

7th Annual Tour Features Five Beautiful Homes

By Judith O'Rourke

For the past seven years, hundreds of Onondaga Park Association volunteers have gathered together to showcase the beautiful, historic homes surrounding the park. Last year, a record number of people enjoyed the tour. By all indications,

the seventh-annual tour will be equally successful. Five beautiful homes, ranging from a Shingle Style Cottage to a modernized Georgian, will be showcased this year:

- **237 Robineau Road**, owned by Richard and Dorothy Anderson. This two-story, brick Colonial home was originally owned by Mary Braun, of

Braun Manufacturing. Built in 1939, its architectural features include a slate roof, an entry foyer with ceramic tile and leaded glass, and an elliptical arched doorway. Other features include oak hardwood floors, three fireplaces, a ceramic half bath, and a newly remodeled kitchen.

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Guides Needed for Strathmore Homes Tour

By Mary Jane Monsour and Susan Markel

Every year, hundreds of Strathmore area residents come together in celebration of this wonderful neighborhood by volunteering to help organize and run OPA's annual historic homes tour. It's wonderful to see new friendships being born and pride take root, as these volunteers discover the unique beauty and integrity of our area's historically or architecturally significant homes. Each year we need 300 vol-

unteers to help make the tour a success. We will have five or six people at each home, working in two- or three-hour shifts. Each group is responsible for welcoming visitors, explaining the history of the home, and answering questions. We coach all of our volunteers on the history of the house in advance of the tour, so they will feel comfortable in their roles.

As longtime residents of the neighborhood, we are delighted to have the chance to showcase our Strathmore-area homes to the public, and to get to know more of our

neighbors, as they volunteer to join us in this effort.

We have many openings remaining, and look forward to hearing from you, our OPA members. The fact is, no matter how beautiful the homes, the tour will not be a complete success without volunteer home tour guides. To volunteer your services, please either call Mary Jane Monsour, at 475-2582, or Susan Markel, at 422-3585.

Mary Jane Monsour and Susan Markel are co-chairs of the Homes Tour Volunteer Committee.

Tour of Homes

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- **122 Stolp Avenue**, owned by Pat Freyberger.

A superb example of Shingle Style Cottage architecture, this 1909 home features three Keck stained glass windows, original balloon ceilings throughout, brick chimneys in the kitchen, bath, bedroom, and living room, and Arts & Crafts and Edwardian decor. The owner's Victorian Christmas trees and decorations will also be on display.

- **640 Roberts Avenue**, owned by William Kushner.

Overlooking Hiawatha Lake, this traditional center-hall Colonial, built in 1928, boasts gorgeous views of the park and the city and sits on a large wooded lot. The lovingly restored interior features circassian walnut woodwork, made from the heart of the sweetgum tree, in the French doors, kitchen doors, sunroom and dining room. The home also features

Tour Information

When: June 17, 2000, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Where: Pick up your Tour Guide, or purchase tickets, at the OPA information tent, located at the Crossett/Clairmonte entrance to Onondaga Park.

Cost: Tour tickets may be purchased in advance for \$8 by calling Patty Gavigan at 476-6013. On the day of the event, tickets may be purchased for \$10 at the OPA tent.

Pre-tour Party Tickets: Cost \$25/person, or \$40/couple. They may be purchased at the door, or in advance by calling Patty Gavigan, at 476-6013.

the owner's impressive collection of antique light fixtures.

- **314 Summit Avenue**, owned by Mary Anne and Tom Kelley.

In redecorating their elegant 1936 Georgian-Revival home, the Kelleys worked with a local artist to select a harmonic range of jewel-like colors, which beautifully set off their home's classical bas-relief wall moldings. The Preservation Association of Central New York lecture series will be held in this historic home, which has been the residence of many notable Syracusans, including the late Mayor Lee Alexander. The dessert bar will also be located here, providing a quiet respite for tour-goers.

- **176 Robineau Road**, owned by William and Susan Barry.

This three-story 1919 California Mission-style Ward Wellington Ward clay-tile stucco and brick home boasts a maid's quarters in the finished attic, two Mercer tile fireplaces (including one in the basement, which has been converted into a home theater), Keck stained glass windows, leaded glass doors, and a new Mission-style kitchen.

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Tour of Homes Features Lecture Series

Preservation Association of CNY will Present Talks

Each year the Strathmore-by-the-Park Historic Homes Tour hosts a lecture series organized by the Preservation Association of Central New York. Qualified experts focus on the history of the area, along with area architecture, preservation, and decorative ideas. This year, the lectures will be held at 314 Summit Ave., the home of Mary Anne and Tom Kelley.

The Place of the Greater Strathmore Area in the Urban

Development of Syracuse

Speaker: Samuel Gruber, executive director of the Preservation Association of Central New York

Garden Suburbs of the Early 20th Century

Speaker: To be announced.

An Introduction to Arts & Crafts

Speaker: To be announced

Domestic Architecture

Speaker: To be announced

A Walk Around the Block: A Short History of Streets, Sidewalks and other Urban Amenities

that we take for Granted

Speaker: Samuel Gruber, executive director of the Preservation Association of Central New York

Preserving Syracuse Neighborhoods through Historic District Designation

Speaker: To be announced.

A full schedule of the lecture times and speakers will be available the day of the tour. For more information, call Samuel Gruber, at 474-2350, or send him an e-mail, at sdgruber@syr.edu.



The 7th Annual Strathmore by the Park Historic Homes Tour

Saturday, June 17, 2000, 10 am - 4 pm Onondaga Park Syracuse, New York

Tour Tickets: \$8 in advance, \$10 on the day of the tour. Number of tickets: x \$ = \$

Pre-Tour Party Tickets: \$25/person, \$40/couple. Number of tickets: x \$ = \$

Benefactor Tickets: Number of tickets: x \$ = \$
\$100/person. Benefactors receive two tickets to Homes Tour, and two tickets to Pre-Tour Party.

Raffle Tickets: \$1/each, or 6 for \$5. Number of tickets: x \$ = \$

Total enclosed: \$

Please mail this form, with your check, to:

STRATHMORE BY THE PARK HOMES TOUR
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