

Facility Rentals

The Warkentin House is perfect for family gatherings, corporate meetings or luncheons, baby or bridal showers, anniversary parties, retirement receptions, civic group meetings, photo shoots, holiday parties, and many other events.

Included in the rental fee is the use of the entire first floor of this historic Victorian home, which includes a gracious dining room, parlor, and music room, all decorated with period decor. A fully-equipped modern kitchen, rest room, and dressing area are also available. The outdoor space includes the house's beautiful wraparound porch, gazebo and spacious lawn.

You may also arrange for your favorite musicians, florist, and catering vendors to provide their services at the house. We'll be happy to help with the arrangements.

Guided tours of the house are available as part of your event for an additional charge.

Cost Schedule

House Rental.....\$75 (per 4 hours)
Security Deposit..... \$50
Group Tours \$5 per person

Capacity

For stand-up receptions: 70
For seated dinners: 40



Where to Find the Warkentin House

211 East First Street
Newton, KS 67114
(316) 283-3113



Online At

www.warkentinhouse.org



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The Newton home of Bernhard Warkentin and Wilhelmina Eisenmayer Warkentin was built in 1886 and 1887 and is a splendid example of the Victorian period in American architecture and furnishings. This Victorian house offers a glimpse into the way the Warkentins lived since 80 percent of the original furnishings remain.

The house is listed on the Kansas Register of Historic Places as well as the National Register of Historic Places.

Features of the Warkentin House:

- Cut and etched glass panel in door to foyer
- Fine oak woodwork, ball-and-spindle fretwork
- Lincrusta-Walton wainscoting
- Walnut woodwork in dining room
- Magnificent Italian tiled fireplaces
- Large stained glass windows
- Czechoslovakian crystal chandeliers
- Master bedroom, an original Victorian suite of walnut with Italian marble
- Carriage house and brick drive
- Inviting wraparound porch



Bernhard Warkentin was born in 1847 in the Ukraine. In 1872, he arrived in the U.S. to study this country's agricultural, economic, and political climate. In 1873, he settled in Halstead, Kansas, building Harvey County's first grist mill.

Warkentin encouraged Mennonite immigrants to bring Turkey Red hard winter wheat. The hardy high-yield variety gave Kansas its enormous productivity and made this region the breadbasket of the world. He also became one of Newton's leading businessmen.

Bernhard Warkentin died tragically in 1908; Wilhelmina lived in the home until her death until 1932.

Hours

January-March ... by appointment, (316) 284-3642
 April-May Saturday-Sunday, 1-4:30 p.m.
 June-August Friday-Sunday, 1-4:30 p.m.
 Sept.-Dec..... Saturday-Sunday, 1-4:30 p.m.
 Closed on national holidays.

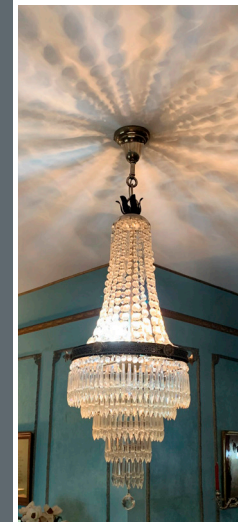
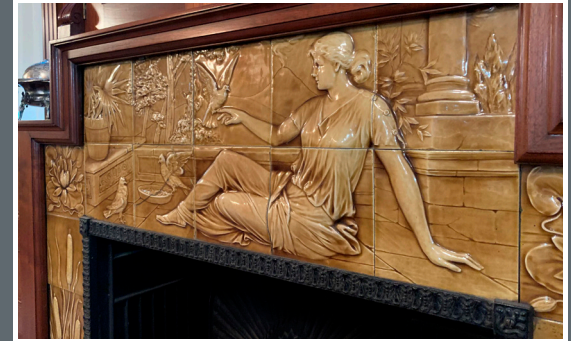
Group tours and private tours may be arranged in advance through the Newton Convention & Visitors Bureau at (316) 284-3642.

Admission

Adults and Teenagers \$5
 Children ages 5-12 \$2
 Private Tours \$5 per person



The tiles for the fireplaces in the parlor and dining room were imported from Italy.



The parlor and music room have matching chandeliers made of Czechoslovakian crystal.

Fine oak woodwork, ball-and-spindle fretwork and Lincrusta-Walton wainscoting can be seen throughout the house.

