

ROBERT ALLERTON'S PARADISES

Saturday, October 22

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Lewis Auditorium

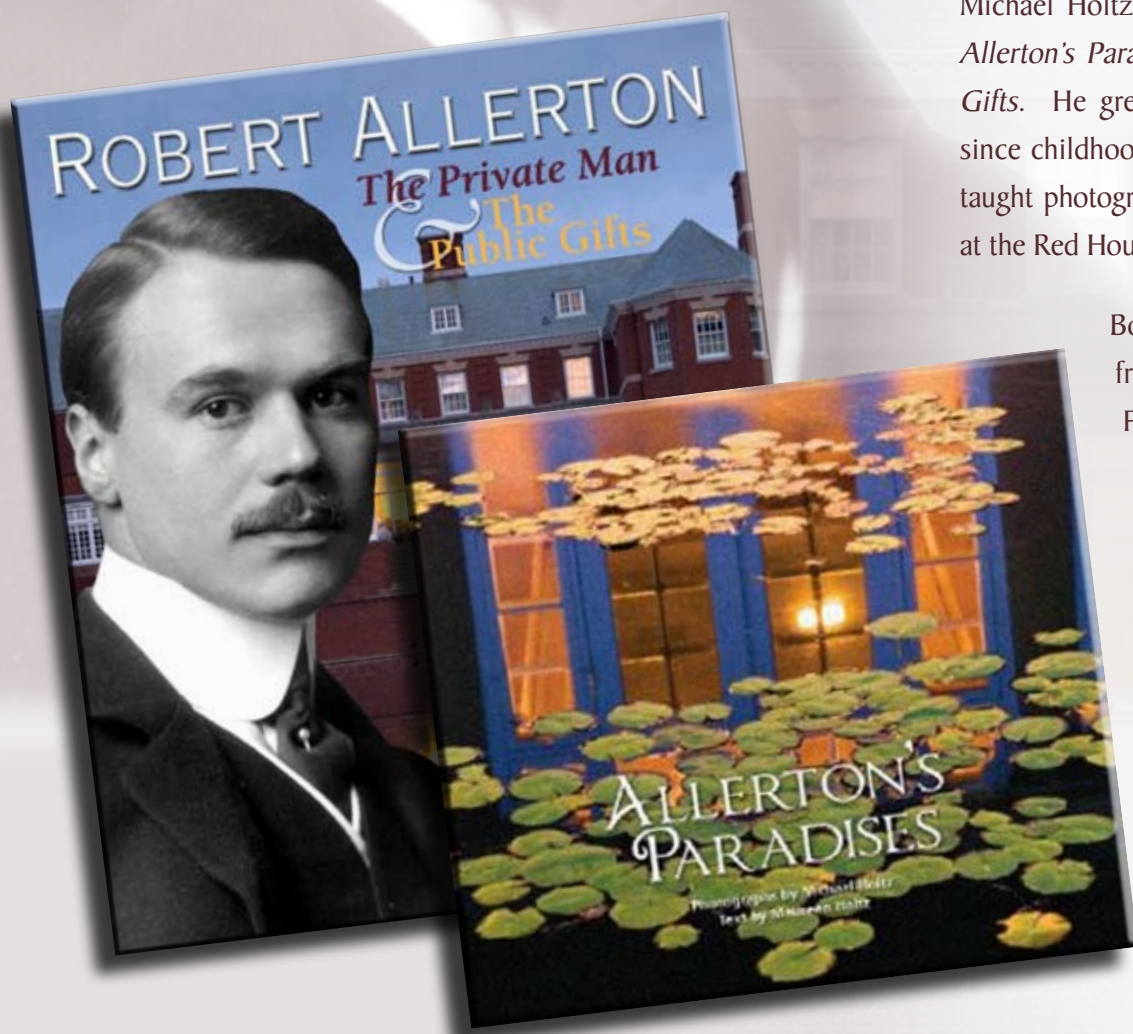
Allerton's Paradises (by Michael and Maureen Holtz), showcases the two extraordinary estates of local philanthropist Robert Allerton. His Illinois home, now called Allerton Park and Retreat Center located outside of Monticello, was his first palette where he learned to mingle art and landscape architecture. His second home on Kauai allowed him to work with more sculpture and add exotic plants.

Maureen Holtz, author of *Allerton's Paradises*, will discuss Robert Allerton, present a slideshow of his properties in Illinois and Hawaii, and read excerpts from letters he wrote in 1901 to a woman who captured his heart.

Author Maureen Holtz was raised in the Chicago suburbs and graduated from the University of Illinois with an education degree. After 25 years of working in the computer industry, she retired to focus on writing. In 2009 Maureen Holtz and Martha Burgin co-authored *Robert Allerton: The Private Man and the Public Gifts*. The biography is now in its second printing.

Michael Holtz, husband of Maureen Holtz, provided the photographs for *Allerton's Paradises* and *Robert Allerton: The Private Man and the Public Gifts*. He grew up in nearby Clinton, Illinois and has spent many hours since childhood exploring Allerton Park. A structural engineer, he is a self-taught photographer. His photographs of Illinois and his travels are available at the Red House Gallery, 315 West Washington, Monticello, Illinois.

Both books were published by the News-Gazette and are available from local bookstores, the News-Gazette office, as well as Prairie Fire Glass, and Red House Gallery in Monticello.



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