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Mansion Tour

DALLAS, TX, Sept. 30, 2004 – Turner House, a historic 92-year old Oak Cliff mansion, rarely seen by the public until recently, will be open for tour Oct. 16 and 17.

The vintage structure was built in 1912 at a cost of \$50,000 by Winnetka Heights' developer J.P. Blake as his residence. Today, it remains the largest and most architecturally significant structure in Winnetka Heights, Dallas' largest historic district.

Turner House Tour

401 N. Rosemont Ave. Dallas, TX 75208

October 16 & 17

12 – 6 pm

Admission is Free

Reservations Not Required

If Turner House is a grand old dame, the jewel at her throat is a magnificent 6 panel stained-glass wisteria window, reputed to be from Tiffany Co., which was doing a brisk business in mail order stained-glass windows in the late 1800's and early 1900's.

The home retains many other original architectural details and moldings. The triple-tier picture rail moldings are a more recent addition which reinforce the formality of the original design and have been used to showcase the art collection to good effect.

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The art collection is a legacy of the home's days as headquarters for the Oak Cliff Society of Fine Arts since 1957. In addition to a private residence, the structure also served as a church briefly and was altered and expanded during that time. During World War II, the attic was partitioned into numerous small units to help with the housing shortage the nation was facing.

Today, Turner House serves non-profits and community groups by offering quality meeting space. It is also available for weddings and parties, which help pay for preservation efforts to safeguard this treasure for future generations.

Located at 401 North Rosemont in the Winnetka Heights Historic District, Turner House will be open for tour from noon to 6pm on Oct. 16th and 17th. The tour is free and reservations are not required.

For more information, call 214-946-1670 or email at turnerhouse@turnerhouse.org.

About Oak Cliff Society of Fine Arts

The Oak Cliff Society of Fine Arts was established founded in 1926. Headquartered in the historic Turner House, the OCSFA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to provide quality gathering space, through the restoration of Turner House, for use by groups and organizations that enhance the quality of life within the historic Oak Cliff community.

The OCSFA can be reached via email at turnerhouse@turnerhouse.org or phone at 214-946-1670. The OCSFA can be found on the Web at turnerhouse.org.

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