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Family Movie Day Marks the Opening of “House and Home,”

Port Allen: Audiences of all ages are invited to a FREE movie day at the museum on **Saturday, August 29 at 1:00 p.m.** in celebration of the opening of the latest traveling exhibit, “House and Home” a NEH on the Road Traveling Exhibit which embarks on a tour of houses both familiar and surprising, through past and present, to explore the varied history, and many cultural meanings of the American home. The exhibit, curated by Sarah Leavitt, drawn from the flagship installation at The National Building Museum in Washington, D. C., displays entertainment and household items, family portraits, children’s toys, photographs, films and interactive stations to illustrate the progression of the American home. Families are welcome to tour the exhibit, enjoy the 94 minute classic feature film, “Mr. Blandings Builds His Dream House”.

Mr. Blandings Builds His Dream House (1948) is an American comedy film directed by H. C. Potter and starring Cary Grant and Myrna Loy. The film, written and produced by the team of Melvin Frank and Norman Panama, was an adaptation of Eric Hodgins' popular 1946 novel. The film, a box office hit upon its release, shares the story of a Manhattan couple and their two teen aged daughters giving up city living in search of the American dream of finding the perfect house in Connecticut’s countryside during post war America. What follows is a debacle of new windows, doors and doorknobs that break, plumbing installed that doesn't work, and aggravation from temperamental architects, contractors and neighbors. In 1986 the novel was adapted for film again for the Tom Hanks, Shelley Long movie *The Money Pit*, and in 2007 a loose remake of the 1948 film was released under the title *Are We Done Yet?*

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