Willistead Manor was the home of Edward and Mary Griffin Walker. It was completed in 1906, and was also the show place of the Hiram Walker & Sons Company.

In 1925, the manor became the property of the Town of Walkerville, and was used as a public library and the first home of the Art Gallery of Windsor. There are many memories and stories to be told...

We hope your visit here will make more memories.

Thank you for joining us.
The Great Hall

**GAIL’S FLOWERS AND EVENT DECOR - KAREN & ROB SIEGNER.**

“**RUSTIC WARMTH**”. Enjoy the vintage setting as you enter the Great Hall. We see birch and willow branches, pine cones, and snow-covered greenery as well as unique ornaments. Immerse yourself in the experience of the rustic charm of our Canadian winters interpreted in this first room.

The Morning Room

**FRIENDS OF WILLISTEAD** - Gail Drouillard, Ruth Reddam, Rachel Coulter, Linda Chevalier, and Lorri Rauscher.

“**ROMANTIC INVITATION**”. What a romantic setting! The Morning Room is adorned in an elegant and timeless fashion. It is complimented with muted rose, bronze and green ornaments, highlighted with ‘Poinsettas & Pearls’, recalling an English Baroque look and feel.

The Billiard Room

**ST. CLAIR COLLEGE STAFF & STUDENTS** - Ms. Sandra Ellis, Jackie Boots, Ferlenn Duenas, Ashley Bard, Jessica DaCosta, Kristina Palazzi, Susan Dunbar, Katie Lyman, Yuging Guo, Tung Hsien Lin, and Krystian Budzik.

“**CRYSTAL PALACE**”. In this room you are welcomed by the glow of a ‘crystal palace’. You will find a sea of twinkling glass and frosted ornamental decor. Enjoy the ravishing tree and the iridescent shine of the chandelier. Snow village characters look down from high above.

The Library

**O’NEILL-HARRINGTON INTERIORS** - STEPHANIE HARRINGTON O’NEILL.

**PEGGY’S IN YOUR GARDEN** - PEGGY O’NEILL.

“**COZY AND COMFORTING**”. It’s wonderful to escape into a warm, cozy and comforting library. Here, copper-frosted pine cones, gold bejeweled orbs, and emerald green silk crepe ribbons add a texture in harmony with the wood carving and panelling. Gifts rest on a hand-crafted tapestry of damask. Raise a glass to good times, friendship, and one another...

The Dining Room

**ROBERT GAUTHIER - INTERIOR DESIGNER.** With Nora Franko and St. Clair’s Jackie Boots and Katie Lyman.

“**PEACOCK PERFECTION**”. All the shimmering beauty of a male peacock is reflected in this elegant formal room. The glorious colours can be seen in the stemware and dinnerware. The tree not only can be enjoyed by us, but by all who pass by in Willistead Park and look through the bay window.
THE BUTLER’S PANTRY

**FRIENDS OF WILLISTEAD** - Mary Vasyliw, Zilda McKelvie, Cheryl Kay, Diane Drake, Anne Cada, Kim Trudell, and Alex Johns.

“THE WALKER TEAROOM”. Imagine walking into a tearoom to enjoy a hot ‘cuppa’, a scone with clotted cream, finger sandwiches and sweet treats! Look up at the collection of tea cups, sets and service wear decorated for your Christmas trip to the Walker Tearoom. Join us... again and again...

THE CONSERVATORY

**FRIENDS OF WILLISTEAD** - Jacquelyn Capaldi, Donna Oldnall, Anne-Marie Laino, Bonnie Graham, and Patricia Cunningham.

“THE BLOOMIN’ ROOM”. Fresh and fancy even in the dead of winter - white and green florals highlight the beauty of the Victorian wicker and the original windows overlooking our beautiful Willistead Park. Imagine Mary Walker tending to her orchids and making floral arrangements to brighten every room of the manor.

THE WITHDRAWING ROOM

**MARY JANE DETTINGER, KAYLA DETTINGER & FAMILY.**

With St. Clair’s Ferlene Duenas, Ashley Bard, Jessica DaCosta, and Tung Hsien Lin.

“MERRY CHRISTMAS”. Gold sparkled ribbons with greetings of ‘Merry Christmas’ welcome visitors to the French Drawing Room. Birds on the mantle and tree branches carry the message of a traditional Christmas, and an opened book displays the joys of our festive season. This ladies’ room highlights the elegance of the manor.

STAIRCASE, LANDING AND UPPER HALL

**FLOWERS BY PHIL SADI FLORISTS & FAMILY.**

“STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN”. You cannot help but be impressed by the English-inspired staircase that leads your eye up to the landing’s leaded glass window and up, up, up... But all of this is greatly enhanced with the greenery and lush decor that has been placed to help lead you to the second storey. Stop and look back... WOW!

LARGE HALL CABINET

**BRENDA CLAYTON. With Diana Curran.**

Brenda’s collection tells a story in every section (and she made the sheep!).
The Master Bedroom

FRIENDS OF WILLISTEAD - Sally O’Rourke, Danielle Dupont, Becky Shwery, Mike O’Rourke, Lillian Duenk, and Kathie Renaud.
“A QUIET RETREAT”. This was the quiet retreat for Edward and Mary - the fire would glow and warm them, the colours of brown, mocha, gold and bronze would relax them, and a drink would end the day nicely. They might go to the window to stand by the tree and look out to the stars.

Mrs. Walker’s Dressing Room

FRIENDS OF WILLISTEAD - Carol Anne Winters, Cheryl McKeown, Janet Easton, Gayle Huszti, and Don and Julia Nelson.
“STEPPING OUT”. Imagine a room that is filled with your finery - dresses, gloves, hats, hankies, and jewellery... this is Mary’s dressing room as it would have been in the 1900s. The tree is adorned with ornaments of hats, shoes, and handbags with ladies’ hats and magenta ribbon, presents all ready. The piano shows us mirrors, jewellery and other accessories with hat stands - a hat for every occasion. Perfume bottles sparkle on the mantle, and Mary’s cloak, hat, and umbrella are ready for her stroll.

North and East Galleries

INTERIOR DECORATORS COLLEN GAUDETTE, LOUISE BROWN, ANDALIEB ADU-ZAHRA, JEAN DOUGLAS-WILLMS and JOANNA KRUCZEK.
“AN EVENT TO REMEMBER”. These rooms are the setting for your most memorable events - weddings, showers, graduation - how lovely are the trees, mantles and chandeliers with their tones of white, cream, silver and gold all blending to evoke seasonal charm. Willistead Manor hosts events here all year long - but this time of year is magical.

The Coach House

FRIENDS OF WILLISTEAD.
The Friends of Willistead offer a place to have a cup of cider and a cookie. You’ll find many crafters with jewellery, preserves, Christmas items, and holiday crafts. Come early, or visit after your manor tour.

Thank you for joining us.

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