2017 Spring Home & Garden Tour
“Heights Hidden Beauties”

Discover Houston Heights’ Hidden Beauties at the annual Houston Heights Association Spring Home & Garden Tour. Kicking off with its Candlelight Dinner & Auction on April 7, the weekend-long home and garden tour is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, April 8th and 9th, showcasing six renovated historic and recently constructed homes in the Houston Heights.

Candlelight Dinner & Auction
The Candlelight Dinner & Auction will be held on Friday, April 7. [See the article on page 3.]

Spring Home & Garden Tour
The tour runs from 12:00 to 6:00 PM on both Saturday and Sunday, April 8 and 9, and includes homes displaying a diverse mix of architectural styles and inviting gardens. In keeping with the theme of this year’s tour, Heights Hidden Beauties, each of the homes will amaze guests with beautiful architecture, interior décor, and other aspects that lay hidden behind their front doors. Be prepared for breathtaking splendor when stepping inside and experiencing each home’s hidden beauty.

For pictures and descriptions of the six homes on tour, please see pages 4 and 5.

Home Tour Tickets
Advance tickets are $20 and are available online now at houstonheights.org. In addition, at a date to be determined, tickets will be available from Houston Heights retailers Buchanan’s Native Plants at 611 E. 11th St., Joshua’s Native Plants & Garden, 502 W. 18th St., and Jubilee at 325 W. 19th St. Visit the association’s website for more information. Tickets purchased on the days of the tour are...

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MONTHLY MEETING & HAPPY HOUR

Meet new neighbors and friends on the second Monday of the month at the historic Heights Fire Station at 12th and Yale. The socializing starts at 6:30 PM; the meeting begins at 7:00 PM.

March 13: “Let’s Get Moving”
Meet the Fitness Gurus in the Greater Heights and discover your best fit for working out, doing yoga, crossfit and more!

April 10: “Now & Next: Your City of Houston”
The Heights Association is honored to welcome Houston’s new Chief of Police Art Acevedo. Chief Acevedo already has made a great difference in making our city safer. Very special thanks to HHA President Bill Baldwin for making this happen for HHA.

HHA is excited to be the first neighborhood association to hear about the results of the Heights Design Guidelines survey at a presentation by Steph McDougall at the April monthly mixer and meeting at the Fire Station.

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$25 and will be available at the Houston Heights Fire Station at 107 W. 12th St. (at the corner of Yale) and all the pre-sale ticket locations. Tickets will not be available for purchase at the individual homes. Shuttle buses will be available at the Fire Station to take you to the homes.

Bicycles

Accommodations will be made for tour-goers who choose to ride their bicycles from house to house. Bicycle racks will be available at each home, and a “bicycle valet” will be on hand to assist with parking and securing bikes while the home is being toured.

Contacts

For more event information e-mail springtour@houstonheights.org. If you would like to volunteer to work during the tour please email volunteer@houstonheights.org.

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New Members

Please welcome these new members to the Houston Heights Association.

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Garden Club Notes

Our Plant and Seed Swap will be on March 15 at 7:00 PM at the Heights Fire Station at 12th and Yale. It’s the giving of the green—plants that is! So please join us! Start dividing your plants now and collecting those seeds. If you have no plants or seeds to bring, you can still join us (and wear a little green to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day!) for refreshments, door prizes, and socializing with fellow gardeners.

On April 8 at 10:00 AM, tour the Art Compound, 1901 West 14th St. The property belongs to prominent artist Dixie Friend Gay (murals at the airport). The garden is an ongoing project by the owner and her son. The garden, house, and art studios, built by the artist in 1992, are located on an acre of land off a tributary of White Oak Bayou in the Clark Pines neighborhood. The garden is a collection of native and tropical plants intermixed with beautifully placed art and found objects. Features of the garden include a beautiful mixed-media gate by the artist, artfully designed meandering plant beds, and a goldfish pond.

For more information on the Heights Garden Club please check out our website www.heightsgardenclub.com and our Facebook page.

Curious about the Urbanites?

The Urbanites is the social group of the Houston Heights Association, open to all HHA members. We meet periodically to socialize at local businesses to get to know our neighbors. It’s also a great way to check out what the HHA has to offer for potential members. We focus on the fun of the community and giving back through volunteering at HHA events and fundraisers. The best way to find out more about upcoming events and opportunities is to like us on Facebook (Houston Heights Urbanites).

Our next event will be a happy hour at Ritual (602 Studewood) on Wednesday, March 15, starting at 5:00 PM. (On Wednesdays they offer drink specials and free appetizers.) See you there!

Awards Presented on February 26

Citizens of the Year — Stasi & Damian Ogier
Marcella Perry Award — Sharon & Gus Kopriva
Corporate Citizen — Kroger on 11th
Rising Stars — Hannah & Bill White
Pioneer Award — Jonathan Smulian
President’s Award — Janet Buchheit

Community Improvement Awards
Commercial New Construction — John Nash, Anglo Shipping — 128 W. 17th
Commercial Renovation — Southern Goods — 632 W. 19th
Residential New Construction — P&G Homes — 1511 Ashland
Residential Renovation — Bobby & Elizabeth Poirrier — 215 W 16th

Candlelight Dinner & Auction

The home tour weekend festivities begin on Friday, April 7, with the Candlelight Dinner and Auction. Ticket holders can enjoy an exclusive preview of the six beautiful homes on this year’s Spring Home & Garden Tour from 5:00 to 7:00 PM.

If ticket holders do not get the opportunity to tour the homes on Friday evening, their tickets are also valid on Saturday and Sunday, April 8 and 9, from 12:00 to 6:00 PM both days.

The Dinner will be held at Silver Street Studios from 7:00 to 11:00 PM. Guests will enjoy delectable passed hors d’oeuvres and a seated buffet dinner.

Also on the menu, a refreshing specialty drink with ingredients generously provided by Heights Liquor on 11th and beer courtesy of St. Arnold’s Brewing Company. Co-chairs for this dinner portion of the evening are Danae Stephenson, Kenny Terrell and Heather Williams.

In keeping with this year’s home tour theme, Heights Hidden Beauties, we invite guests to don colorful cocktail attire and be prepared for some hidden surprises as the evening unfolds.

View additional details and purchase tickets online at www.houstonheights.org/html/spring_tour.html. Tickets are $200 per person; tables for ten or twelve people are available.

We look forward to spending a colorful and entertaining evening with you.
Homes on the 2017 Spring Home & Garden Tour

The Anderson/Horeis Home at 805 Heights Blvd. – Circa 1916

After being converted from a four-plex back into a single-family home, this eclectic Craftsman home, which adorns the popular Heights Boulevard, was purchased by the current owners in 2014. A perfect blend of 21st century décor, the owners have stayed true to the home’s historic nature by keeping many of the original elements.

The Sawyer Home at 1433 Allston St. – Circa 1900

This remodeled and expanded Queen Anne Victorian home is like walking into a historic row house in England. With one-of-a-kind wallpapers, Farrow & Ball Paint colors and modern lighting, this home has the owner’s personal touch all over it. Once through the door, guests may feel they have stepped back in time to a vintage era.

The Zanone Home at 703 Harvard St. – Circa 1920

One of the original Queen Anne Revival homes of the Heights, this smaller home is anything but small when it comes to Victorian character and surprises. The current owner has made many improvements to the home since acquiring it in 2010, and his labor of love will certainly be appreciated by all who enter.
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The Hammonds Home at 821 Cortlandt St. – Circa 1920
This Craftsman-style bungalow was purchased by the current owners in 2007. Retaining its stained glass, box-beam ceilings, and built-in hutch, this home is a true testament to a beautiful historic restoration.

The Ogiers Home at 810 Ralfallen St. - Circa 2016
The newest house on the tour, this home was built by the owners on the site of a house that had been demolished due to water and smoke damage. The two-story contemporary American farmhouse style home has a wide array of custom additions throughout, including an outdoor living space with vaulted stained tongue and groove ceiling, and an indoor music room with a grand piano and collection of guitars.

The Niemczak Home at 917 Columbia St. – Circa 2015
This custom-built home is a true testament to how much architectural charm and character can be put on one lot. Replacing a three-unit apartment building, this Acadian-inspired home contains many custom features, including a basement, commissioned art pieces from local Houston artists, and an outdoor patio space that will make you want to stay outside all evening.
Donations

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- Brian Robin – Donovan Playground

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers are needed in many positions for the Spring Home & Garden Tour and the Candlelight Dinner & Auction.

- Docents are needed for homes, shuttles, and bicycles. Work a three-hour shift from 12:00–3:00 PM or 3:00–6:00 PM on Saturday, April 8 and/or Sunday, April 9.
- The Silent Auction Committee needs volunteers for set-up and tear-down April 6 - April 9.
- The Candlelight Dinner needs volunteers to check in guests on Friday evening, April 7.
- Ticket sellers are needed at the Fire Station on April 8 and 9 from 11:30–2:30 PM or 2:30–5:30 PM.

Volunteers receive a free ticket to the Home Tour and have lots of fun! To volunteer for any of the opportunities listed please contact volunteer@houstonheights.org.

Did You Know?

Public Forums at Board Meetings

Did you know that the Houston Heights Association Board reserves some time early on the agenda of each third-Monday meeting for a short Public Forum? Email info@houstonheights.org if you want to address the Board.

Saving Trees – Opting Out of Paper Newsletters Without Losing Touch With HHA

Did you know you can ask that we not send you a paper newsletter? Just drop us a line at info@houstonheights.org and let us know you prefer to read us online only. We can use the savings on printing and postage for other HHA projects, and you’ll have that much less paper to recycle.

You can find issues of The Heights at www.houstonheights.org/newsletter/index.htm going back to June 2006. If we have your email address on file, we can send you notices when issues become available, and we can notify you of other HHA activities.

There is much more to find elsewhere on our website www.houstonheights.org.

You can also follow us on Facebook; enter “Houston Heights Association” on the search bar. Many of our events and some of our committees also have their own Facebook pages.
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**Community Calendar**

Events planned by other community organizations

First and third Thursdays, 7:30 PM, English Country Dancing in the Heights. For more information, email jnbloom@gmail.com or visit http://www.hatds.org/index.php?page=ecd

March 31–April 8, Opera in the Heights presents Adamo’s Little Women at 1703 Heights Blvd. For more information or tickets, call 713-861-5303 or visit www.operaintheheights.org.

**Monthly Meetings** from page 1

Meet Minette Boesel, chair of the HAHC, as well as Heights resident HAHC members. Special thanks to Bart Truxillo for co-chairing this evening.

**May 8: “Heights Artists Show & Tell”**

Liz Conces Spencer, renowned professional artist and local Heights resident, has curated a selection of Heights artists represented by Archway Gallery, who will be presenting their work in May.

**June 12: “Meet our Heights Super Heroes - Safety and Security”**

The Houston Heights Association is pleased to host an evening with our crime fighting professionals. Learn about crime statistics, tips to be safe, and membership in the HHA’s Constable Patrol Program. Officers from the Precinct 1 Constable’s Office, Houston Police Department, and Harris County Sheriff’s Office will be there.

**July 10: “Heights Great American Pie Contest”**

Bring your fresh baked pies to compete for prizes awarded by a panel of celebrity judges. Feast on the entries on this crowd-pleasing night of indulgence.

Watch for updates by email, on Facebook, and in the newsletter.

**Future History**

Beyond the calendar grid...

June 3, Fun Run
October 1, Bicycle Rally & Scavenger Hunt
December 1–2, Holiday Home Tour [tentative dates]
December 12-13, Holiday Food Baskets [tentative dates]
February 25, 2018, Awards Dinner
April 6–8, 2018, Spring Home & Garden Tour weekend [tentative dates]

**Heavy Trash Notes**

The heavy trash pickup date is the third Wednesday for most of the HHA coverage area. Service schedules, including collection dates and information, tree waste and junk waste collection, and the Neighborhood Service Maps page can be viewed at www.houstonontx.gov/solidwaste/service_schedules.html
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