



*"I am a border-ruffian from the State of Missouri.
I am a Connecticut Yankee by adoption."*

Mark Twain, "Plymouth Rock and the Pilgrims" speech, 1881

Mark Twain

...America's most beloved writer and one of its greatest social critics, built a whimsical and elegant mansion in the heart of Victorian Hartford, Connecticut.

Within these walls, Twain (*Samuel Clemens by birth*) spun stories for his family, for guests, and for the novels that would become cherished the world over.



The Mark Twain House & Museum

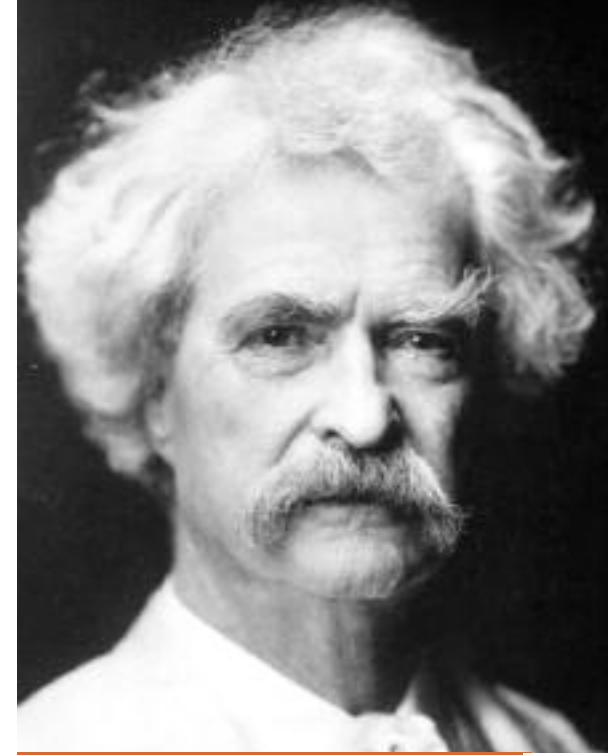


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Bring your family for a fun visit with America's favorite author!

Tours of Mark Twain's breathtaking home are available year-round. Visit his personal library with ornate stenciling by Louis Comfort Tiffany's design firm Associated Artists, his children's rooms where they learned and played, and the famous Billiard Room at the top of the mansion where Twain created the adventures of Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn. Explore the Servants' Wing, where a bustling staff kept up with the Clemens family's busy schedule.

In our Museum Center, wander our exhibition galleries, visit the LEGO™ replicas of Twain and his home, shop in our unique store, and settle in for a Ken Burns documentary created exclusively for **The Mark Twain House & Museum.**



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Whether you've visited us many times, long ago as a student, or never before, 2010 is a fabulous year to tour *The Mark Twain House & Museum*. 2010 is a year-long national celebration commemorating many of Twain's most significant anniversaries, including:

- 100th Anniversary of Twain's Passing
- 175th Birthday
- 125th Anniversary of the U.S. Publication of *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*



Thanks to The Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc., our Centennial Sponsor, *The Mark Twain House & Museum* will make this the most exciting, event-filled year in our history. We will celebrate these special occasions with music, lectures, readings, and more. Join us for a variety of events that all guests—young, old, from

Hartford or from across the world—will remember for years to come.

The Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc. marks a significant milestone of its own in 2010, celebrating its Bicentennial and two centuries of service to the community. The Hartford is proud to support *The Mark Twain House* and museum's celebration of the work and life of one of America's greatest authors.

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Additional support:



JAN 23 — Hal Holbrook in *Mark Twain Tonight!* presented in collaboration with Hartford Stage

FEB 13 — Valentine's Day Event *Long Distance Romance: The Love Letters of Sam & Olivia Clemens*

FEB 18 — *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* 125th Anniversary Event Featuring the music of The Ebony Hillbillies

MAR 13 — *A Pen Warmed-Up In Hell* Lecture with *Rolling Stone's* Matt Taibbi

APR 1 TO MAY 9 — Hartford Stage presents *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* and other Twain-related programs. Sponsored by The Hartford

APR to JUN — In collaboration with Hartford Public Library, The NEA Big Read of *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*

APR 7 — Clemens Lecture with bestselling author Wally Lamb (*She's Come Undone, The Hour I First Believed*)

APR 17 & 18 — Hartford Opera Theatre presents *Tom Sawyer: A Chamber Opera*

APR 21 — Centennial Event featuring *The Mark Twain Séance* performed by Todd Robbins and a cake by Charm City Bakery (seen on *Ace of Cakes*).

MAY 21 — 2nd Annual Wine Tasting Festival

JUN 12 — Tom Sawyer Day, a day of family events on the grounds of The Mark Twain House.

OCT 1 — 3rd Annual *Tapping Into Twain* Oktoberfest

OCT — Graveyard Shift Ghost Tours

OCT 16 — Mark Twain concert featuring VOCE at Immanuel Congregational Church

NOV 6 — Annual Fall Gala

NOV 30 — 175th Birthday Celebration

DEC 5 — 30th Annual Holiday House Tour

Plus informative new exhibitions, The Nook Farm Book Club with the Harriet Beecher Stowe Center, *The Trouble Begins at 5:30* lecture series, and much more!

For more details, locations and ticket information, visit MarkTwainHouse.org

Dates/events subject to change.



House & Museum Hours:

Monday-Saturday 9:30 A.M. – 5:30 P.M. , Sunday Noon-5:30 P.M. Last tour leaves at 4:30 P.M. Closed: Tuesdays, Jan-March Admission to Main House and Servants' Wing by guided tour only.

Museum Center open for unguided visits during all regular hours. Group rates available for groups of 10 or more. 860-280-3154.

Become a member!

Benefits include free General Admission, discounts in our store, reduced rates on programs, and a subscription to our online newsletter.

Membership:

Individual: \$50, Household: \$75, Sustaining: \$150, National (for members outside Connecticut): \$40

Closed: Jan 1, Easter Sunday, July 4, Nov 6, Thanksgiving Day, Dec 24 & 25

Open: Veterans Day and all Monday holidays

Free Parking. Fully air-conditioned.

Museum Center is fully handicapped accessible. House: Handicapped accessible on first floor only. For the complete tour, visitors must be able to negotiate two flights of stairs.

Directions:

In Hartford, from I-84 East or West, take Exit 46, Sisson Avenue. At the traffic light, turn right onto Sisson Avenue. Continue four blocks to end and turn right onto Farmington Avenue. Look on the right for the sign marking the main museum entrance (before *The Mark Twain House*). Additional handicapped spaces available at 65 Forest Street (one block east past *The Mark Twain House* on the right). Set your GPS for 351 Farmington Avenue, Hartford, CT.



For the most current information, prices, times, programs, and a printable map, please visit: MarkTwainHouse.org or call 860-280-3129.

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