Louis H. Sullivan, opening reception

- 8 to 10:30 tomorrow night
- Architectural Artifacts, 4325 N. Ravenswood
- \$30 admission for party
- (312) 348-0622 or (312) 853-5941

the exhibit will include:

- A 100-year-old, three-paneled stained glass from the original ceiling of the old Stock Exchange, priced at \$11,000.
- Ornamental glazed terra cotta blocks dating to 1922 from the

Krause Music Store. The blocks are from a private collection and are not for sale.

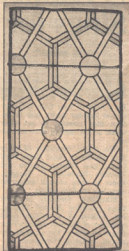
■ Ornate, iron door knobs and hardware (circa 1890s) from the Union Trust Building in St. Louis. Price: \$800 for a set of two knobs and two plates.

Wine, soft drinks, hors d'oeuvres, a raffle and music from a live jazz quartet are covered by the \$30 opening tickets.

Starting Friday, patrons can view the exhibit for free during regular store hours (10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Sunday).



An ornamental glazed terra cotta block is representative of the design elements Sullivan used in his buildings.



A three-paneled stained glass from the original ceiling of the old Stock Exchange is among the Louis H. Sullivan artifacts on display through Aug. 31.

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