

# Lora's World

With thanks to the Ballou family for their generous contributions to this exhibitions

## Travel



The Ballou and Shultz families were wealthy enough to see the world with their own eyes. The Shultz House contains artifacts from their travels, whereas Lora Ballou memorialized her travels through her sketches.

## Gardening



The early 20<sup>th</sup> century has been referred to as the “Golden Age of Gardening,” as wealthier families transformed their estates into lush English country gardens with specimen trees and plantings.

## Arts and Sciences



The Yard School of Art and Montclair Art Museum were in full swing by the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. While Lora painted, the Shultz family was interested in science. They did, however, purchase artwork to beautify their home.



Notice the horse-drawn carriages lined up at Lackawanna Plaza waiting for the commuters to arrive, circa 1918.

## Take the Train

Like many other successful Montclair businessmen, John Ballou and Charles Shultz enjoyed the convenience of Montclair's relatively new commuter train line that gave them ready access to their respective offices in Manhattan and Hoboken while allowing their families to live in this sophisticated and beautiful suburban setting.

The train first came through the south end of town in 1856.