Visitor Services

BECOME A CHEEKWOOD MEMBER!
Join Cheekwood today and enjoy a year of special benefits, including unlimited admission, free guest passes, invitations to member-only events, gift shop and class discounts, a quarterly newsletter, and much more. Visit the Gift Shop today and a portion of your admission fee can be applied to the cost of a membership! Or, purchase your membership online at www.cheekwood.org.

FIRST AID
First aid is available in all public buildings.

WHEELCHAIR ACCESS
Wheelchair access is available throughout Cheekwood with the exceptions of the Martin Boxwood Gardens, the Japanese Garden, the Howe Wildflower Garden, and the Carell Woodland Sculpture Trail. Wheelchair accessible restrooms are available in all buildings. Wheelchairs are available in the Museum of Art and Botanic Hall.

ACCESSIBLE PARKING ♿
Handicap parking is available in lots A, B, C, at the Museum of Art, and at the rear of the Pineapple Room Restaurant building.

FOOD AND DRINK
Dine at the Pineapple Room, a full-service restaurant for the whole family. Restaurant hours are Tuesday-Sunday 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For reservations, call 615-352-4859. Enjoy a picnic on the grounds or purchase a boxed lunch from the Pineapple Room.

Bottled water, soft drinks, and light snacks may be purchased in the Gift Shop. Water fountains are located in all buildings. Vending machines can be found in Botanic Hall and the Frist Learning Center. Restrooms are located in all Cheekwood buildings.

GIFT SHOP
Take home the perfect souvenir of your visit to Cheekwood. The Gift Shop is located in the Pineapple Room Restaurant building. It offers a variety of unique garden and seasonal gifts, decorations, cards, postcards, toys, books, and more!

CHEEKWOOD EDUCATION
We strive to help visitors learn to look at art and gardens in new ways. Located in Cheekwood's Frist Learning Center, the Education Department offers unique classes, camps, and workshops for children and adults. The center houses classrooms, drawing and painting studios, a clay studio, and meeting spaces. Members receive a 25% discount on classes. Throughout the year, children can also be a part of the Backpack Program that includes a free-for-a-day backpack that is filled with art-related materials. Pick them up at the Visitor Services desk in Botanic Hall. For more information, visit www.cheekwood.org or call 615-353-9827.

RENTALS AND CATERING
Cheekwood is the perfect site for your special occasion. Call 615-354-6377.

History

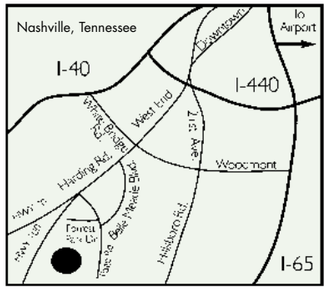
Cheekwood, circa 1930

Leslie Cheek, Sr.

Mabel Wood Cheek

Beginnings
In 1896, Leslie Cheek, owner of a wholesale grocery business, married Mabel Wood of Clarksville, Tennessee. The couple had two children, a son, Leslie, Jr., and a daughter, Huldah. At the same time, their cousin, entrepreneur Joel Cheek, was developing a superior blend of coffee which became known as Maxwell House. The Cheeks invested in the brand, and it helped establish their fortune. They bought 100 acres in West Nashville and hired New York residential and landscape architect Bryant Fleming to create a 30,000-square-foot Georgian-style mansion with formal gardens that became Cheekwood. The couple moved into the mansion in January 1933 and Leslie Cheek lived there just two years before his death at age 61. In 1943, Mabel Cheek deeded the house to her daughter and son-in-law, who offered it as a site for a botanical garden and art museum in the late 1950s. Cheekwood opened to the public in 1960.

General Information



Open Tuesday – Saturday, 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. and Sunday, 11:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. except for Memorial Day and Labor Day. Closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Year's Day.
For more information, visit www.cheekwood.org.

Helpful Visitor Tips:
- Park in Lot B
- Ask for a shuttle at any Cheekwood building.
- Bicycles and motorcycles are allowed only on paved roads with use of helmet.
- Skateboards, rollerblades, roller skates, scooters, Heelys or other self-propelled items are not allowed.
- Animals are not allowed unless they are service animals.
- Several areas around the property have uneven footing, please use caution.
- Remember to include lunch in your plans at Cheekwood's restaurant, The Pineapple Room. Call for reservations: 615-352-4859

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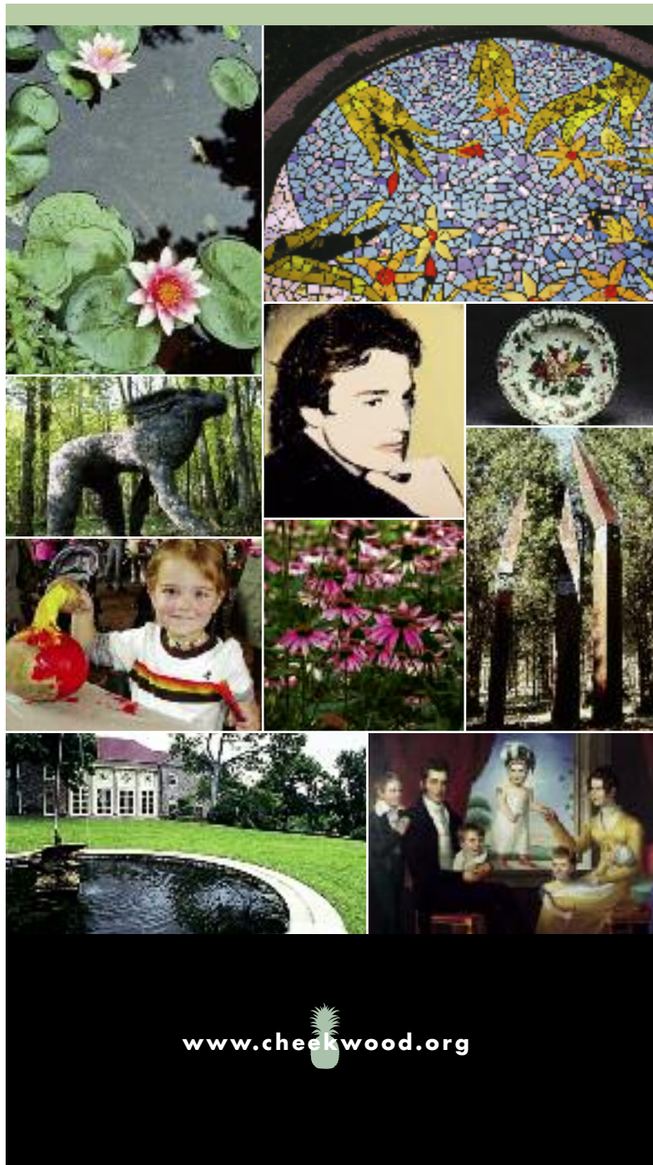

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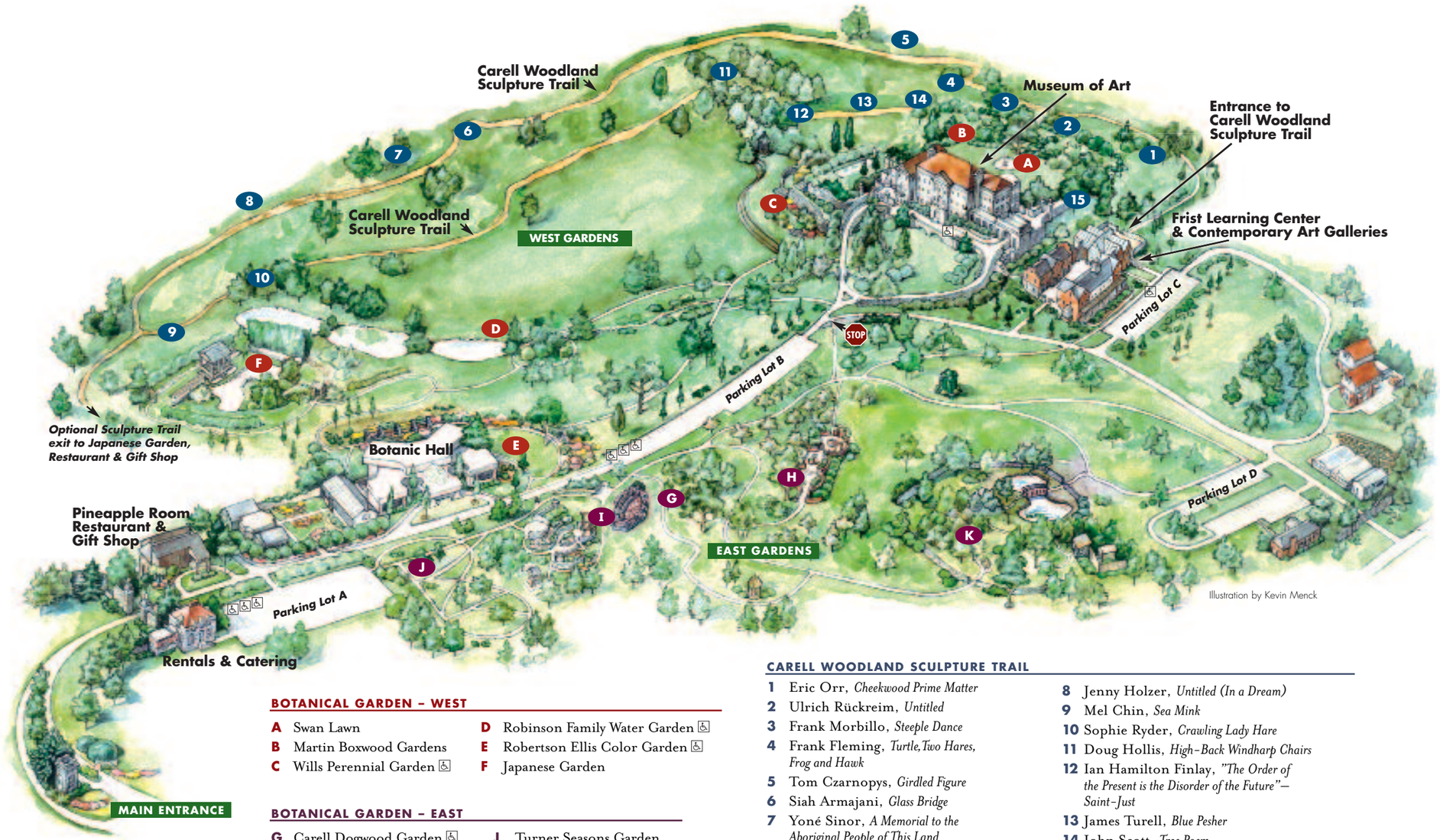
Cheekwood Visitor's Map



BOTANICAL GARDEN – WEST

- **A** Swan Lawn
- **B** Martin Boxwood Gardens
- **C** Wills Perennial Garden
- **D** Robinson Family Water Garden
- **E** Robertson Ellis Color Garden
- **F** Japanese Garden

BOTANICAL GARDEN – EAST

- **G** Carell Dogwood Garden
- **H** Burr Terrace Garden
- **I** Herb Garden
- **J** Turner Seasons Garden
- **K** Howe Wildflower Garden

CARELL WOODLAND SCULPTURE TRAIL

1. Eric Orr, *Cheekwood Prime Matter*
2. Ulrich Rückreim, *Untitled*
3. Frank Morbillo, *Steeple Dance*
4. Frank Fleming, *Turtle, Two Hares, Frog and Hawk*
5. Tom Czarnopys, *Girdled Figure*
6. Siah Armajani, *Glass Bridge*
7. Yoné Sinor, *A Memorial to the Aboriginal People of This Land who Lived in and with These Forests*
8. Jenny Holzer, *Untitled (In a Dream)*
9. Mel Chin, *Sea Mink*
10. Sophie Ryder, *Crawling Lady Hare*
11. Doug Hollis, *High-Back Windharp Chairs*
12. Ian Hamilton Finlay, *"The Order of the Present is the Disorder of the Future"—Saint-Just*
13. James Turell, *Blue Pesher*
14. John Scott, *Tree Poem*
15. George Rickey, *One Line Horizontal Floating—Twenty Feet*

Areas to Visit

East Gardens

Included are the Carell Dogwood Garden (G), Burr Terrace Garden (H), Herb Garden (I), and Turner Seasons Garden (J). Don't miss the Howe Wildflower Garden (K) along the way.

West Gardens

Savor the magical gardens on the hillside to the left of the mansion—the Martin Boxwood Gardens (B), Wills Perennial Garden (C), Robinson Family Water Garden (D), Japanese Garden (F), and, of course, the Swan Lawn (A) at the rear of the mansion.

The Carell Woodland Sculpture Trail

(Outdoor walking shoes recommended)
A unique attraction among American art museums awaits you at the rear of the Frist Learning Center. Look for the path to the Carell Woodland Sculpture Trail. (Note the Cheek family pet cemetery beside the entrance.) This mile-long Sculpture Trail includes works by 15 internationally acclaimed artists. Check out a recorded audio device to help you navigate the trail in the Museum of Art lobby.

The Museum of Art

A grand staircase takes you to the Loggia Level with its nationally renowned Ewers-Tyne Collection of Worcester Porcelain, the Silver Library with more than 600 pieces of American and English Silver, the Cheek Dining Room with many of the home's original furnishings, and much more. On the third floor is the museum's renowned Permanent Collection of American Art, with rotating works by such leading artists as Andy Warhol, Childe Hassam, John Sloan, and many others. The museum also features special exhibitions from its own collections as well as from other institutions around the world.

The Frist Learning Center

The Frist Learning Center with its noted Temporary Contemporary Gallery, Courtyard Gallery, and Video Installation Galleries. The Frist Learning Center includes art studios and classrooms dedicated to year round art instruction for all ages and a wide range of summer camps and programs.