

Guidebook: Great Houses

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The Fred J. Johnston Museum

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Hours: Guided house tours of the Fred J. Johnston Museum are available on Saturdays and Sundays from May through October, 1-4 p.m.

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Historical Description:

The Fred J. Johnston Museum is an 1812 Federal-style house, the former home and showroom of the prominent antiques dealer Fred J. Johnston (1911-93). A passionate preservationist of Kingston's historic streetscapes and architecture, Mr. Johnston left his home and collection to the Friends of Historic Kingston

The Site:

Featured in the house is Johnston's collection of 18th and early 19th century furnishings, mostly American. They are showcased in eight exquisite room settings he created that illustrate the design artistry for which he was noted.

Directions:

From I-87 (NYS Thruway), take Exit 19 at Kingston. At traffic circle, follow signs to Washington Ave. Take Washington Ave. to third traffic light and turn left onto North Front St.; go 4 blocks and turn right onto Fair St.; at first traffic light, turn right onto Main St. Our museums are straight ahead on the corner of Main-Wall Sts. From the east side of the Hudson River, take the Kingston-Rhinecliff (George Clinton) Bridge and follow Rt. 209 south to Kingston exit and Rt. 28 east to Washington Ave. Proceed as above. Parking is available behind the Ulster County Courthouse, 285 Wall St., just north of the museums.