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# Fisher Park

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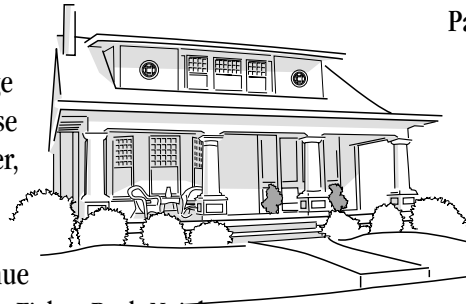
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## Home & Garden Tour May 4-5

**H**old the date! Save the weekend!  
Don't let it rain!

The Fisher Park Centennial Home & Garden Tour is being held the weekend of May 4-5. Seven wonderful homes, most with gardens, will be open for anyone and everyone (nine years and older, please) to enjoy.

The homes (featured on page 2) offer a glimpse into the character, spirit, and traditions that have built, and continue to strengthen, the Fisher Park Neighborhood.



"Tour Weekend" times are 10 am-4 pm on Saturday, May 4 and from 1-5 pm on Sunday, May 5. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door.

Advance ticket sale locations are listed on page 3.

## Tour Volunteers Still Very Much Needed

**T**hanks to everyone who has already volunteered - we have about 50 volunteers so far. But we need as many as 225 volunteers to fill all required slots!

Each home needs from four to seven host/hostesses plus a ticket taker for each of five time slots. We need your commitment **now**. Volunteers don't have to be Fisher Park residents - so ask your friends who may want to help. Hosts and hostesses need to arrive at their assigned location five minutes prior to their shift.

You'll have the opportunity to see friends and neighbors while getting involved in our unique neighborhood. We'll call you a week before the tour to confirm your time, day, location, and answer questions.

Please call Kay Quinlivan (272-3758) or Susan Seel (275-3470) to volunteer *or* mail in your pink "Calling All Volunteers" sheet distributed in late March or e-mail FisherParkTour@aol.com.

## Centennial Tea A Huge Success

**T**hanks to much planning by Judy Morton's Tea Committee, a dozen or so volunteer "serving wenches," commitment from our neighborhood Board, and very generous funding from an anonymous donor, our 2002 Centennial Tea was a huge success. More than 100 senior and former residents

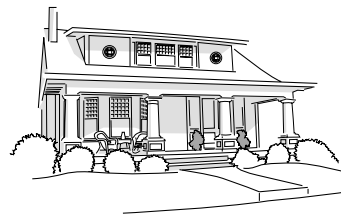
of Fisher Park attended, some from other states, many from local retirement centers. The finger food was fabulous, enlivened by woody floral arrangements of fern, moss, hyacinths, and narcissus. Tea was donated by Twinings Tea of Greensboro, packers of

*(please turn to p. 4)*

# Featured Properties for the 2002 Fisher Park Home & Garden Tour

*Here's a quick look at the four tour homes on the West side of Elm Street.*

**805 Simpson Street – Home and Garden of Michael Byrd (right)** This Craftsman-style home is characterized by the rustic texture of the building materials and broad overhangs with exposed rafter tails at the eaves. A refined garden with trellises, arbors, and a glorious fountain reflect the period and style of the home.



**921 North Eugene Street – Home and Garden of Karine and Archibald McCutcheon (left)** Sophisticated furnishings and lovely antiques complement this Dutch Colonial home, built in 1928. Be sure to visit Karine, an artist, in her backyard studio which will be open during the tour.

**401 West Bessemer Avenue – Home and Garden of Katrina Solomon (right)** Said to be built in 1924 by J. E. Latham, this deceptively large home sits on an ivy-covered hill at the western entrance to the Fisher Park neighborhood. The back yard emphasizes the triangular shape of the lot. Next door, Liz Urquhart and Powell Slaughter's bonus garden will be open.



**314 West Bessemer Avenue – Home of Nan and Richard Sipe (left)** Old magnolia grandiflora trees and a raised lawn impart a dramatic entrance to this charming Colonial Revival home, built in 1912. The traditional four columns front a deep porch, part of which has been enclosed, with French doors offering a delightful access to the living room.

*On the East side of Elm Street, be sure to visit these three tour homes:*

**213 North Park Drive – Home of Wanda and Carl Myatt (right)** This new "in-field" house is positioned in front of a 1926 garage/servant's cottage. Designed in the "contextual" style, this energy-efficient home captures elements from neighborhood homes and the streetscape, commanding a grand view of Fisher Park and downtown Greensboro.



**704 Magnolia Street – Home and Garden of Sheila Paquette and Matthew Christopher Baker (left)** Behind this 1913 bungalow and carriage house sits an enormous property, originally an orchard and pasture that housed horses and carriages for the neighborhood. The magical gardens feature a running stream, garden pools, and "fairylands."

**601 Magnolia Street – Home of Cheryl Poole and Barry Allen (right)** Built in 1917, this classic American four-square home features an extra wide porch that wraps around



the front of the house. Cheryl and Barry have been working since 1993 to personally and lovingly restore both the interior and exterior of their home.

*Illustrations for this page and graphic design for promotional posters and Tour Tickets were provided by Fisher Park resident Roger Seel.*

## FISHER PARK FEATURED IN ART

Two area artists have something to offer for our Centennial and the May Tour. Stephen Costello's watercolor map shows the "foot-print," location, and age of every neighborhood structure. The map is surrounded by Fisher Park structures that are listed on the National Register, plus Temple Emanuel, Holy Trinity, and First Presbyterian and examples of Fisher Park dormers in Fisher Park.


Limited edition of 100 copies of the map will be available for purchase May 1. Contact Stephen at 274-0389 or [stecostello@hotmail.com](mailto:stecostello@hotmail.com).

The tour may also feature for sale William Mangum's Fisher Park print, "Season's Delight." Look for the display in one of the Tour homes.

## Save \$2 on Your Tour Ticket!

Advance tickets will be on sale for \$10 from April 15–May 3. They will cost \$12 if you wait to purchase them at the door. Tickets are available at these locations throughout the city:

- Blandwood Mansion (Preservation Greensboro).
- Chakra's Spa by Panache.
- Gene Cline Home.
- The Farmer's Wife.
- Fisher's Grille.
- J. Michael's Salon.
- Leon's Beauty Salons (3606 North Elm Street, Friendly Shopping Center, 1618 West Friendly Avenue, 3935 Bryan Jordan Road, High Point, and Adams Farm Shopping Center).
- Rag Poets Societe.
- Rebecca & Co.
- Smith Furniture (both locations).

Call Kay Quinlivan, ticket sales chair, at 272-3758, if you want to purchase advance tickets from her directly. Thank-you to Kay and our ticket sale locations! 


### LEMONADE AVAILABLE DURING THE TOUR

Many of our Fisher Park residents are little folks – and they're just as excited as the rest of us about the upcoming "Tour Weekend" because they'll be helping! Along with mom or dad, they'll be selling lemonade and homemade goodies at one of our two lemonade stands. **Julie Hatfield** is coordinating this family-oriented fun event, so call her at 272-0380 (or send an e-mail to [FisherParkTour@aol.com](mailto:FisherParkTour@aol.com)) if you'd like to volunteer. Bakers need not be young, just young at heart!


## Bonus Gardens

Do you have a garden you'd like to show off, but weren't keen about the idea of actually having on the tour? Then this one's for you. As an added bonus to ticket holders, we are giving Fisher Park residents the opportunity to open their gardens on "Tour Weekend."

Let us know you'd like to add your garden to our list, and we'll contact you when your Bonus Garden sign is available. Whenever you feel that you'd like visitors, put the sign out. When you don't want visitors, take the sign in. It's that easy!

You'll be responsible for making sure only ticket holders wander in, but other than that, there really are no rules. As people are strolling through our wonderful neighborhood, your Bonus Garden sign will be their cue to stop and visit! Call Katrina Solomon [273-3456] or send an e-mail to [FisherParkTour@aol.com](mailto:FisherParkTour@aol.com) to sign up. 

## Coverage in the Hamburger Sq. Post

If you haven't already seen the April issue of *The Hamburger Square Post*, pick up a copy at one of their many distribution locations around town. On the cover is an incredible photograph of Fisher Park, taken by Hugh Morton (Fisher Park resident Judy Morton's father) and article about our Centennial year and upcoming Home & Garden tour. As "Tour Weekend" gets closer, look and listen for additional print-radio-TV publicity and information. 

## Parking's at a Premium

One way to make our guests feel welcome during "Tour Weekend" is to make parking as convenient as possible. We have applied for a permit to allow parking along Elm Street, from Fisher to Bessemer, for extra

## Thanks to Sponsor, Patrons & Friends

A huge thank-you to those companies who have made this important fundraiser possible:

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
### \$100 Friends

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These generous donations have helped us defray the up-front costs associated with the tour. Look for their logos or names in our brochure, and please support their products, services and establishments.


There's still time! If you want to make a donation to the Fisher Park Centennial Home & Garden Tour, but missed the deadline for being included in the brochure, we'll include a list of contributors in the next issue of the *Fisher Parker*. Mail your check, payable to FPNA (Fisher Park Neighborhood Association), to P. O. Box 2043, Greensboro, North Carolina 27402. 

spaces on Magnolia and North Park.

However, whenever possible, we'd appreciate our residents taking advantage of residential off-street parking, making our streets more available! 

## Centennial Tea, from p. 1


all Twinings teas distributed in North America. Since the Tea, we've heard lovely compliments around town confirming folk's enjoyment, and we received \$450 in donations to the Fisher Park Endowment Fund.

Thanks to research by Kit Ravenel and Mary Lee Copeland, we now have a list of "who lived where" for many Fisher Park homes, a good beginning for your home history scrapbook. Contact Judy Morton (273-8800) to ask if a former owner of your home attended the Tea, then contact them to capture historical or fascinating remembrances. You may want to invite former residents to your home for dinner before our centennial music and dessert event in Fisher Park, planned for September 28. 

## Starting Your Home History Book

What better time than our neighborhood's centennial to research and document your home's history? (See the insert with this *Fisher Parker* issue for ideas to create your own home history book.)


For those who need incentive, RSVP to Ann Stringfield 273-1393 for a workshop May 11, from 10 till noon at the Downtown Public Library.

We ask everyone to create at least a one- or two-page document summarizing the history of your home. If nothing else, document that YOU live in the house, since when, and include some photos or remembrances. You're welcome to send it as a computer file or on paper. We'll compile all pages into one neighborhood-wide centennial scrapbook. Imagine how this will be enjoyed in 2102! 

## New Playground Equipment Soon

The City will remove existing wooden playground equipment, park benches, and tables, including all those in our Fisher Park, due in part to recent EPA rulings about preservatives in wood.

Our Park Committee met many times, assisted greatly by parents, to choose from two new playground equipment options. After much debate, our neighborhood requested modular steel and plastic equipment, all dark green in color, to replace the wooden equipment. Existing wooden benches and tables will be replaced with a recycled wood/plastic composite material of wood-like appearance (City choice, not ours).

Although recent City budget concerns may delay the entire project, we can be sure our children will be the first to notice when the new equipment arrives! 

### COMING UP


- **Park Day:** Sat., April 20, 10–Noon. Angie Leath, 379-9699.
- **Green Hill Cemetery Tour:** Sunday, April 21, 2 pm \$5. Wharton Street at Fisher Avenue entrance. Ann Stringfield 273-1393
- **Home History Workshop:** Saturday, May 11, 10–12 noon, Central Public Library. Ann Stringfield 273-1393

## Spring Clean Your Yard

Just a reminder that the 2002 Fisher Park Home & Garden tour is scheduled for Saturday, May 4, and Sunday, May 5, 2002.

This is a great excuse for us to start spring cleaning and sprucing up our homes. And, since the weather is too wonderful to be indoors, the yard is a perfect place for us to start. Ideas for "sprucing up" for springtime include trimming trees, replanting containers, replacing ground cover/mulch, and just general cleaning and grooming.

And, if you need a break from your own home and yard, please remember that **the next Fisher Park Clean-Up is scheduled for Saturday, April 20, 2002, from 10:00 AM to 12 Noon.** We'll need lots of energetic volunteers to assist in replanting the large containers distributed throughout the park, and to help with a general "clean up" of the entire area.

Historically, approximately 1,000 visitors tour Fisher Park during the House Tour. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to "showcase" our neighborhood, and once again show the local residents that Fisher Park is one of Greensboro's best communities. 

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