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Mysterious Happenings at Salisbury House

Des Moines, IA (October 8, 2013) — Salisbury House & Gardens is pleased to announce plans for *Mysteries of the Castle* and *Mysteries and Movies After Dark* on Saturday, October 19, 2013.

The 4th Annual *Mysteries of the Castle* event will take place from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at Salisbury House. This family-friendly Halloween event is a fun-filled day for children to wear their Halloween costumes and to come explore the house at its Halloween best, compliments of Nobbie's. Conservationists from Polk, Dallas and Warren Counties will share presentations on bats, snakes, owls and worms. Dan Wardell will present story time adventures at 11:00 am. There will be interactive science labs with Kemin ambassadors and lowa State Material Advantage students. Other activities include: face painting, hair painting, build-it kits from Lowe's and a special visit from Cubbie Bear at noon. Gateway Market and Stam's will be on site offering delicious things to eat. Admission for the event is \$5 per person. Tickets may be purchased in advance at <u>www.salisburyhouse.org</u> or guests may purchase tickets at the door.

The Salisbury House Young Professionals will host *Mysteries and Movies After Dark* from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm in the Salisbury House Common Room. Young professionals are invited for an evening featuring drinks, snacks, spooky stories and movies, including a short film produced by Hud Weeks, *Murder at Henderson Manor*. Original works by Edgar Allan Poe and Mary Shelley will be shared from the Salisbury collection as will stories of mysterious happenings that have occurred in the house. The evening will conclude with a presentation of the movie *Young Frankenstein* by Mel Brooks. Admission to this event is complimentary, but RSVPs are requested at salisburyhouseyp@gmail.com.

Salisbury House is a 42-room manor estate built in the 1920s by cosmetics magnate Carl Weeks and his wife, Edith. The house is filled with the Weeks Family's worldly collections, ranging from rare editions of literature from William Shakespeare, Charles Dickens, James Joyce and D.H. Lawrence, early edition Bibles and Books of Mormon, art collections spanning the globe from Renaissance Europe to Midwestern modernism, Native American art, musical instruments, and much, much more.



Salisbury House Common Room



Conservationist Presentation at Salisbury House



Face Painting at Salisbury House



Hair Painting at Salisbury House