

Museum's guided walking tours start June 3

The Transylvania Heritage Museum's guided walking tours for June 2024 include the popular Behind the Scenes: East Main & Silvermont tour and the East Main Residential tour.

On Monday, June 3 step back in time to learn about Brevard's booming tourism industry during the early 20th century including the luxurious Franklin Hotel and some of the early boarding houses.

Participants will learn about the prominent families — Lankford, Aiken, Orr, Breese, Bromfield and Silverstein — living between downtown Brevard and Silvermont. The afternoon concludes with an in-depth

tour of Silvermont's second and third floors. This two-hour tour is limited to eight guests and leaves from the Chamber of Commerce, 175 E. Main St., at 2 p.m. The cost is \$20 per person. Attendees should be able to walk one-half mile and navigate two flights of stairs.

The East Main Residential tour meets on the front porch at Silvermont at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 15.

This one-hour tour (\$10 per person) will take participants on a stroll down the Historic East Main Street neighborhood where the Chapman, Kizer, Brittain, Wyke, Morrow, Carrier, Plummer, Galloway, Radford and Brombacher

families made their home in the early-to-mid 1900s.

Reservations for either tour can be made at program.transylvaniaheritage@gmail.com or by leaving a message at (828) 884-2347.

Please note the June 21 Historic Tour Square tour is full but reservations can be made for July 19 or Aug. 16 tours.

Special group tours may be arranged on request.

All proceeds from the walking tours support the Transylvania Heritage Museum located at 189 W. Main St.

The museum is open Thursday, Friday and Saturday, noon-4 p.m.