

NewsLetter

SUMMER 2010

34th Annual Home and Garden Tour Set for Sunday, September 12

Homes on Peabody, Harbert and Central Avenues featured

This year celebrates the 34th year that Central Gardens neighbors work together to showcase treasures of our neighborhood — glorious architecture, inspiring gardens and gracious hospitality.

The tour will take place on Sunday, September 12 from 1 to 6 p.m. The building of the homes selected for this year span a sixty year period between 1907 and 1967. Alex Stoecklein, tour chairperson, sought homes for this year's tour that are architecturally significant and reflect the tremendous diversity of styles seen in Central Gardens.

Tickets are now available for purchase at various businesses around town (see list on page 3) for the pre-tour price of \$12. Or purchase your tickets conveniently online (www.centralgardens.org) for \$15. Your third option is to buy tickets on the day of the tour for \$15. Tickets may be purchased at any of the tour homes or at The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Central Avenue. All tickets purchased online or via the CGA membership patron level are available for pick-up at the cathedral on tour day from 12:30 to 5:30 pm.



*Architecture is
inhabited sculpture.*

—Constantin Brancusi

If walls could talk...

By Alex Stoecklein, chairperson CGA 34th Annual Home and Garden Tour

I am now convinced that they do! But only because I had the pleasure of walking within the walls of six fine Central Gardens homes with Marsha Hayes and John Tackett. You, too, can share in doing the next best thing as you enjoy this year's tour. Your exploration will be directed by John Tackett's keen sense of design, while your interest is piqued by the historical information and anecdotes provided by Marsha Hayes' research into the stories of home owners, past and present.

Please visit our website: www.centralgardens.org.

Explore these historic homes at our annual home tour

1592 Central Avenue

Regan & Weller, Architects; c. 1937

Originally built by the Montesi family, the house provided inspiration for some of the images in noted photographer William Eggleston's landmark solo exhibition of color photography

(Museum of Modern Art in New York City, 1976).

The lush and dramatic garden incorpo-

rates the artistic talents of former owners Carla and Greg Touliatos, with sculpture, water features and the feeling of a private nature sanctuary. Drew and Amy Taylor have enjoyed making this house their home since purchasing it in 2009.



1749 Harbert Avenue

Francis Gassner, Architect; c. 1967

This “uncompromisingly modern” house remains virtually unchanged from its original state, with the exception of updated kitchen appliances. The architect designed the home for his family, creating an artful integration of the house into its surroundings. The spare, clean lines of the

wall that is visible from the street only hint at the fabulous space within. The interior, while offering a strong sense of privacy from the exte-



rior view, clearly benefits from light and exposure to the garden throughout. Bill and Margaret Craddock recently moved into the home, after living in older, more “traditional” Central Gardens homes for the past 40 years.

1657 Peabody Avenue, c. 1912

A spirited use of rich color, fine details and an eclectic art collection integrate old with new in the unique interior — all the while honoring the Arts and Crafts tradi-

tion. Henry and Beverly Doggrell have made this house their home for the past 23 years, during which time four renovations have been complet-



ed. Most recently, the guest house was updated, and Beverly collaborated with landscape designers to create a serene, outdoor living room within the garden. As you enter the house, be sure to note the unique pictograph inspired artwork on the front walk, created this summer by the owners' son, Dana!

1635 Peabody Avenue

J. Frazer Smith, Architect; c. 1937

The architect's research into the antebellum architecture of the middle south is clear in this home, designed as the Smith's personal residence. The clever incorporation of a drafting

table remains, just as it was when the house was built. Bryan Mulroy and Ray Phillips have lived in the house for thirteen years.



They completed an addition that expanded the back of the house and devoted the new second floor space to a family room aerie, overlooking the treetops and a lovely New Orleans influenced garden.

1600 Peabody Avenue, c. 1909

Known as Four Roses, this house was originally built by Atlanta pharmacist, Dr. Rose, for his daughter and her husband, Frank Lang. Once dubbed “Memphis Eclectic,” the architectural style draws from Arts and Crafts as well as

four-square vocabulary. This uniquely elegant amalgam is evident as you enter the home — the staircase landing’s original stained glass window, antique chandeliers, and beautifully preserved woodwork predominate. Four



Roses has been owned by Preston and Betsy Wilson since 2000.

1554 Peabody Avenue

Jones & Furbringer, Architects; c. 1907

Stimulation for all of the senses will greet you at this grand home, known as Hillcrest. Designed for a widow, Mrs. Walter Goodman, and her widowed daughter, this residence was featured in both the 1912 Gravure Artwork of Memphis and the 1913 Architect’s League Exhibition at the

Nineteenth Century Club.

This home has several features that were quite unusual for the time, while highly desirable today. Among them are a first floor bedroom



“suite” and radiators that are hidden and vented below the floors of the public rooms. Hillcrest is owned by John and Susan Jerit. Musical entertainment will be provided as you tour the home and refreshments will be offered in the garden following your visit.

Get Your Tour Tickets Today!

Tour tickets are available via several convenient options:

- Become a Patron CGA member. Join the Central Gardens Association for 2010/2011 at the Patron level and receive two free tickets. Go online to join or renew your membership (www.CentralGardens.org).
- Go online. New this year, purchase your tickets online via www.CentralGardens.org website.
- Visit one of the advance sale locations.
- Purchase on the day of the tour at the Cathedral of The Immaculate Conception or any of the tour homes.

Tickets are now available at:

- CGA website (www.centralgardens.org)
- 1910 Frame Works, 2029 Union Ave.
- Babcock Gifts, 4626 Poplar Ave.
- Miss Cordelia’s Grocery, 737 Harbor Bend Rd.
- Davis-Kidd Booksellers, 387 Perkins Rd Extd.
- Otherlands Coffee Bar, 641 S. Cooper
- Wiles-Smith Drugstore, 1635 Union Ave.
- Woman’s Exchange, 88 Racine St.
- Schnuck’s on Union, (Saturday, September 11 only)

Pick-up for tickets purchased online or as part of your Patron CGA membership is available at The Cathedral of The Immaculate Conception on Central Avenue on the day of the tour from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. 🍷

Councilman Jim Strickland Welcomes the Newest Board Members

Memphis City Councilman Jim Strickland joins CGA President Ken Cummins and Vice President Steven King in welcoming the newest members of the CGA Board of Directors. Meet them for yourself:

Elizabeth Byrd

Pets: Blue (cat), Angel (dove), and many goldfish and tadpoles

Why did you move to Central Gardens? I've lived in Central Gardens since I was six years old, except for my 13 years of wanderlust when I moved around the southern and western portions of the U.S. as an adult. I brought my first baby home from the hospital to our home here on York and have rocked all four of them in this home.

Favorite Tree: Live oak tree, but it will not grow well here.

Work and/or hobbies: Psychotherapist and holistic nurse practitioner. My home and yard are my hobbies.

Fun Fact: My family has been in this neighborhood long before Central Gardens was even conceived. Five generations of the McCadden/Byrd families living in the neighborhood began when my paternal great-grandparents lived on McLean.

Why did you agree to be a member of the CGA Board of Directors? I have often felt that those of us living on York did not matter to the association. So when I was asked, I was happy to serve and to have an opportunity to get to know so many more of my neighbors.

CGA Committees: Security and Beautification

Rick Clark

Wife: Fran

Lived in Central Gardens: Seven years

Why did you move to Central Gardens?: Wonderful neighborhood with great neighbors

Work and/or hobbies: Research Scientist with a passion for gardening and making wine.

Favorite tree: Gingko

Fun Fact: Our home has been updated, but the original lighting fixtures and working icebox remain intact.

Why did you agree to be a member of the CGA Board of Directors? I believe that security is the most important issue relative to maintenance of property values and the casual life style of our Central Gardens neighborhoods.

CGA Committees: Security, Landmarks, Home Tour

Keith Cole

Wife: Katie

Pets: Harley and Spencer are our cats

Lived in Central Gardens: 20 years

Why did you move to Central Gardens: Fell in love with our "bungalow" home that was built in 1915. The front porch, fireplace, built-in bookcases, hardwood floors, and good-sized yard really hooked us.

Work and/or hobbies: Business consultant. Hobbies include photography, reading, music, attending community theater, entertaining friends at our home, grilling.

Favorite Tree: Dogwood.

Fun Fact: Our home had the first TV set on our street

Why did you agree to be a member of the CGA Board: After 20 years of paying my "financial due" to the organization I thought it was time to also pay and support CGA with my "time."

CGA Committees: Membership and Landmarks

Cathy Crouse

Husband: Michael

Son: Colin, 20

Lived in Central Gardens: Six months

Why did you move to Central Gardens? I wanted to live in a neighborhood that inspires fellowship, camaraderie and a sense of pride and belonging.

Work and/or hobbies: I have been blessed to be a stay-at-home-mom and a "professional" volunteer for 30+ years with various civic, church, school and charitable organizations. Plus, I am an avid Memphis Grizzlies fan and a Jazzercise fanatic.

Favorite tree: Weeping willow

Fun Fact: I once stood in line for over 18 hours to purchase for my son the Nintendo Game Cube video system

Why did you agree to be a member of the CGA Board of Directors? I want to be an active participant in our new neighborhood and to promote giving back.

CGA Committees: Marketing, Membership, Springfest, 4th of July Parade, Home Tour

Susie Jabbour

Son: Justin, 15

Dogs: Hapuna and Sandy

Lived in Central Gardens: 16 years

Why did you move to Central Gardens: Always loved midtown

Work and/or hobbies: Teacher in preschool

Favorite tree: Tulip Poplar

Fun Fact: One day while walking, saw a friend from college swinging on the front porch of a house, found out the homeowners were moving and bought the house—before it went on the market.

Why did you agree to be a member of the CGA Board of Directors? I want to help keep our neighborhood strong and intact by participating as I can in our Association.

CGA Committees: Home Tour Co-Chair and 4th of July Parade

Kay Price

Daughter: Kimberly

Grandcats: Chaos and Jerry

Granddog: Stella

Lived in Central Gardens: Three years

Why did you move to Central Gardens: To live in the right house with a garage in an established community full of friendly, caring neighbors.

Work and/or hobbies: Cheering for Memphis Tiger sports, especially basketball and football. Traveling with the Tigers to see them play is so much fun.

Favorite tree: I have a baby Oriental Fringe tree that was planted as part of the CGA tree replacement program

Fun Fact: My flowerbed is full of snakes. This spring when I reworked the yard, we found six. Recently I saw six snake-skins in my flowerbed. Yuck!

Why did you agree to be a member of the CGA Board of Directors? I wanted to work with others in Central Gardens to keep this community and its activities going and growing.

CGA Committees: Security, Membership and Annual Meeting



Louise Stilwell will be collecting pull-tabs during the Home Tour. Bring them to any of the tour homes.

Save Your Pull-Tabs

by Louise Stilwell (Eight years old)

Would you please save your pull-tabs from your drink cans and other canned goods? They are of great value in recycling. But they are more important to sick kids. By the simple act of taking the time to separate and save your metal pull-tabs, you can make a difference in the life of a family with a child undergoing long-term care for serious illness.

As you might remember, last year our neighborhood collected pull-tabs to benefit the Ronald McDonald House. I hope you will help in this small way to make a big difference.

There will be drop-off bins at each of our tour houses on September 12. If you cannot make it then, I can arrange for your pull-tabs to be picked up. Please email my mom to let me know they need to be picked up, Millicent Stilwell (mstilwell70@hotmail.com). 🍷

Patriotic Parade Going Strong for More Than 30 Years

Nothing says patriotism stronger than Central Gardens' annual Fourth of July Parade. An estimated crowd of 400 came out to Carr Avenue for another wonderful event. Many thanks to all the volunteers who worked concessions, hung decorations, set up and cleaned up — and, of course, to the residents of Carr Avenue for being our gracious hosts.

We were privileged to have officers from the Memphis Police Department's Union Avenue Station lead us in the parade, followed by Scout Troop 34 from Grace-St. Luke's and the Mounted Police Unit. Thanks also to crews from Firehouse 11 on Union Avenue for bringing their fire trucks to add to the festivities.

The "voice of Central Gardens," Mike Synk, once again emceed the program. The festivities also included a special greeting by Congressman Steve Cohen and patriotic live music performed by soloist Karen Williams and keyboardist John Boatner.

Judges for the children's costume contest included: Lisa Krupicka, John Viser, Matt Frazer, Beth Claybrook, Tom Claybrook. 🐶



Kids from Vinton Avenue won first place for Best Costumed Group by portraying the Vinton Avenue Rocket Racers.



Chloe Martin stole the bike show, winning first place with her umbrella covered bicycle in the age 8 and up category.



Will Woodmansee as Honest Abe won a blue ribbon in the Best Patriotic Costume category (age 8 and older).

CGA Needs Your Support for 2010

If you have not renewed (or joined for the first time) your Central Gardens Association (CGA) membership for 2010-11, please do so today.

You can do this in one of two very convenient methods:

- Return the membership renewal form received in the recent mailing along with your check via U.S. mail.
- Opt to "Go Green" by logging on to www.centralgardens.org and complete the membership process online.

If you have already renewed, thank you for your continued support of our wonderful neighborhood and the activities of the CGA. But we still need your help. We need all CGA members to also be "Membership Ambassadors" for our neighborhood. If you know of a neighbor that is not a member, take the time to encourage them to visit our website to better understand how important their membership is to our neighborhood.

Membership renewed now will be effective thru May 1, 2011. If you have any questions about your CGA membership please contact Keith Cole at 481-8465 or keithc4915@aol.com.

Do you have a new neighbor?

Be sure they receive a CGA Welcome Packet. Contact Leigh Martin at martlei@aol.com or call her at 351.3877 with the neighbor's name and address.

Home Sale Information

ADDRESS	SPECS	STYLE	AGE	SALE PRICE	\$ PER SF
March					
1862 Peabody	5 BR, 3 BA	English	C. 2006	\$390,000	\$106
1424 Harbert	4 BR, 2.5 BA	Traditional	c. 1923	\$380,000	\$125
1439 Peabody	3 BR, 2.5 BA	Traditional	C. 1903	\$310,000	\$101
1426 Vinton	3 BR, 2.5 BA	Traditional	c. 1905	\$280,000	\$108
1766 Carr	3 BR, 2 BA	Bungalow	c. 1913	\$233,500	\$116
April					
1889 Peabody	5 BR, 3 BA	Traditional	c. 2008	\$335,500	\$95
1756 Glenwood	4 BR, 2.5 BA	Traditional	c. 1917	\$322,000	\$111
1669 York	4 BR, 2 BA	Traditional	c. 1912	\$140,500	\$57
1932 Carr	3 BR, 1 BA	Bungalow	c. 1914	\$141,000	\$117
242 Pine	2 BR, 2 BA	Traditional	c. 1923	\$116,200	\$50
May					
1751 Carr	3 BR, 2.5 BA	Traditional	c. 1924	\$364,200	\$152
1390 Goodbar	4 BR, 2 BA	Bungalow	c. 1915	\$297,000	\$128
1969 Higbee	3 BR, 3.5 BA	Traditional	c. 1910	\$239,000	\$108
780 S. Barksdale	3 BR, 3 BA	Traditional	c. 1912	\$196,800	\$95
706 S. Belvedere	3 BR, 2 BA	Traditional	c. 1918	\$210,000	\$107
190 Lemaster	4 BR, 2 BA	Bungalow	c. 1920	\$186,500	\$103
1983 Vinton	3 BR, 1 BA	Traditional	c. 1922	\$135,746	\$112
June					
1575 Harbert	3 BR, 2.5 BA	Traditional	c. 1912	\$580,000	\$169
1457 Goodbar	3 BR, 2.5 BA	Traditional	c. 1918	\$409,900	\$123
680 S. McLean	4 BR, 4.5 BA	Traditional	c. 1922	\$389,000	\$106
1634 York	5 BR, 2 BA	Traditional	c. 1910	\$195,000	\$75
July					
1720 Glenwood	3 BR, 2.5 BA	Traditional	c. 1910	\$332,500	\$130
1518 Eastmoreland	4 BR, 2.5 BA	Traditional	c. 1924	\$252,500	\$94
593 McLean	3 BR, 2 BA	Bungalow	c. 1921	\$216,000	\$76
204 Lemaster	3 BR, 2 BA	Traditional	c. 1911	\$130,000	\$60
1363 Harbert	3 BR, 2 BA	Bungalow	c. 1912	\$180,000	\$122
1370 Vance	2 BR, 2 BA	Bungalow	c. 1925	\$107,970	\$48
1782 Peabody	3 BR, 2 BA	Traditional	c. 1922	\$136,000	\$65

Information deemed reliable but not warranted.

Leigh Martin, Central Gardens resident for six years, is a Life Member of the Memphis Area Association of Realtors Multi-Million Dollar Club. Leigh has also been a real estate agent with Sowell and Company for eight years. If you need to contact Leigh, please call 901.351.3877 or email her at martlei@aol.com.

Problems with Sewage Line Backup?

Call Environmental Maintenance (901) 529-8025 and tell them the water is entering from a sewage line. Also contact the 24-hour Memphis Storm Water Hotline @ (901) 576-6721.

Grace-St. Luke's Parenting Seminar

Scream Free Parenting Seminar will be held at Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal School's Anchor Center on Tuesday, September 28 at 7:00 pm.

Home and Garden Tour Receives Honor

The Central Gardens 34th Annual Home and Garden Tour is one of six nationally recognized architectural tours in the fall edition of Style 1900.

Tour Trivia

Win two tickets to the tour!

Once you have explored the homes on this year's tour, you will be able to answer all of the following questions correctly. But if you think you know the answers now, be the first to call Alex Stoecklein (725-5383) and win two tickets to the Home Tour.

1. Which home was nominated for the Memphis AIA's Best Design of the Decade award?
2. Which original homeowner established a "Little Italy" in Arkansas?
3. Which home was designed by the same architects who designed Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Booker T. Washington and Melrose High Schools?
4. Which home was pictured in a 1940 edition of "Architecture and Design"?
5. Which home was a wedding gift, constructed with unique brick shipped from the gift giver's home town?
6. Which came first on the property of this home: grape arbors or Civil War encampments?

7. Was a cake decorator hired to do highly detailed plaster work during the construction of one of this year's tour homes?
8. Which home was designed by the architect who also was winner of "The Modern Hospital of the Year" award?
9. Which architect arrived in Memphis on New Year's Day to research the yellow fever epidemic, only to discover an expanding city that he predicted would be in need of his designs?

**Play and
you could
win 2 FREE
tickets to
the Tour.**



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