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CHRISTMAS ON THE COLORADO

Sponsored by Columbus Historical Preservation Trust in Columbus, Texas

Candelight Homes Tour on Friday, December 4, 2009 • 6-9 p.m.

- Tickets: Adults \$3 per home/museum
 - Children \$1 per home/museum (under 6 free)
- Admission may be paid at each property on Friday, or
a ticket for all 6 properties may be purchased at the
Stafford Opera House for \$15 at the
"Ladies Night Out" from 5-9 p.m.
on Thursday, Dec. 3
(6 Properties for the price of 5!)

1882 Simpson-Williamson-Rankin Home • 630 Milam Street

1880s Durbin Home • 1115 Travis Street

Glueck Home • 1620 Travis Street

1858 Dilue Rose-Harris Museum • 602 Washington Street

1836 Abram Alley Log Cabin and Antique Tool Museum • 1224 Bowie Street

Mary Elizabeth Hopkins Santa Claus Museum • 604 Washington Street

Dilue Rose-Harris Museum to be decorated by the Columbus Garden Club as
Christmas in 1858. Historic demonstrations and Christmas music will also be
coordinated in and around the area by the Columbus Garden Club

Christmas Candlelight Homes
Tour Will Be On December 4

Columbus Historical Preservation Trust (CHPT) and Columbus Garden Club have a longstanding tradition of working together planning and decorating for the Candlelight Homes Tour and this year it will be a sparkling event.

The tour, Friday evening on Dec. 4 from 6 – 9, will take visitors on a path of sparkling candles and lights, themed Christmas trees, heirloom ornaments, a feather tree made by a local artist, a dollhouse with miniatures from France, Germany, Canada and the U.S., and a collection of Possible Dreams Santas.

Also on the tour will be historical characters in costumes demonstrating pioneer crafts and skills at the Dilue Rose-Harris House and the Abram Alley Log Cabin.

The tour, sponsored by Columbus Historical Preservation Trust (CHPT), will include:

The entire historical complex at the northwest corner of Washington and Bowie Streets including: The 1858 Dilue Rose-Harris House, the 1836 Abram Alley Log Cabin, the Antique Tool Museum and the Mary Elizabeth Hopkins Santa Claus Museum will be open for the tour.

The historical homes will be decorated with natural decorations (greenery, fruits, nuts, popcorn, red berries, moss, mistletoe and red peppers) on the Christmas tree, in garlands, wreaths and adornments inside the home and along the fence that surrounds the area.

Characters will be throughout the homes talking about events of the time and demonstrating quilting, doll making, popcorn and cranberry stringing, apple peeling and cooking on an open fire.

In 1858 town folks would have taken to the streets banging on pots and firing guns in the air to announce happenings of the day.

During the homes tour Columbus Garden Club will be reenacting this event when costumed docents make noise and announcements along Bowie and Washington streets on a typical 1858 Christmas Eve.

Dilue Rose-Harris (Mary Lynn Skinner), dressed in period costume, will greet her guests in the parlor of the Dilue Rose-Harris House at 602 Washington telling them of her family's intimate acquaintance with the leaders of the Texas Revolution and recounting happenings during the "Runaway Scrape".

In the Abram Alley Log Cabin at 1224 Bowie, guests can visit with docents demonstrating quilt making.

Furnishings of note in the cabin are the pieced quilts on the two beds, both made by Nancy Millar Alley, the framed picture of Mrs. Alley which hangs over the walnut mantle in the bedroom, a small wall cupboard in the kitchen and a walnut candle stand in the bedroom belonging to the Alley family.

A large pine safe in the kitchen is one of the finest examples of early Texas craftsmanship that can be found today.

Behind the log cabin is the Antique Tool Museum. Most of the tools in the museum are farm and ranch tools and implements found on any farm in the area throughout the 19th century.

Two oxen yokes, a seed-planting implement, a complete blacksmith forge, and a collection of 40 types of barbed wire used in Colorado County are in excellent condition.

The Mary Elizabeth Hopkins Santa Claus Museum at 604 Washington includes more than 2,000 figurines.

This wonderfully festive collection, housed in this year-round Christmas cottage, includes figurines from Neiman Marcus to Wal-Mart and from all around the world and is a representation of the childhood joy we all cling to at Christmas.

A Texas State Historical marker proudly stands at the 1882 Simpson-Williamson-Rankin House at 630 Milam owned by Chuck and Marian Rankin.

French Simpson and his wife Jenny Harbert Simpson built this beautiful home in 1882.

The design of the home with its decorative milled wood detailing and ornamental roof cresting exhibits influences of the Italianate and Eastlake architectural styles.

Delighted visitors will find collections of antiques from the 1860's to the 1920's mixed with reproductions including antique clocks, a Blue Willow plate collection, and a dollhouse decorated for Santa with a vast collection of miniatures.

There will be eight themed Christmas trees placed throughout the house and a collection of Possible Dreams Santas.

William and Colette Durbin's Home at 1115 Travis, on the east side of the courthouse square, was acquired in 1999 as a piece of property with an 1880's structure that was built originally as the Matzke Tailor Shop.

The original tailor shop is now the center section of the residence. The large west room was added in 1941. The Leyendecker



Dilue Rose-Harris House at 602 Washington



1882 Simpson-Williamson-Rankin House at 630 Milam

family purchased the property in the 1950's.

Mrs. Mary Louise Leyendecker operated her dance studio at the residence where there are still preserved wall mirrors displayed as a tribute to Leyendecker.

For the Christmas homes tour the house will be decorated with family heirloom ornaments, vintage finds, USA folk art Christmas pieces, a feather tree made by local artist, a nativity crèche given to the couple by Colette's parents for the couple's first Christmas, and LED candles in the window to simulate candles in windows of times past.

Curtis and Mary Ann Glueck's 1885 Home at 1620 Travis was purchased in 2005.

When this 3-story Victorian style home was built by John Duncan, he purchased all of block 32 and the front of the house faced Milam Street.

A sidewalk still extends from the original front of the house out to Milam. But now this lovely white house with green trim facing Travis Street adds historical

charm nestled in with other homes on the block.

The double front doors are original to the house along with some of the glass, long leaf pine floors, large pocket doors, shutters and cistern in the attic. There are 6 fireplaces with Italian marble with two of them still in working order.

The downstairs has 12 ft. ceilings and the upstairs has 10 ft. ceilings. It is speculated that this house may have been the first in Columbus to have running water. Don't miss this beautifully decorated Victorian home decked out with Christmas charm.

CHPT invites you to visit all of the homes on tour.

Admission to the homes is \$3 per home which can be paid at the door or \$15 tickets to all six homes/museums can be purchased at the Ladies Night Out the night before.

The homes on tour at the Christmas Candlelight Homes Tour will be open Friday evening, Dec. 4, 6-9. For more information call CHPT Trust at 979-732-5135.

Community Thanksgiving Service
Set for Nov. 22 in Lissie

The Ministers' Alliance of Eagle Lake offers you the opportunity to worship as a community Sunday, November 22 at 6 p.m. in Lissie United Methodist Church, Rev. Janice Kerlee, pastor.

Area pastors support the ecumenical service.

The Reverend Bill Mosley, pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, Eagle Lake delivers the Thanksgiving sermon.

The Thanksgiving offering benefits the local food pantry, headquartered at First Baptist Church, the Rev. Kevin Collison, Pastor.

You're invited to bring along a physical offering as well. Items such as non-perishable food, paper goods, toiletries and the like are welcome.

Lissie is on Hwy 90A about 8 miles east of Eagle Lake.

Find the sign for the church at the blinking light, turn and go two blocks.

Lissie UMC is on the corner facing the post office.

For more information contact Bill Mosley, at 979-732-3987 or email lutheran109@sbcglobal.net.; Janice Kerlee, at 234-2112 or Joe Fling at 234-5536.

What To Do In The Event
Your Home Gets Flooded

What should you do if water starts seeping into your home or flooding your basement?

There are several steps to get you dry and prevent permanent water damage.

If water is in danger of reaching electrical outlets, and if it is safe to do so, make your way to the breaker outlet and shut off power.

Remove furniture and other important belongings to a higher, dryer space. The sooner the better to prevent permanent damage.

Drain excess water immediately.

Get a few drain pumps that connect to a common hose to get rid of all unwanted water.

After eliminating excess water, dry flooring and carpeting.

Get some fans running.

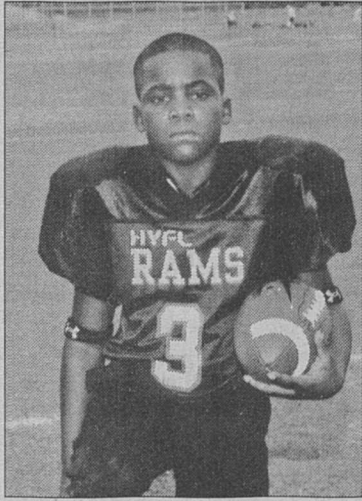
Move carpeting to a dryer area and vacuum it to suck up most of the water.

Run a dehumidifier to keep humidity levels down to prevent molding. Don't let water sit in the dehumidifier.

Fight bacteria. Water that comes in from outside is likely to have yard chemicals in it which are poison, as well as animal waste. An anti-bactericide will be needed to fight unwanted bacteria.

If you need to call a professional, make sure they are certified in these areas by the Institute of Inspection, Cleaning and Restoration Certification, a nonprofit certifying body in the disaster restoration industry.

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Marcus J. Cooper

Marcus J. Cooper just completed the football season playing for the Houston youth football league Maydee Creek Rams.

Stats this season, offensive positions played, quarterback, running back; rushing yards 902; passing yards 110; punt returns for touchdowns 6; touchdowns 26.

Defensive positions middle line backer safety; solo tackles, 28; assists, 25; fumble recoveries, 8; interceptions, 4; sacks, 9.

Marcus will be playing for the "Knights" a Houston league this spring. Their championship game will be played at Baylor University in Waco.