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FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT'S HOLLYHOCK HOUSE RESTORED TO ITS ORIGINAL SPLendor

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In the mythology of Frank Lloyd Wright, there's an oft-told story about a client calling the architect one night to complain that water was leaking over the dining table, to which Wright responded, "Why don't you move your chair?" Leaky roofs were a problem common to many structures designed by the master of organic architecture, including Los Angeles's famed Hollyhock House, which has just emerged from a four-year, \$4.3 million restoration shipshape and watertight.

The residence was built between 1919 and 1921 as a home for oil heiress and avant-garde theater producer Aline Barnsdall. She commissioned Wright to design a series of structures, including an experimental theater, on a 36-acre site in East Hollywood. Cost overruns and construction issues led Barnsdall to fire the esteemed architect, and in 1927, she donated the campus—now known as the Barnsdall Art Park—to the city of Los Angeles. Still, as Wright's first residential commission in Los Angeles, the home remains a watershed in his career and a landmark of 20th-century architecture.

Named for its many decorative homages to Barnsdall's favorite flower, Hollyhock House will officially reopen to the public at 4 p.m. on Friday, February 13, and remain open for free, self-guided tours for the following 24 hours. A midnight trip to this architectural gem could be just the ticket for lovers of design on Valentine's Day.



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