



# Turner House Times

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## Wrapping up 2007

We concluded the year with two fun events. Turner House was not only featured on the Winnetka Heights Holiday Home Tour on December 8th, but also showcased performances by children's choirs, dance groups and opera singers(!), a silent auction, and the after-party for sponsors and volunteers. We held the Society's holiday party for members and supporters on December 16th. Everyone enjoyed the holiday decorations, good food and entertainment by a lovely string quartet from the Dallas Arts Magnet High School. Finally, in the fall our board approved a new set of Vision, Mission and Values statements for the Oak Cliff Society of Fine Arts which will guide us in the new year and beyond. Please take a moment to read the statements on the back of this newsletter.

## Winnetka Heights Celebrates 100 Years at Turner House

Winnetka Heights is celebrating its 100th anniversary with numerous events during 2008, and several of them involve Turner House:

**May 3: High Tea and a Vintage Fashion Show** will be held in the Blake Salon. How delightful!

**May 31: Dancin' in the Streets** on is the official birthday party and will feature food, birthday cake, performances by Studio on the Edge dance students and dancing for everyone to the popular Oak Cliff band Happy Campers.

**Proceeds will benefit Turner House**, so come on out and join the celebration.

Visit [www.winnetkaheights.org](http://www.winnetkaheights.org) or call Carla Boss at 214.942.2166 for tickets and information to both events.

**October 11 & 12:** Turner House will be on the **Oak Cliff Fall Tour of Homes**, featuring displays throughout the house on historic Oak Cliff and Winnetka Heights, all prepared by the WH Centennial Committee members.

## This Old House

The Turner House kitchen received a major facelift this spring. Layers of old vinyl, linoleum and rotten plywood sub-floors were removed and replaced with a beautiful oak floor. The original 1912 floor was wood (pine). We were excited to use salvaged flooring which saved us money and utilized an existing resource. The plumbing, wiring and cabinetry around the sink were all replaced. A huge thanks goes to Richard Fitzgerald, Winnetka Heights resident and owner of Triple J Construction, who donated all the labor for this project. Additional thanks go to our board members Marguerite Domatti, for donating a brand new refrigerator, and to James Prothro and Michael Anderson for their time and talents. Next project: painting Blake Salon in a period color.

## Event Rentals

2007 was a record year for rentals at Turner House and 2008 looks like it might set another record. So far this year, the house has been the setting for a **wedding & reception**, a **tea**, a **club luncheon** and an **appreciation dinner**. Upcoming events include a **training retreat**, a **50th wedding anniversary party** and **more weddings**. Call us at 214.946.1670 for information or to make a reservation.

## Wine & Art Fundraiser Saturday, August 2, 2008

Save the date!! Our third annual fundraiser will be another cool affair in the doldrums of summer. This year's event will focus on early Texas art with a show featuring works by a number of artists from local collections. Invitations will go out in early July.

## The Oak Cliff Society of Fine Arts

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# The Oak Cliff Society of Fine Arts

## Vision Statement

Turner House is recognized as a:

- Center of vibrant community life
- Resource to the art and architectural communities, and a
- Beautifully restored historic landmark

## Mission Statement

The Oak Cliff Society of Fine Arts offers a beautiful historic home for celebrating life events, fostering community connections, preserving history and promoting the arts.

## Values

In all that we do, the Oak Cliff Society of Fine Arts:

- Preserves Dallas' early history,
- Builds community relationships and
- Enhances the quality of life in North Oak Cliff.



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