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39th Annual Lakewood Home Festival Showcases Six Stunning Homes
"The Legacy of Lakewood" Honors History and Architectural Diversity

DALLAS, Sept. 29, 2015 – The homes featured in the 39th Annual Lakewood Home Festival celebrate diverse designs, styles and architectures, lending to the charm and character of this treasured East Dallas neighborhood, which has earned its place in Dallas history. Most of the homes on this year's tour have preserved the architectural and historical integrity of the past while showcasing updates for modern living. The one new build was custom built in a modern Hollywood Regency style. It provides the perfect opportunity for the community to see some of the latest architectural and design trends while touring historical homes that have been restored to look even more beautiful than when they were built.

This year's Festival, themed "The Legacy of Lakewood," takes place on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 14 and 15. Tickets are available at www.lakewoodhomefestival.com or at the door to each of the homes.

This year's featured homes are:

6425 Blanch Cir. - This amazing mid-century modern ranch-style home overlooks a secluded pond. Built in 1941, it was renovated and expanded in 2014. Upon entering the home, you'll find a modern twist on the retro styles, simple shapes, and sleek lines inspired by the set of "Mad Men". The home features beautiful photography by the homeowner's father, as well as exquisite furnishings and art. The homeowners pride themselves on extending outside elements into the light-filled family home.

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7259 Brennans Dr. - Prepare to be wowed as you enter this newly custom-built home completed in 2015. The interior and exterior are designed entirely in a modern Hollywood Regency style. The fusion of the two styles is apparent, from the classic pediment above the entry to the clean lines throughout the home. This home is pure glamour with its bright pink front doors, and black-and-white finishes with gold and bronze accents. The interior was designed by the homeowners, and every finish and fixture was carefully selected with inspiration from the homeowners' favorite designer. The home beautifully reflects the homeowners' love of entertaining.

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6630 Gaston Ave. - This stately Georgian Hybrid home was built in 1924 and sits on a large tree-filled lot near the golf course. Renovated by the homeowners in 2014 and 2015, the home's colorful, warm and inviting décor is inspired by a design style the homeowners call "Southern Contemporary". Southern born and bred, the homeowners have beautifully incorporated classic southern elements and family heritage with a contemporary twist. While the home is very elegant, it is also homey and inviting. The hound's-tooth wallpaper in the pool house is a "must see".

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6943 Meadow Lake Ave. - This charming and classic Austin stone home was built in 1941. The homeowners kept their promise to the previous homeowners to retain the original footprint and exterior of the home while creating a dazzling interior that will take your breath away the moment you open the door. Renovations in 2013 were directed and designed entirely by the homeowners. The interiors are a mix of vintage finds updated with contemporary finishes and modern art and wall coverings. Even the playroom is a work of art.

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6655 Lakewood Blvd. - Built in 1930, this grand home is situated on two lots. Significant renovations were done in 2014 and 2015 to carefully maintain consistency with the original portion of the home, while updating it for modern living. The current homeowners are only the third family to occupy this piece of Lakewood history, and it was of utmost importance that every selection in the renovation be true to the period of the home. From the custom doors and replica bathroom tiles to the light fixtures and coved ceilings, it's nearly impossible to determine what is original to the home and what is not. These outdoor-loving homeowners enjoy their four outdoor living areas the most.

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6913 Lakewood Blvd. - This beautiful red brick Colonial was built in 1935 and thoughtfully renovated by the homeowners in 2006 and 2015. The homeowners have carefully preserved the original integrity of the home, including molding, original light fixtures, chain mechanism windows, fireplace tiles, and "broken tile" mosaic flooring, all while expanding it for today's family needs. The front covered porch was originally designed to catch the cool breeze and is now a favorite entertaining spot. This is a traditional and truly elegant family home. The red brick exterior and much of the interior art reflect the homeowners' Midwestern roots.

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6915 Lakewood Blvd. (Candlelight Only Bonus House) - This enchanting English Tudor was built in 1926 and is a winner of this year's Preservation Dallas Preservation Achievement Award. Entering the home is like stepping back in time. The homeowners have taken great care in keeping it true to its original grandeur. There are too many original aspects of the house to mention, including original light fixtures that still display the original light bulbs. The homeowners are committed to historic preservation and have kept the stories of the home's previous inhabitants alive in their choices of furnishings and décor. The homeowners are also avid antique collectors whose finds are featured throughout the home.

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Hosted by the LECPTA, the Lakewood Home Festival is a community-wide event that raises funds for Lakewood Elementary School, J.L. Long Middle School and Woodrow Wilson High School. The funds directly benefit students through the purchase of school materials, computers and enrichment programs. Attended by close to 4,000 patrons annually, the Lakewood Home Festival has raised millions of dollars for local schools since 1976. Last year's festival, alone, raised \$155,000 for the three schools, setting a new record.

The 39th Annual Lakewood Home Festival kicks off with the must-attend "Friday Night Fever" auction party sponsored by Dave Perry-Miller Real Estate on Friday, Nov. 13, 7:30 p.m., at Dallas' historic [Belo Mansion](#). The annual party sells out every year and generates a significant portion of funds raised, in part through ticket sales, and also via silent and live auctions. Each year, local businesses and community partners donate generous offerings to fit every budget.

Schedule and Ticket Prices

- "Friday Night Fever" auction party, Friday, Nov. 13, 7:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. at the Belo Mansion & Pavilion, 2101 Ross Ave., in the Dallas Arts District.
 - [Auction party](#) tickets are \$125 in advance and \$175 at the door, if not already sold out. The auction party ticket includes an "all-weekend pass" with access to the home tour and candlelight tour.
 - A limited number of Solid Gold VIP lounge party tickets will be \$200 in advance and \$250 at the door. The VIP lounge, available until 10 p.m., includes separate check-in and check-out, swag bags, passed hors d'oeuvres, premium liquor, casino chips and additional perks.
- Homes will be open Saturday, Nov. 14, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 15, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 - Home tour tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door
- The candlelight tour will take place on Saturday, Nov. 14, 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. It offers an intimate setting, where guests can meet the homeowners and socialize over a glass of wine. The candlelight tour also includes a bonus home only available Saturday night.
 - Candlelight tickets are \$30 and include access to the Saturday/Sunday home tour. Regular home tour tickets can be upgraded to candlelight tickets at the door.

Festival Underwriters and Sponsors

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New This Year: Original Lakewood Home Festival Artwork

The LECPTA is proud to announce that starting this year, local artist Walter Soza of [SozaDesigns Studios](#) joins forces with the LECPTA as the official artist of the Annual Lakewood Home Festival. Soza's artwork can already be found in homes throughout Lakewood, but for the first time this year, the artist designed an original piece of art to be featured on the cover of the Home Tour Ticket Book, which itself becomes a larger keepsake for tour-goers this year.

The original piece of art for 2015 features a window that pays tribute to many of the prominent stained-glass windows found in many historic Lakewood homes designed by the late architect, Clifford D. Hutsell. A reflection of the Lakewood Theater, a neighborhood landmark, is portrayed in the window.

Variations of the original piece, featuring alternative colors, will be sold at one of the homes on the tour throughout the weekend. An 18"x 24" museum-wrapped, limited-run canvas print is available for pre-order through Oct. 10 at \$250. It will be available to be picked up and signed by the artist Nov. 9-12 at SozaDesigns Studios, 1909 Abrams Pkwy, Suite C. Email walter@sozadesigns.com or call 214-287-6499 for pre-orders.

Soza has also generously donated limited-edition prints, including a hand-colored print, to be auctioned off at the annual Lakewood Home Festival auction party. A percentage of all Soza's sales of the Lakewood Home Festival artwork will be given back to the LECPTA, which in turn gives it back to its neighborhood schools.

Soza has lived in Lakewood for more than 15 years, "the longest I've lived anywhere in the world," he said. "I was married in Lakewood to my beautiful wife Tammy, and have a son and a daughter who is due any minute now. I've been dedicated to my local community. I think Lakewood Elementary School is a special little gem that values the education of our children and embraces the families in our neighborhood. I will help however I can in raising money to make our local school facilities and education top notch. I also want to help preserve the local historic landmarks as a reminder to future generations of how the neighborhood has evolved."

About Lakewood Early Childhood PTA

Founded in 1952, the LECPTA is an organization for parents with children from birth to elementary age, as well as expectant parents, living in Dallas communities east of I-75, south of Lovers Lane, west of Grand Avenue, and north of I-30. Its mission is to enrich the lives of neighborhood children by developing relationships among families and supporting local schools. In addition to fundraising, LECPTA holds several social events throughout the year for members and their families.

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