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TURTLE CREEK

14th annual home tour planned for April 12

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Six residences on Turtle Creek Boulevard will showcase their homes to tour participants for the 2015 Turtle Creek Tour of Homes, benefitting the nonprofit group, Turtle Creek Association.

The 14th annual tour features homes with views, ranging from a soaring penthouse to a terrace-level home.

The tour is from 1 to 5 p.m. April 12 and is the primary fundraiser for the nonprofit organization. Turtle Creek Association is celebrating its 30th anniversary and is dedicated to preserving the Turtle Creek area's 87 acres of urban forest.

Tour participants will have complimentary shuttle rides to and from the six homes and see scenic views of Turtle Creek along the way. Volunteers of Turtle Creek Association serve as docents in each home sharing information about the art collections, accoutrements and the connection with local designers, architects and builders.

Tickets are \$50 for Turtle Creek Association members and \$60 for nonmembers.

"Guests will be mesmerized and delighted by the many styles and interiors they will experience at this year's tour of homes," said Jon Beasley, president/CEO of Turtle Creek Association. "We are thankful for the homeowners who have opened their doors and shared their stories and home designs to raise funds for Turtle Creek Association."

This year's tour features these private residences:

- The Vendôme on Turtle Creek, 3505 Turtle Creek Blvd., 14th floor
- 3525 Turtle Creek Blvd., sixth floor
- The Warrington, 3831 Turtle Creek Blvd., Penthouse
- 21 Turtle Creek, 3883 Turtle Creek Blvd., Terrace level
- 4011 Turtle Creek Blvd.
- The Claridge, 3510 Turtle Creek Blvd., 6th floor

The single-family home at 4011 Turtle Creek Blvd. was once owned by Gen. Edwin Walker, a controversial figure in the Warren Report on the Kennedy assassination. This 1924 Tudor has been renovated and expanded by architect Jerry McClafferty. Interior designer, Betty Gaspy, has combined a traditional interior with creature comforts in the expanded living spaces including five bedrooms and eight bathrooms.

Unique to 21 Turtle Creek is a terrace level where Kimberley and Ken Gordon chose two condos as a clean palette to create their sleek contemporary home on Turtle Creek. Noted designers Alice Cottrell and Rick Rozas used floor-to-ceiling exterior windows to frame the two-acre wooded garden while filling the apartment with the Gordons' art collection.

Coming from New York City, Jane and Stephen Lerer know the benefits of penthouse living found atop The Warrington. Their 270-degree views of Dallas can be enjoyed from wrap-around balconies or through leaded glass French doors in the living room and see-through cabinets in the kitchen. The Lerers' love of books and Rainer Maria Rilke's poetry influence this sophisticated apartment above Turtle Creek.

On the Turtle Creek Association's 30th anniversary, it's fitting that the home at 3525 Turtle Creek Blvd. is one of their founding members, Sharon Galer, is showcased. This National Register apartment in architect Howard Meyer's iconic mid-century high-rise, the first on Turtle Creek, evokes Hollywood glamor with Stefano Dall'Osso's dramatic lighting design and interiors by Theresa Haddock.

When Bev and Terry Heil moved to The Vendôme, Bev transformed this 4,700-square-foot condo into a classic French apartment. She specified hand-scraped white oak parquet floors and Venetian plastered walls. Bev designed custom wool carpets with silk borders, then furnished their home with French antiques hand-selected during their many travels.

Kathleen and Frank Lauinger commissioned interior designer Jacklyn Caveny to transform their home at The Claridge into a light-filled apartment with an eye on architecture and art. Overlooking Frank Lloyd Wright's Kalita Humphreys Theater with views of Santiago Calatrava's Margaret Hunt Hill Bridge, Caveny added contemporary furnishings designed by Foster+Partners and Philip & Kelvin LaVerne.

A separately ticketed post tour reception will be held at Trammel S. Crow's home from 6 to 8 p.m. A limited number of tickets are available for \$125 each. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 214-526-2800 or visit turtlecreekassociation.org.

Gretchen Crichton submitted this story on behalf of the Turtle Creek Association.

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