## HISTORIC BUILDING TOUR



The Preservation Society of Asheville and Buncombe County is pleased to offer five unique historic homes for the February 2017 National Arts & Crafts Conference Tour. All homes are located in Dr. E. W. Grove's residential park nestled at the base of beautiful Sunset Mountain. Included in this year's tour are the J. A. Groves Home, c. 1926, a high style example of Tudor revival in the manner of a Cotswold's English cottage and the historic William Jennings Bryan home. Mr. Bryan who is best known for his role in the 1925 Scopes trial, also served as Secretary of State under Woodrow Wilson and unsuccessfully ran for President of the United States. This colonial revival home was designed in 1917 by the architectural firm of Smith and Carrier. The home stands as an exception to English born Smith's penchant for design's reflecting his native homeland of Scotland. The American traditional design can be seen throughout the home whose tour includes Mr. Bryan's office featuring a built-in wall of bookcases and high vertical wainscoting.

The tour will include on-bus guides who will point out key buildings and houses in Asheville's architectural history, as well as docents to answer questions in the homes to be toured. Participants should be able to walk up to three city blocks and negotiate stairs & public walkways. Spaces are filled on a first-come, first-served basis as paid reservations are received. Indicate your preference for alternative dates in the event your first choice is sold out. **Paid registrants will receive a confirmation via e-mail.** Tickets will be held for pickup at the Society's tour table during the conference near the Conference Registration Desk at the Grove Park Inn. Please pickup tickets at least thirty minutes before your scheduled tour. No tickets will be mailed.

Proceeds of the tour benefit the Preservation Society's efforts to preserve Asheville and Buncombe County's historic architecture, including the Thomas Wolfe Cabin and the historic fire house on Merrimon Avenue. Special thanks to Bruce Johnson, the Omni Grove Park and the National Arts & Crafts Conference.