



The Women's Association of the
Springfield Symphony Orchestra

WASSO proudly presents

Sunday, December 11, 2011

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The Annual Holiday Home Tour

Proceeds to Benefit the
Springfield Symphony Orchestra



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**...OR AT ANY OF THE HOMES ON
THE DAY OF THE TOUR (\$20)**

729 Edenwood Drive

This lovely home is situated in The Forge Condominiums and was built in 2005. The tastefully decorated home is very open with cathedral ceilings throughout. A sunroom at the back of the home overlooks the 14th hole of the Windy Knoll Golf Course, and a deck wraps around the house. The home provides comfort and peace for the dwellers as well as a wonderful space for entertaining family and guests.

The owners have lovingly decorated the space with Christmas treasures collected through the years including Christmas trees in each room, a Nativity scene, a lighted antique village displayed on the marble fireplace, and other holiday décor. The dining room table beneath the Williamsburg chandelier is set with antique china, ready for a holiday meal. The beautiful fresh flower arrangement was provided by Schneider's Florists. Visitors will be sure to leave in a holiday spirit after viewing this home!



110 Broadmoor Boulevard, South

Owned by Geoff and Kay Steele, this Dutch Colonial style house was built in 1928 in the area called the Broadmoor addition. (The Broadmoors were not part of the original Ridgewood addition which stopped at Dover Road.) At one time the Ridgely family lived here and gave the home one of their trademark "Cinderella Treatments." The traditional center hall home has four bedrooms and two and a half baths. The house has forty-five windows, thirteen of which are in the sunroom on the first floor. The original gum woodwork in the downstairs gives the house a feeling of warmth. Eclectically decorated, the home features mid-century modern ceramics and Southeast Asian art collected by their son while living in Thailand and Indonesia. Many of the tree ornaments have been passed down through their families. Netts Floral Company has added their fresh touch to the home for all to enjoy.



1765 Walnut Terrace

The Dixon house was built in 1931. Its style is that of an Old English cottage with wood shingles, a prominent front gable with window boxes and a steeply pitched roof. This time of year there's usually a thin trail of smoke from the fireplace making its way up an ivy-covered chimney. Their home is filled with paintings, sculptures, stained glass, photography and music created by members of the family. Interesting alcoves, gently arched thresholds, and long multi-paneled windows all help create a warm and inviting haven throughout the year but particularly at Christmas time—a time for traditions, both old and new at the Dixon's home. Please enjoy the lovely fresh flower arrangement from Kroger Floral Department, North Limestone Street.

Scott and Beth are proud of their work with children in Clark County over the past 25 years, particularly with their own children: Mollie, Noah and Sarah. They were thrilled when asked to be a part of the Wasso holiday tour and view it as a way to share with others the Christmas spirit that flourishes in their home.

1801 North Fountain Boulevard The Kissell House

The monumental residence at 1801 N. Fountain Blvd, built in 1916, was home to the Harry S. Kissell family. Mr. Kissell was a nationally known real estate developer and platted the local Ridgewood addition in the early 20th century. He selected the Dayton architectural firm of Schenck & Williams to design this home. The impressive house features Tudor-style elements of brick and stucco, and the 4000 square foot interior is finished with mahogany woodwork, later partially painted. The present owners/caretakers of the past 15 years have lovingly updated and decorated the home themselves to fit their family's needs. This home is extensively featured in the recently published book *Ridgewood in the Country Club District* by Tamara Dallenbach. The book will be available at this home the day of the tour to purchase, and the author will be present for book signing. A portion of the cost will go to WASSO. Please take notice of the beautiful fresh flower arrangements in the house provided by Bill's Florists in Urbana.. We know our visitors will appreciate viewing this important Springfield historic home.



329 South Plum Street

The Mitchell-Herman House, built in 1871 by the John Mitchell family, is Italianate in architectural design. The home is so named after the John Mitchell family who built and lived in the home and its present owner, Susan Herman. Susan purchased the home in 1991 and immediately began restoration. In 1993 a fire threatened to destroy the home, but due to its solid construction and quick response the fire was stopped before causing structural damage. After the fire, in order to keep the original woodwork in the parlor, Susan scraped the charred woodwork and applied a faux painting technique of wood-graining to match the butternut wood. Some of the charred wood is exposed on the archway as a scar of the homes history. In the process of fire restoration the crown molding which is plaster was found to have been originally wood-grained. The home has had 8 owners most of whom were Springfield merchants. Most of the woodwork in the home is butternut, dining room is walnut, floors are Douglas fir. The 'flying buttress' stairwell (self-supporting) has oak steps, Douglas fir risers, carpathian burled elm in the newel post and cherry spindles. In 1990 the front staircase was valued at \$35,000. The etched and cut glass in the front entry doors, broken during the fire, was re-cut and etched by a Master glass artist in Cleveland, Ohio at a cost of \$5,500 per window. The downstairs bathroom was formerly a porch. The lovely dining centerpiece was made by Jean Smith of Michael's Florist.



We hope you enjoyed your tour today we had a great time arranging it for you!

Please come and join us again next year.

WASSO, the Women's Association of the Springfield Symphony Orchestra, would like to acknowledge and thank all who have participated in this event. Whether it be as a home owner inviting us into their home and making all the effort to prepare them, as a vendor loaning flowers, as a member of WASSO working on the planning, and especially those who purchased tickets and toured these awesome homes which are ready for you and the holidays.

