



BURCHFIELD  
HOMESTEAD

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## **Burchfield Homestead Participates in Ohio Open Doors**

The Burchfield Homestead Museum at 867 East Fourth Street in Salem will take part in Ohio Open Doors with a special art education program — If Walls Could Talk.

From 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, September 7, Homestead visitors can view a special exhibit of wallpapers that Charles E. Burchfield designed in the 1920s and make their own wallpaper samples. Burchfield designed wallpapers for M.H. Birge and Sons of Buffalo, New York, before focusing full time on creating watercolor paintings. There is no charge for this program and no registration is required.

Across the state from Friday, September 6, to Sunday September 15, an array of Ohio Open Doors events will be available at historic buildings and fascinating places as part of the Ohio History Connection's annual event. Admission is free to all Ohio Open Doors events, which are listed at [ohiohistory.org/opendoors](https://ohiohistory.org/opendoors).

"Ohio Open Doors shares stories of important landmarks and interesting sites right in our backyards, highlighting the history and unique nature of some of Ohio's most treasured places," said Diana Welling, director of the Ohio History Connection's State Historic Preservation Office and State Historic Preservation Officer.

The Ohio History Connection created Ohio Open Doors in 2016 to promote pride in Ohio's heritage and to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act, signed by President Lyndon B. Johnson. Ohio Open Doors partner organizations include the Ohio Arts Council, TourismOhio, the Ohio Travel Association and Heritage Ohio. For more information, go to [ohiohistory.org/opendoors](https://ohiohistory.org/opendoors), or <https://www.burchfieldhomestead.com>, or call (330) 717-0092.

### **About the Burchfield Homestead**

Considered to be one of America's greatest artists, Charles Ephraim Burchfield (1893-1967) lived and painted in his family's Salem, Ohio, home from the age of five to twenty-eight. Many of his watercolors depict views from inside or nearby the Burchfield Homestead, which is on the [National Register of Historic Places](#) and the [Ohio Literary Trail](#). It is also part of the Historic Artists' Home and Studios program. The Burchfield Homestead Society, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, was incorporated in 1993 to preserve the artist's home, to educate the public about him, and to promote appreciation of his work.

### **About the Ohio History Connection**

The Ohio History Connection is a statewide history organization with the mission to spark discovery of Ohio's stories. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit chartered in 1885, the Ohio History Connection carries out history services for Ohio and its citizens to preserve and share the state's history. This includes housing the State Historic Preservation Office and the official state archives and managing more than 50 sites and museums across Ohio. For more information, go to [ohiohistory.org](https://ohiohistory.org). The Greater Columbus Arts Council and the Columbus Foundation provide support for Ohio History Connection programs.