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'A Stroll Down State Street'

"A Stroll Down State Street" is the theme of the 2000 homes tour that will be held during the Sixth Annual Eagle Lake Prairie Chicken Festival over the April 7-9 weekend in downtown Eagle Lake.

The homes tour will feature five historic homes, having been built around the turn of the century, and all five within a pleasant walking distance of each other.

The homes tour is scheduled for Saturday, April 8 from noon

to 5 p.m. and Sunday, April 9 from 1 to 5 p.m. Eagle Hill Inn & Retreat, located at 307 E. State St., will only be open from 2 to 5 p.m. on both days. The cost of the tour is \$10 per person.

"A Stroll Down State Street" includes:

THE RESIDENCE of Dr. & Mrs. Raymond Thomas is the only home not actually located on State Street. However, it sits on the corner of North McCarty Avenue (501 N.

McCarty) and East State Street.

Built in 1912 for Warren Walker, a prominent cattleman in the Eagle Lake area, at a cost of \$5,000, this house was designed by architect A.F. Barnes. When he moved to San Marcos in 1918, the house was sold to O.J. and Ada Wintermann, who made many modifications and improvements to its interior and exterior.

Of particular interest is the fact that this house was one of the first air-conditioned residences in this part of the country. The original equipment, long since replaced, was supplied by Carrier and installed prior to 1920.

Visitors should particularly note the beautiful wrought-iron work throughout the house, intricate and very lovely California tile and fountain in the sunroom, bottle-glass windows in several of the rooms, and gorgeous carved-wood doors.

THE RESIDENCE of Virginia Fair Wells, located at 201 E. State St., was built in 1911 by Mr. & Mrs. F.S. Ulery, owners of a jewelry store in Eagle Lake. It was at one time or another owned by several members of the Stephens family and their relatives before finally being owned most recently by Mrs. Wells' daughter and son-in-law and then Mrs. Wells.

The house was extensively renovated in 1998 to prepare it for Mrs. Wells' occupancy, preserving the original appearance while bringing it up to today's standards of comfort and convenience.

There are a number of antiques in the house. Underneath a four-poster bed is an antique trundle bed. Other antiques are several small tables and chests, some with marble tops, game table with four chairs and large glass-front cabinet containing cut glass and collectibles.

BUILT IN 1907 by contractor George W. Keith for Dr. G.A. Foote, the home of Sherry & Mike Gould, located at 200 E. State St., was purchased by Keith when Foote and his family moved from Eagle Lake.

A four-bedroom house with a total of 14 rooms, its interior is a mixture of Victorian and modern features with transoms above all doors, numerous sliding doors, beautiful wood floors and 10-foot ceilings on the first floor.

(Note: It is possible that this home may not be open on Sunday.)

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Antique, classic car show slated

The Sixth Annual Eagle Lake Prairie Chicken Festival, set for April 7-9 in Eagle Lake, will feature an antique and classic car show on Saturday, April 8 from noon to 4 p.m.

Car owners are invited to bring their gems to Eagle Lake to participate in the event.

For additional information about the antique and classic car show, contact Dan Canaris at (979) 234-2820.



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