

The Leedy Lifetime Works Tour

Winter Haven, Florida

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Gene Leedy, a founding father of the "Sarasota school" of architecture, chose to make Winter Haven his home in 1954 when commissioned that year to build the Sparrow House. It was his first work in the quiet Polk County town. Though the scope of his work is now globally recognized, Winter Haven boasts of more Gene Leedy buildings than any other location.

Please remember that most of the buildings on this tour are privately owned. Please view Winter Haven's architectural treasures from public streets, unless permission is granted to enter the property. Thank you.

... about Leedy's design philosophy

"Great architects should create a lifestyle for a client, not just a floor plan. My buildings are a celebration of life and not just buildings."

--Gene Leedy

Gene's design philosophy resulted in a phenomenon of modern architecture, a unique collection created during a period of over fifty years. Look for these distinctive characteristics as you take in each masterpiece on this tour.

- >Use of honest, natural materials
- >Design for the climate
- >Adaptation of the building to its environment
- >Use of simple 4 foot design modules
- >Seamless integration of the outside and the inside
- >Separation of dissimilar materials - use of the black reveal
- >Incorporation of "wasted" space
- >Design for the lifestyle of the occupants, not for curb appeal

Download the recorded 60-minute companion audio tour
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one

Winter Haven Area Chamber of Commerce (A2)
401 Avenue B NW
Year Built 1990

two

Raley Building Restoration (A2)
505 Avenue A NW
Year Restored 1978
Year Built 1925





three

Haven Place Condominiums (A2)
523 Avenue B NW
Year Built 1983



four

McElroy Office Building (A1)
700 6th Street NW
Year Built 1960





five

Leedy Architectural Office (AI)
444 Avenue G NW
Year Built 1961



six

Kaylor Law Office (AI)
525 Avenue G NW
Year Built 1987





seven

Garden Center (AI)
713 3rd Street NW
Year Built 1965



eight

Winter Haven City Hall (AI)
451 3rd Street NW
Year Built 1960





nine

Hall & Bennett Law Office (B2)
(fka Summerlin & Connor Law Office)
146 Avenue B NW
Year Built 1960

ten

Colonial Bank (B2)
(fka Commerce Bank of
Central Florida)
141 East Central Avenue
Year Built 1990





eleven

Neurology & Neurosurgery Associates (B2)
(aka Taxdal Medical Center)
50 2nd Street SE
Year Built 1986

twelve

Central Florida MRI (B2)
180 Avenue A SE
Year Built 1990





thirteen

Merrill Lynch Building (B2)
375 East Central Avenue
Year Built 1996



fourteen

Gessler Clinic Women's Division (B2)
(fka Koon Medical Clinic)
450 East Central Avenue
Year Built 1967



fifteen

Weaving/Thomasson Residence (EI)
1517 Drexel Avenue (EI)
Year Built 1956

sixteen

Leedy Residence (EI)
1518 Drexel Avenue NE
Year Built 1956





seventeen

Leavey Residence (EI)
1530 Drexel Avenue NE
Year Built 1956

eighteen

Whittinghill Residence (EI)
1541 Drexel Avenue NE
Year Built 1956



nineteen

Howell Residence (EI)
1549 Drexel Avenue NE
Year Built 1956



twenty

Kaiser Residence (EI)
1550 Drexel Avenue NE
Year Built 1956



twentyone

Gaines Residence (E1)
1558 Drexel Avenue NE
Year Built 1956



twentytwo

Sands Residence (D4)
185 Lake Otis Road (Lakewood)
Year Built 1965





twentythree

Ellerman Residence (D3)
950 North Lake Otis Drive SE
Year Built 2006

twentyfour

Dormon Residence (C3)
550 West Lake Otis Drive SE
Year Built 1963





twentyfive

Sparrow Residence (C3)
501 West Lake Otis Drive SE
Year Built 1954



twentysix

Lucas Residence (D3)
840 West Lake Otis Drive SE
Year Built 1974





twentyseven

Wright Residence (C4)
900 West Lake Otis Drive SE
Year Built 2006

twentyeight

Ellison Residence (C5)
1602 8th Street SE
Year Built 1963



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Gene's innovative work with pre-stressed concrete and his development of Double T beams leave an enduring legacy relevant to the past and the future of architecture, both in residential and commercial structures.

Leedy's many awards are a succession of accolades to his steadfast convictions about his modern design philosophy. In 1988, Leedy was honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award by the Florida Association of Architects. With a lifetime still ahead of him, Gene's continued contributions to the field resulted in another career peak in 1992 when he was installed into the College of Fellows of the American Institute of Architects. Today, Leedy's work continues to transform the face of our community and the spaces beyond.

Thank you for joining us in celebrating a treasured member of the Winter Haven community, Gene Leedy.

You can learn more about Gene Leedy and his architecture at www.geneleedy.com



"Architecture is man's opinion of himself."
– Gene Leedy



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