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DAVID & GLADYS WRIGHT HOUSE FOUNDATION SEEKS HISTORIC LANDMARK STATUS FOR ICONIC SPIRAL HOME

*Frank Lloyd Wright's Last Residential Masterpiece, Guesthouse and 6.1 Acres
Would Be Preserved in Perpetuity For Future Generations*

PHOENIX – The David and Gladys Wright House Foundation has filed for historic landmark protections with the City of Phoenix, a designation that would preserve Frank Lloyd Wright's last residential masterpiece for future generations and ensure it is never again threatened with demolition.

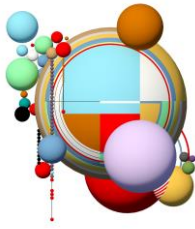
Over the past two years, the Foundation has taken significant steps to restore the scale of the original 10-acre site and recover the sense of space and openness that exemplifies Frank Lloyd Wright's idea of "How to Live in the Southwest." (*See photos below*)

Today, the David and Gladys Wright House sits on 6.1 acres and is:

- One of only three parcels left in Arcadia that maintains and respects the historical Arcadian lot size of five acres or more.
- An outstanding example of "organic architecture," a term Wright coined to describe a structure that grows from its site, celebrating the integrity of natural materials complementary to their environment.
- Widely regarded as the ultimate expression of the Post-World War II American Dream by our nation's greatest architect and the sun-belt migration to Phoenix, Ariz., and the American West.
- A representation of flood-irrigated agrarian desert living on estate lots – an expression of the Jeffersonian ideal of the citizen-farmer living on semi-rural agricultural land.

"This plan restores my view of Arcadia as the fourth generation of Wrights to have grown up on this land. It represents the vision of my great-great grandfather, Frank Lloyd Wright," said Sarah Levi, the home's inaugural scholar in residence. "This is the Arcadia experience of my youth, having spent many years as a child here exploring the acres of open space, citrus groves and enjoying family gatherings in this beautiful home."

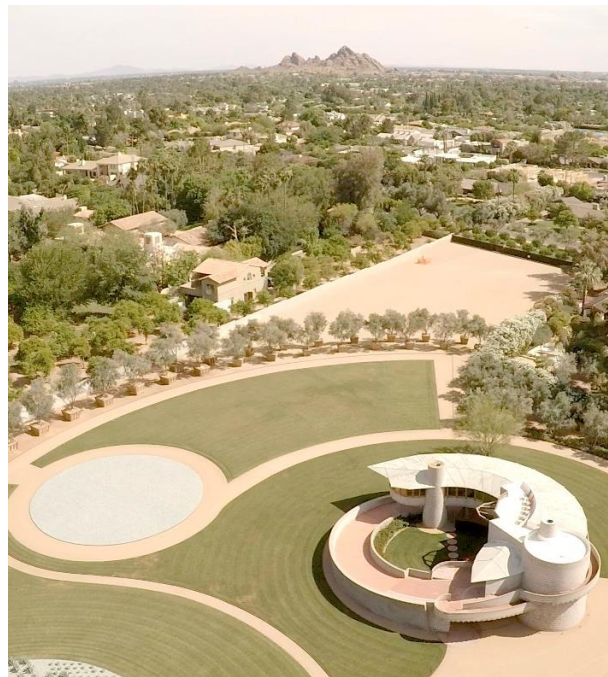
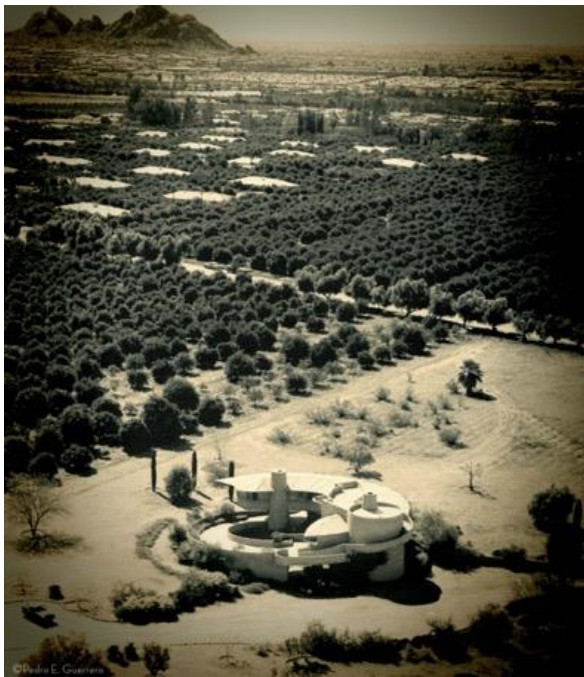
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Following the approval of the Historic Landmark protection, the Foundation will seek a special permit to open the house to the public for tours, educational programs and cultural events.



“This home and its surroundings is an example of what I call the architectural embodiment of Arizona exceptionalism,” said Ron Passarelli, a longtime Arcadia resident and past-President of the Arcadia Camelback Mountain Neighborhood Association. “We must recognize that we have something special in our midst – a residential masterpiece that is unique to Arizona that expresses the optimism of Post-World War II Phoenix and modern living in Arcadia.”



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About the [David and Gladys Wright House Foundation](#): The Foundation is an Arizona nonprofit organization whose mission is threefold: **Preserve** Frank Lloyd Wright’s last residential masterpiece; **Celebrate** the artistic legacy of Mr. Wright, the Wright family and the history of mid-century America through tours, lectures, cultural events, performances and educational programs; and **Inspire** future generations of artists and architects through field trips, educational programs and internships.