

## TOP TEN REASONS TO VISIT THE MCFADDIN-WARD HOUSE in Beaumont, Texas, (409) 832-2134

10. One of the last great examples of Beaux Arts Colonial Revival homes in America open to the public.
  - Noted architectural historian Guy Richard Wilson/University of Virginia featured the house on the cover for his coffee-table book as the definitive example of Colonial Revival.
  - The house was presented in A&E's *America's Castles* and in a PBS program.
9. One of the few house museums in which the furnishings are intact and original to the house. Often, house museums lose their contents through inheritance, foreclosure, or donations—not us!
8. An incredible opportunity to step into the past as a guest in an early 20<sup>th</sup> century home.
7. A highly-trained and devoted volunteer-docent who can escort small groups through the house, adapting the tour to match the interests of the group.
6. The intriguing story of the start of the petroleum industry and how one family played an important role.
5. Something of notice for everyone: children or adults, men or women, young or old.
4. A chance to experience how people in the first-half of the 1900s had lived and for us to gain an appreciation for a way of life free from the many distractions, pressures, and gadgetry of today.
3. The pleasure of experiencing a beautiful home through the topics of Social History, Architecture, Material Culture, Decorative Arts, and Family Living.
2. Walks in a well-loved garden.

And the Number #1 reason to visit the McFaddin-Ward House:  
It is a Beautiful Home!

