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**Pembroke Lodge to be the Site of the  
2025 Lake Forest Showhouse & Gardens**  
*Open April 26 – May 25, 2025*

December 3, 2024 --Lake Forest, Ill. -- The Lake Forest Chapter of the Infant Welfare Society of Chicago will transform a limestone Georgian-style Lake Forest home, designed in 1895 by architect Henry Ives Cobb, for the 2025 Lake Forest Showhouse & Gardens. Featured in the 1935 redesign of the majestic 30-room estate is a pool house and pool designed by David Adler, a tennis court with a warming hut, and a reflecting pond with English walled gardens.

Pembroke Lodge is one of the earliest estates developed along Lake Forest's Green Bay Road. Originally built on nearly 40 acres, with landscape architecture by Frederick Law Olmsted, the home was designed to take advantage of sunsets over the prairie landscape. It was built for real estate and zinc mining entrepreneur David Benton Jones and remained in the family for 67 years. After David's death, his daughter, philanthropist Gwethalyn Jones, hired Adler to revise the interior spaces and visionary designer Frances Elkins to create the interior design. Gwethalyn also sold over 31 acres to School District 67, where the City of Lake Forest's Deer Path Middle School now resides.

Architect Henry Ives Cobb designed the Union Club of Chicago, Chicago Athletic Association Building, Chicago Varnish Company Building (a National Landmark of Historic Places and a Chicago Landmark), Newberry Library and several pre-1900 buildings at Lake Forest College and the University of Chicago. Cobb is also responsible for the design of the University of Chicago's Yerkes Observatory on Geneva Lake in Williams Bay, WI.

Thirty-eight interior designers, along with several top landscapers, have been selected to reimagine the 15,000-square-foot mansion and its 3.5 acres. The Lake Forest Showhouse & Gardens will be open to visitors Tuesday through Sunday, starting April 26, through May 25, 2025. The 2025 Showhouse will mark the board's 20<sup>th</sup> production. Through a commitment to creativity, quality, and professionalism, the volunteer-run Lake Forest Showhouse & Gardens has become widely recognized as one of the top showhouses in the country. For up-to-date event information and to purchase tickets visit [www.lakeforestshowhouse.com](http://www.lakeforestshowhouse.com).