

Wheaton's Early Architecture: A Closer Look

There are many ways one can photograph the architecture of a city. One might focus on a particular style of building, function, or time period. Here I have chosen structures and vignettes that emphasize the beauty of a created order, and which also reveal something about the character of the society.

Good architecture, like art, inspires and makes an emotional impact. Design matters, if we pay attention. While these photographs are about another era, they also put us outside time and allow us to consider how a great building discloses meaning.

I invite you to have a conversation with each of these buildings. How is a building a source of hope and inspiration? What are some ways that architectural design communicates values? How does architecture reflect the culture of the times? Is there a particular building that played a significant part in shaping your life? Choose one example from the exhibit and try to imagine Wheaton if it were not there.

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