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38th Annual Lakewood Home Festival Showcases Six Spectacular Homes

(Sept. 26, 2014 – Dallas, Texas) Six distinctive homes, each with unique designs, styles and architectures, will be featured in the 38th Annual Lakewood Home Festival Saturday and Sunday November 15 and 16. Tickets are available at lakewoodhomefestival.com (until 4.30pm on Nov. 13), at select Tom Thumb stores, and at various local businesses (for a complete list, please visit www.lakewoodhomefestival.com). This year's featured homes are:

6702 Anita

This modern version of the classic American family home, a 2012 rebuild lovingly designed by the homeowners, was inspired by New England cottage architecture and the charm of low country southern style.

Sponsored by: Juliette Fowler Communities and Regent Custom Homes

6820 Avalon

Since purchasing this 1937 Charles Dilbeck house of dreams, christened Crabapple Cottage, the family has lovingly repaired, upgraded and expanded upon Dilbeck's trademark French farmhouse design ideas.

Sponsored by: Jackson Sells and Chicago Title Company

6838 Avalon

This one-of-a-kind home, a modern take on a classic 1930's Spanish Colonial Revival, will carry guests on a journey across the globe, from one homeowner's original artwork to dazzling finishes, fixtures, and antiques collected by generations of this talented and worldly family.

Sponsored by: Nancy Johnson Real Estate Group of Dave Perry-Miller & Associates and W2 Studio

6903 Merrilee

This 1950's ranch-style home, one of the first of its kind to be built in Lakewood, was wholly re-imagined in a 2009 renovation by its homeowner, an interior designer, as a soft contemporary family home with an eye toward entertaining and indoor-outdoor living. *Sponsored by: David Bush Homes and Republic Title*

6957 Tokalon

This stately and inviting Colonial Revival limestone home, built in 1948, is perched atop a hill on a sprawling acre lot, and features opulent interiors that marry significant family heirlooms with striking classic and transitional pieces. *Sponsored by: Briggs Freeman Sotheby's International Realty*

6906 Wildgrove

This magnificent Texas regional modern home, built in 2012, harmoniously integrates clean modern design with functional family-friendly spaces, and is enhanced by eye-catching artwork, sleek furnishings, and family treasures from generations past. *Sponsored by: Coldwell Banker and Mast Sturgeon*

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 more than 4,000 patrons annually, the Lakewood Home Festival has raised more than \$1 million for local schools since 1976. Last year's home festival, alone, raised \$150,000 for the three schools.

The 38th Annual Lakewood Home Festival kicks off with the highly anticipated auction party that sells out early and generates a significant portion of the weekend's funds raised, in part through ticket sales, and also via silent and live auctions. Local businesses donate a staggering array of offerings to fit every budget. This year the auction party, presented by Dave Perry-Miller & Associates, is a Pearls & Prohibition Speakeasy, 7pm to midnight, at the Belo Mansion, 2101 Ross Ave.

The Home Tour, presented by Briggs Freeman Sotheby's International Realty, and the Holiday Market & Café, sponsored by Ebby Lakewood, take place Saturday Nov. 15, 10am-5pm, and Sunday Nov. 16, 11am-5pm. Visitors can tour a diverse selection of inspiring Lakewood homes, shop items from local artists and vendors at the Holiday Market, and get a bite to eat at the food-truck café. This year's Holiday Market offers a bounce house, cookie decorating, and photos of the kids with Santa, who makes his appearance prior to taking up his regular post at the downtown Neiman Marcus department store. For the first time this year, the candlelight tour of homes, sponsored by Dave Perry-Miller & Associates, will take place on Saturday evening, 6pm-8pm, instead of Friday evening. The candlelight tour offers a more intimate setting, where guests can meet the homeowners and socialize over a glass of wine.

Ticket Prices

The Saturday/Sunday ticket, which allows visitors to tour the homes one or both days, is \$15. The Saturday evening candlelight tour is \$20. These are advance prices if purchased at lakewoodhomefestival.com. They increase by \$5 if purchased at the door. The Saturday/Sunday ticket is available at a discount at select Tom Thumb stores throughout the metroplex for \$12 (see lakewoodhomefestival.com for store locations). The Holiday Market & Café is included in the price, or can be accessed for \$5 without a home tour ticket. The Pearls & Prohibition Speakeasy, complete with live and silent auctions, a casino, buffet, open bar, live music, lounge singer, DJ and dancing, is \$100 before Nov. 7, \$125 after Nov. 7, and \$150 at the door (if not already sold out). The auction party ticket includes an all-weekend pass with entry to the home tour, candlelight tour, and market/café.

Hours of Operation

Pearls & Prohibition Speakeasy auction party at the Belo Mansion: Friday Nov. 14, 7.00pm – 12.00am

Home Tour Day 1: Saturday Nov. 15, 10.00am – 5.00pm

Candlelight Tour of Homes: Saturday Nov. 15, 6.00pm – 8.00pm

Home Tour Day 2: Sunday Nov. 16, 11.00am – 5.00pm

Market located inside Lakewood Elementary School: Saturday 10am-5pm, Sunday 11am-5pm

Café featuring food trucks and live music behind Lakewood Elementary: Saturday and Sunday, 11.30am-2pm

Pictures with Santa Claus: Saturday and Sunday, 12pm-4pm (features Santa from downtown Neiman Marcus)

Lakewood Elementary School is located at 3000 Hillbrook Street.

Festival Underwriters and Sponsors

The 2014 Festival Underwriters, which provide significant financial support for the event, are Advocate Magazine, Comerica Bank®, and Tom Thumb supermarkets. Additional business sponsors include Dave Perry-Miller & Associates (auction-party sponsor), Briggs Freeman Sotheby's International Realty (home tour title sponsor), Dave Perry-Miller & Associates (candlelight-tour sponsor), and Ebby Lakewood (Holiday Market & Cafe sponsor).

About Lakewood Early Childhood PTA

Founded in 1952, the Lakewood Early Childhood PTA (LECPTA) is an organization for parents with children from birth through elementary years, as well as expectant parents, living in East Dallas communities. Its mission is to enrich the lives of neighborhood children by developing relationships among families and supporting neighborhood schools. In addition to fundraising, LECPTA holds several social events throughout the year for members and their families. For more information, please visit www.lecpta.org.