

My life has always been connected with an architectural masterpiece since my birth. This is my house and I am proud of it. Of course, in my early age I did not understand the significance of our dwelling, but as I grew older I realized that my home was a special one. I sincerely believe that our home really deserves special attention as a cultural phenomenon, not only in our region, but in Russia as well.

Our house is unique. It was designed by the architect A. N. Shiryaev at the turn of the transition from "constructivism" to "Soviet classicism", this style is called art deco. The characteristic features of the building are powerful rusticated columns at the level of the first floor, rusticated blades, large stucco volute-shaped brackets, modulons, loggias and curved balconies with a light metal fence. In the design of the facades, the styles of the architectural order were used. The "heavy" ground floor is separated by a wide cornice belt and contrasts with the rest of the floors with the plank rustication and color.

Moreover, our house is notable for the fact that before the collapse of the Soviet Union, it used to be a municipal building inhabited by the railway workers. They did not take possession of the flats and could move in only if they worked for the railroad company.

Thanks to the documents, we know that quite a lot of famous people lived in our house. For example, the well-known politician and governor V. Tolokonsky did. Some celebrities did not live here, but visited the place every morning. The kindergarten on the ground floor was another distinctive feature. It was the oldest and the best in Novosibirsk.

I believe that it is important to understand the style of the buildings and the reason why some buildings are considered to be the architectural monuments, while others are not. If a house is the recognizable hallmark of a particular style, well-kept and maintained, it can rightfully be called a monument. Also, people make the place and the inhabitants of my house have always been making it!

Another important point is its historical involvement. I am proud of my house because it is a part of national history. During the Second World War a large number of people from Leningrad moved to Novosibirsk and some of famous people moved in our house. For example, Viktor Lelipov, the actor of the Youth Theater in Leningrad lived in the apartment, 29. At first, people lived in apartments, then during the war years, families were settled in rooms, and then they had to share the corners.

Our home is recognized as a notable landmark of its time. It is also a really beautiful sight. For example, many people choose our house for outdoor photo shoots. Then people need houses like this to recall history. I am sure that our house

is a mute witness of striking events that have taken place over the period of its entire existence.

