

*Benjamin H. Marshall  
"I can build a better one."*

## THE FIRST COMPREHENSIVE BOOK ABOUT BENJAMIN H. MARSHALL

The Benjamin Marshall Society is very excited about our forthcoming book about Benjamin Marshall, written by museum professional and author John Zukowsky. You can still support the Society and the book with the purchase of a limited edition medallion.



*Since 2002, the Benjamin Marshall Society has been fulfilling its mission to educate the public on the life, work, and legacy of Benjamin Marshall, and to revive his dialogue on the role of architecture in the urban environment and in society as a whole.*

*Welcome to our second issue of the Benjamin Marshall Society Newsletter. We look forward to keeping you apprised of events and developments, and we would greatly enjoy any input or contributions that you have to offer.*

*The rest of 2014 proposes to be quite exciting for the Society. Our author, John Zukowsky has readied his manuscript for the publisher – and the first book about architect Benjamin Marshall will soon be available! This alone sets an exciting tone for the approaching months. Cheers!*

## Summer event:

Benjamin Marshall Society docent Steven Monz will be lecturing on the architecture of Benjamin Marshall at Chicago's historic Second Presbyterian Church.

The Architecture of Benjamin Marshall

Tuesday July 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm

1936 S. Michigan Ave.

\$10 per person

Six o'clock reception and tours preceding the lecture, hosted by Friends of Historic Second Church

*Event Location:*  
1936 S. Michigan Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60610  
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## Benjamin Marshall's Home and Studio

While living in Lake Forest, Benjamin Marshall became enamored with a parcel of Wilmette property that formed a small peninsula. He set forth with plans to build a house there that would also hold his architectural office. The village, however, would not issue a permit as the land was zoned for residential use only.

Being the inimitable Benjamin Marshall, he made a deal with the local sailors who moored their boats close by. He asked them to convince the village to offer a permit, and he would allow the Sheridan Shore Yacht Club to be housed in the basement portion of the structure that held his offices, thus supplying them with a clubhouse.

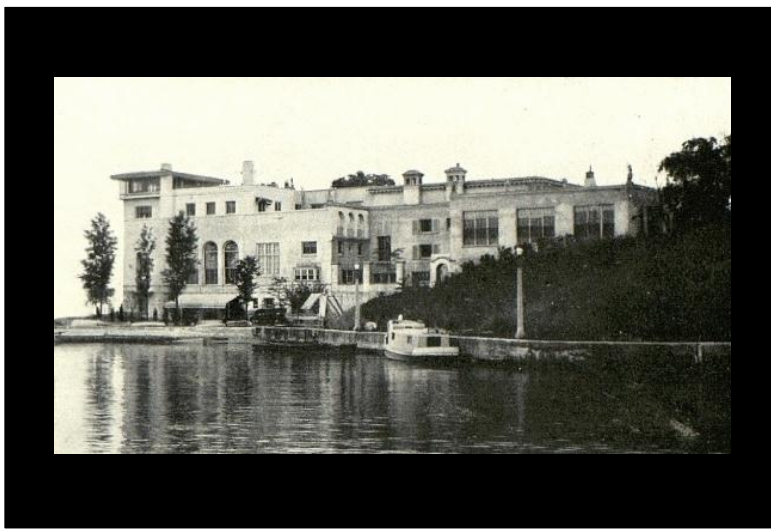
A permit was soon issued for a "studio-clubroom," and Marshall's new showplace home and office was completed in 1924. The Sheridan Shore Yacht Club occupied the basement until 1936, when the house was sold to Nathan Goldblatt.



*A lovely view of the Blackstone Hotel, c. 1910 - and the perspective north on Michigan Ave.*



*Gen. Italo Balbo, who visited the Marshall home in Wilmette (page3) in 1933. Notice the fourchée cross on his sash – an ancient French design element that Benjamin Marshall utilized years earlier with the Edgewater Beach Hotel complex.*



*Benjamin Marshall's home and studio, c. 1922 on the harbor in Wilmette, IL*



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## From the Archives:

### BALBO TO COME BACK AND SEE MORE OF CHICAGO

Gen. Italo Balbo will return to Chicago. He made the decision, and announced his intention, late yesterday afternoon after a visit at the home of Benjamin H. Marshall, architect, at 612 Sheridan road, Wilmette.

When he arrived at the Marshall home Gen. Balbo stepped out of his car with Gen. Pellegrini, pulled his white blouse straight, doffed his cap, and entered, all smiles, despite his wearisome day, parading and reviewing troops. The general and his party passed through a candle lit foyer into a tall greenhouse, around a pool of clear green water, and paused into the living room to admire the views of the lake and the yacht harbor. Cocktails were served, but he preferred a glass of Sauterne.

In the dim light of the Chinese pagoda room, which is carpeted by a satin mattress, Gen. Balbo paused. He spoke in Italian.

"The general says, 'Why do you bring us here when we are but men?'" Consul General Castruccio repeated. There was laughter.

Down in the living room again, he met Mrs. Marshall, Benjamin H. Marshall Jr., and Miss Dorothy Marshall. He spoke again, in Italian.

"The general say, 'I am dismayed that we have not come to your beautiful home before the eve of our departure,'" Consul General Castruccio again interpreted. There was more laughter.

Gen. Balbo Shook hands with his hosts, the party turned and filed out to the waiting automobiles. There it was that he stopped to smile and say he would return to Chicago at some later time.

Chicago Daily Tribune  
July 19<sup>th</sup>, 1933

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**JOIN US IN THE DEVELOPMENT  
OF THE FIRST EVER BOOK ABOUT  
BENJAMIN H. MARSHALL**

Richard Driehaus has generously provided the initial funds toward this project, but you too can become a patron and support the first book about Benjamin Marshall, due for release in the fall of 2014.

Only 100 numbered medallions (purchase price: \$500 each) have been created and must "sell-out" to complete the fundraising process. (Checks can be made payable to Benjamin Marshall Society and sent c/o William McCluskey, Drake Hotel, 140 E. Walton, Chicago, IL 60611) For questions or more information please call 312.907.5142



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