



Welcome to the
Turner House Times

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Dear Friends,

There is so much good news to tell.

As you know from past emails, a major problem with our roof was discovered in the spring of 2009. Well, Oak Cliff has really shown the love for Turner House. First of all, in November, the Old Oak Cliff Conservation League approved a \$10,000 grant to the Society for repairs to the roof. At the end of December, Shambhala Body Gallery wrapped up a 3 month fundraising campaign to also help with the roof. And, the Bishop Arts Merchant's Association designated Turner House as beneficiary of the First Thursday event in December. Work on the roof has begun behind the scenes.

Plus, the Turner House Salon Series is returning for a Spring series starting in February.

Details follow, so read on

***The Old Oak Cliff Conservation League
Grants \$10,000 to Turner House***

The Board of the Old Oak Cliff Conservation League voted on November 6, 2009 to grant Turner House \$10,000 towards the repair of the roof. This is the largest grant in the League's history and it is making it possible for the Society to start on the first phase of the roof rebuild.

The League notes that Turner House is one of the four original estate homes that anchor the Winnetka Heights Historic District and it is hopeful

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that this grant will demonstrate Oak Cliff's commitment to Turner House's future. It is their wish that Turner House be open and accessible to the community for many years to come.

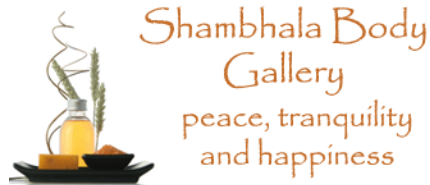
Ten thousand thank-you's to the board of the Old Oak Cliff Conservation League. They have done so much to raise awareness of our beautiful neighborhoods and to support a multitude of improvement projects by neighborhood associations. This commitment to the future of Turner House is deeply appreciated.

Go to ooccl.org to learn more about the League.

Shambhala Body Gallery Helps to Put a Roof on Turner House

Shambhala Body Gallery owners Robert Ungemach and Keith Emmons also wanted to help raise funds to repair the Turner House roof, and so they ran a campaign to 'Put a Roof on Turner House', donating 10% of all their home fragrance sales during October, November and December. They have just announced that they will be writing a check for \$3000 to the Society. This is great news and also enables us to complete the first phase of repairs.

Be sure to visit Shambhala at their gorgeous new location on Bishop Avenue and support this great Oak Cliff business and these generous entrepreneurs. We love you guys!



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Bishop Arts Gives Back

The Bishop Arts Merchants' Assoc. started a new program last year to give back to the larger community. Participating merchants donate a portion of their sales from the **1st Thursday** events to causes that they feel add to the quality of life in Oak Cliff. Happily, they selected the OCSFA as the beneficiary of December's 1st Thursday. We just learned that the Association will be donating **\$1000** to our capital campaign fund which will be used for the critical repairs to the roof.

We are so grateful for this show of support from the merchants. Be sure to thank the proprietors for their community spirit and generosity when you shop in the Bishop Arts District.



For more information on the District, [click here](#)

This Old House: Roof Report

You can't see it yet, but work is being done on the roof. Thanks to fundraising efforts over the past year plus generous recent donations by our supporters, we have been able to contract for the first phase of the repairs to our roof and related structures. Gerlach Construction and Ballantyne Roofing are working together to rebuild the dormer on the front of Turner House, rebuild the valley on the southeast corner, and re-roof the front and back dormer areas. These are the areas that are the most critical. At this time, the wood is being milled in Gerlach's shop and work will start at Turner House in early February.

The Society is continuing to seek grants and donations to complete repairs to the entire roof, eaves and porte-cochere.

Turner House Salon Series Returns in February

The Society's inaugural Salon Series last fall, which included an architecture lecture, an opera performance, and a contemporary art exhibit, was very successful and exceeded our expectations. Thanks to sponsors, in-kind donors and attendees, we netted \$3000 and achieved our goal of providing affordable, entertaining and enlightening cultural programming in north OC.

So, we can't wait to do it again. Plans are being finalized for the spring series, but early word indicates there will be a jazz performance, a curator talk on Impressionism to coincide with a major exhibition at the DMA, and a second architecture lecture. We'll be getting out more details very soon. Once again, tickets will be \$15 for non-members and \$10 for Society members. Check our website in early February for more information.

OCSFA Membership

Become a member in 2010 and enjoy discounts to Turner House events while supporting our mission. It's easy on our website. You can either join online, using a credit card, or print a form and mail a check. We have recently revamped our membership structure, so join us and take advantage of these benefits:

\$35 Individual members receive a discount for one to all the Society's events, an invitation to the Society's annual members' party and our newsletter.

\$60 Family members receive all the Individual benefits with discounts to Society events for two persons.

\$120 Patron members receive all the Individual benefits with discounts to Society events for four persons, plus a 10% discount off one Turner House rental.

For more details and to join, see our [website](#). Thanks!

Our Mission

The Oak Cliff Society of Fine Arts works to restore and preserve Turner House as a beautiful historic venue for celebrating life events, fostering community connections, preserving history and promoting the arts.

The Oak Cliff Society of Fine Arts was founded in 1926.

OCSFA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

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We look forward to seeing you at Turner House