



CHARLES ALLIS/  
VILLA TERRACE  
ART MUSEUMS

## **Charles Allis and Villa Terrace Art Museums Announce Reopening on July 29**

*-Visitors will have opportunity to explore beautiful outdoor gardens and indoor collections-*

**Milwaukee, WI** – July 16, 2020 – After over three months of closure and much thoughtful preparation, the Charles Allis and Villa Terrace Art Museums will be reopening to the public on **July 29**. “The health and safety of our guests and staff are our highest priority,” says Executive Director **John Sterr**. “Precautions have been taken to mitigate risks of the coronavirus based on current government health and safety guidelines.” Admittance will be by online reservation only and visitors will be required to wear a face mask during their visit as well as keep a six foot social distance from others when possible.

In addition, the entire museum staff will be wearing masks and new and more frequent cleaning protocols have been put in place. Timed reservations will allow the museums to monitor capacity, giving visitors the social distance and time they need to explore the museums and gardens. Reservations can be made at each museum’s webpage beginning Friday, July 17.

Although this will be a different experience than museum visitors have been used to in the past, the Charles Allis and Villa Terrace Arts Museums know that sharing the beauty and history of the mansions, art collections and gardens is important now more than ever. Added Sterr, “The hope is that in reopening these cultural gems there can be refuge for repose and reflection in these times of uncertainty.” The staff deeply appreciates the patience and cooperation of its museum guests and looks forward to welcoming them back.

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### **General Museum Information**

Admission to the Charles Allis and Villa Terrace is \$10 for adults and \$7 for seniors and students. Admission is free for children (ages 12 and under) and CAVT Members. Reservation times are available Wednesday and Friday through Sunday from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., and Thursday from 1 p.m. – 8 p.m. To make a reservation visit [charlesallis.org](http://charlesallis.org) or [villaterrace.org](http://villaterrace.org).

### **About Villa Terrace Decorative Arts Museum**

Overlooking Lake Michigan, the Villa Terrace Decorative Arts Museum is an Italian Renaissance-style villa designed by architect David Adler in 1923 as the residence of Lloyd Smith of the A.O. Smith Corporation, his wife Agnes and their family. The villa’s courtyards, terraces and Renaissance garden flowing down to the lake make it unique in Milwaukee. The permanent

collection features fine and decorative arts from the 15th through the 18th centuries. The museum is also home to the Cyril Colnik Collection and Archives. Colnik was Milwaukee's master decorative iron artisan from the late 19th to the mid-20th century. The museum is located at 2220 N. Terrace Avenue, Milwaukee.

### **About the Charles Allis Art Museum**

Designed by prominent Milwaukee architect Alexander Eschweiler for Charles Allis — the first president of Allis-Chalmers — and his wife Sarah in 1911, this Tudor-style mansion and art collection was built with the purpose of bequeathing it to the public to delight, educate and inspire. The permanent collection features 19th-century French and American paintings, Chinese and Japanese porcelains, Renaissance bronzes, Japanese netsuke and original furnishings. Curated exhibitions are mounted several times each year along with a variety of other arts programming.

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