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## ABOUT THE HERITAGE SOCIETY

The Heritage Society of Austin is Austin's oldest and largest preservation group, with the stated mission of ensuring the preservation of the city's architectural and cultural past for present and future generations. Since its founding in 1953, the Society has made grants and loans of over \$2.8 million for restoration, education and other projects. Ongoing Society programs, in addition to the Heritage Homes Tour, include Pioneer Farm and the annual Preservation Awards Ceremony. For more information about the Heritage Society or Heritage Homes Tour 2005, contact Jacqui Schraad at 512/474-5198 or visit the Heritage Society Web site at [www.heritagesocietyaustin.org](http://www.heritagesocietyaustin.org).



**T**ravis Heights, one of Austin's oldest and most culturally and aesthetically diverse neighborhoods, is the site of the 2005 Heritage Homes Tour. With its beautiful mature trees and streets that wind through the hilled landscape, Travis Heights has become one of Austin's most charming districts to explore. The 2005 Heritage Homes Tour celebrates the past and present of this beloved Austin neighborhood.

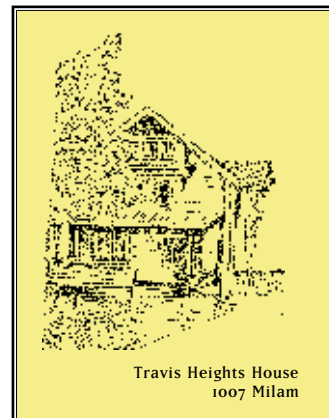
The tour will feature seven of Austin's loveliest historic homes representing the varied architectural styles in the neighborhood. Houses in Travis Heights are one and two stories in height, largely constructed between the two World Wars as bungalows or in eclectic architectural styles – Colonial, Spanish Colonial, and Tudor Revival styles. While several fine estates exist, more typical are modest to medium style homes, with designs from lumber yards or pattern books rather than architect-designed.

13th Annual Heritage Homes Tour Travis Heights  
May 7, Mother's Day weekend  
10:00 am to 6:00 pm

## NEIGHBORHOOD HISTORY

Austin in 1890 was largely confined to the original city, bounded by the river, Shoal Creek, near parts of East Austin and the University of Texas' forty-acre campus. The central city sloped down toward the Colorado River and had some topographical irregularities, but following city planning conventions it was laid out in a strict grid pattern.

The development of South Austin was slow, considering its proximity to downtown and the Capitol. Ferries cross the rivers from its earliest days and after the Civil War a pontoon bridge transversed the Colorado. Only in 1883 was a six-span truss bridge on stone piers built at Congress Avenue to open the city the south, and that remained the major vehicular bridge spanning the Colorado for some years.



Travis Heights House  
1007 Milam

The Travis Heights subdivision was opened for sale in 1913 by Gen. W.H. Stacy, a former commander of the Texas National Guard. The Stacy's family's role was pivotal in the development of northern South Austin in the 1890-1940 period. Gen. Stacy was instrumental in the creation of Fairview Park, Austin's first real suburb, which is located directly to the west of Travis Heights. He and his sons worked together on the development of Travis Heights, and the family is remembered today also for their donation of Stacy Park.

The Travis Heights subdivision was an interesting mixture of old and new planning ideals. The terrain was hilly, of a sort earlier developers might have spurned, and many of the roadways within the neighborhood wind. The Travis Heights neighborhood is bordered by Riverside Drive on the north, Oltorf Street on the south, South Congress Avenue on the west and IH-35 on the east.

To promote the properties on the newly developing south bank of the Colorado River, General Stacy ran streetcars full of prospective buyers out to Travis Heights from the Capitol. With the neighborhood's grand views and variety of lot sizes and prices, the venture was an immediate success. While the Great Depression slowed the development of the neighborhood and perhaps lowered expectations, many fine, handsome houses were constructed and later infill has been generally sympathetic. *Travis Heights history compiled by Peter Flagg Maxson, architectural historian.*

### FRIDAY NIGHT KICK-OFF PARTY

The Reuter House, 806 Rosedale Terrace  
Friday, April 29, 7pm – 10pm

The Homes Tour will be launched in style at the stunning Reuter House, one of the jewels of Travis Heights. The home will not be on the tour, so the party will be a unique opportunity to visit the estate. Explore the lovely setting while enjoying delicious cuisine, cocktails, and music by XXXXXX.



Reuter House  
806 Rosedale Terrace



1200 Travis Heights Blvd.

## HISTORY OF TRAVIS HEIGHTS LECTURE

Wednesday, May 4  
6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

The Stacy House, 1201 Travis Heights Blvd.

Come for a special account of the fascinating history of the Travis Heights neighborhood and its homes, and a review of the district's particular architectural styles, presented by resident expert Barbara Cilley. Guests will enjoy a sneak preview of The Stacy Home and hors' d'oeuvres and libations.

## MEMORIES WITH MOTHER GARDEN PARTY

Mother's Day Weekend  
Saturday, May 7, 2005  
Seatings at 11:30 and 1:30

Treat mothers, friends, and yourself to an old-fashioned Garden Party at the River View setting of a Travis Heights home. \*\*\* location? sentence on history\*\*\*

Flower presented to each Mother upon entry

Live music performance by the St. Andrew's School Ensemble

Fashion show of vintage clothing by Cupidz Clozet

Reading about Travis Heights neighborhood and host house compiled by Peter Flagg Maxson

Menu catered by Two Sisters Catering - Tentative Menu:

Savories	Delectables
Black Forest Ham on Angel Biscuits	Citrus-Glazed Pound Cake
Smoked Turkey with Mango Chutney on Croissant	Fresh Fruit and Lemon Tarts Creme Puffs
Smoked Chicken in Choux Pastry	Chocolate Rum Balls
Southern Deviled Eggs	Chocolate Cake

Iced Teas

Darjeeling black tea and Lemon Mint and Caribbean Afternoon herbal teas



Stacy House  
1201 Travis Heights Blvd.



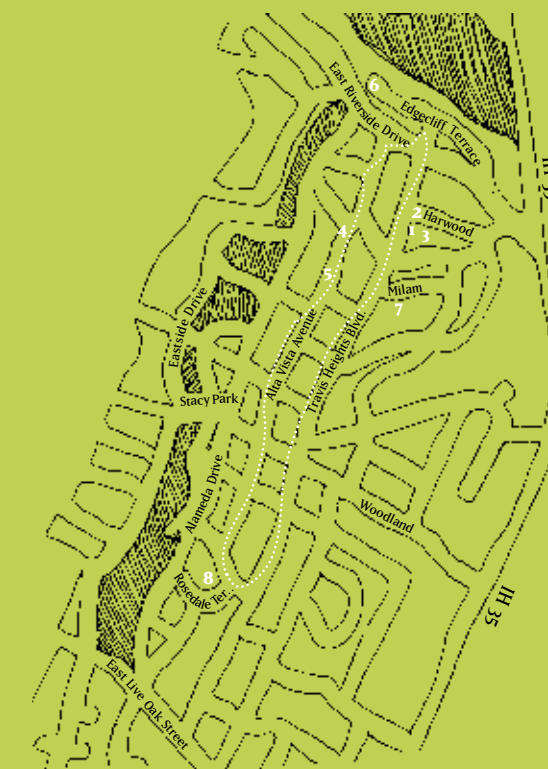
1300 Alta Vista

## HOW THE TOUR WORKS

The tour will be conducted as a walking tour. Guests must first come to tour headquarters, located at 1308 Alta Vista, to buy tickets or check in if advanced tickets were purchased.

Guests will be given a pass to enter all the homes. The houses may be visited in any order.

The headquarters will be at 1308 Alta Vista.



- 1 1200 Travis Heights Blvd.
- 2 1201 Travis Heights Blvd
- 3 1009 Harwood
- 4 1300 Alta Vista
- 5 1308 Alta Vista
- 6 800 Edgecliff Terrace
- 7 1007 Milam
- 8 806 Rosedale Terrace



1308 Alta Vista

Advance tickets also available by visiting [www.heritagesocietyaustin.org](http://www.heritagesocietyaustin.org), calling 474-5198, or at the following consignment locations:

- Breed & Co. – 718 W. 29th St.
- Breed & Co. – 3663 Bee Caves Rd.
- Architects and Heroes – 1809 W. 35th St.
- The Menagerie – Jefferson Square, 1601 W. 38th St., #7
- Gypsy Treasures at Whit Hanks Antiques – 1009 W. 6th St.
- Sweet Charity Gifts & Cards – 1206 W. 38th St.
- Austin Convention & Visitors Bureau Visitors Center – 209 E. 6th St.
- Northwest Hills Pharmacy – 3910 Far West Blvd.
- Tarrytown Pharmacy

Proceeds from these events are used by the Heritage Society of Austin for preservation projects and issues targeted at saving Austin's colorful and diverse history.



1009 Harwood

## TICKETS

Heritage Homes Tour, Saturday, May 7, 2005 (10am to 6pm)

- \_\_\_ Advanced tickets: HSA Member Price \$12 (Day of Tour \$18 ea.)
- \_\_\_ Advance tickets: Non-Member Price \$15 each (Day of Tour \$20 ea.)
- \_\_\_ Children's tickets: \$15 Advance and Day of Tour; under age 12

Memories with Mother Garden Party, Saturday May 7, 2005\*

Reserve your space today.

Seating is limited and was at capacity at the 2004 tour.

Price does not include admission to the Heritage Homes Tour.

- 11:30 Seating: \_\_\_ Adult Ticket: \$30 ea. \_\_\_ Children under 12: \$20 ea.
- 1:30 Seating: \_\_\_ Adult Ticket: \$30 ea. \_\_\_ Children under 12: \$20 ea.

Friday Night Kick-off Party, Friday, April 29, 7pm\*

- \_\_\_ HSA Member Price \$50
- \_\_\_ Non-Member Price \$55

History of Travis Heights Lecture, Wednesday, May 4, 6-7:30 p.m.\*

Seating is limited, order your tickets now.  
\_\_\_ \$10 HSA members \_\_\_ \$15 non-members

Heritage Society of Austin Annual Membership Fee

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\*This is a ticketless event and names will be held at the door.

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