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Patrons Get a Before Peek at Designer Showcase Home

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Tulsans will have the opportunity to take a look back at an elegant period in our city's history when they tour this year's Designer Showcase, the William A. Springer mansion located at 585 Fairview Ave.

Sponsored by the Volunteer Council of the Tulsa Philharmonic, the project will be open for public tours May 7 through May 30.

Special patrons of the project, which is sponsored by the Volunteer Council of the Tulsa Philharmonic, were treated to a before look at the three-story red brick home in Brady Heights Wednesday evening. Patrons will also be invited to an after-restoration encore party April 8.

The before party was hosted by The Springer Clinics as a nod to the Springer family and their son, Murl, who founded the clinic.

Council President Loretta Pickhardt and Designer Showcase chairman Rhonda Donica thanked Springer's representatives on hand including president and chairman of the board Dr. Richard Reinking and administrator Richard Callis. Design coordinators Bob Cisar and Kirk Holt said some of the city's leading designers have already started work on

the transformation of the home, owned by Phyllis and Tom Arnold.

The designers must approach this project with a little different eye since the three-story home will be used as a parsonage for Faith Christian Fellowship. The Arnolds attended the party with their son, Tom, who is overseeing the structural restoration; and Leon



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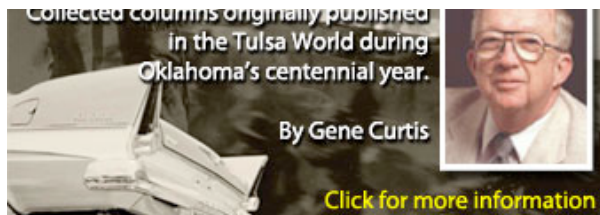
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Ragsdale, a Tulsa architect and former owner of the home who purchased it in 1986 in order to preserve its historical significance. The home took on a hospital-like atmosphere for the evening,

5. While you're eating dinner, dessert is cooking
6. Tickled pink by bagels
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with waitresses decked out in World War I nurses uniforms and the waiters wearing surgical masks. Food stations were set up on various floors and the Jazz Plus band played music of the era.

Patron chairmen Mollie Williford, her husband, Richard, and Sharon Bartlett and her husband, Mike, helped direct patrons through the 12,000 square foot home with its seven fireplaces, nine bathrooms and three kitchens.

Patrons include Virginia and Henry Will, Betsy and Jim MacCallum, Iris and Richard Studenny, Carol and Dr. Tom Ashcraft, Anne and Ron Ricketts, Liz Forbes, Genave Rogers, Carol Southard, Barbara McEntee, Susan Rorschach and Molly Krumme. Patrons will receive unlimited visits to the showcase, program listing and first option to purchase decorator items at a 10 percent discount.

Patronships are still available for \$100 per person. For more information call the Philharmonic office at 747-7445.

Private parties may also be held in the home from April 1 through May. Arrangements can be made through Mark Thompson of Productions Plus at 584-2120.

Tulsans Attend Opera Auditions

A group of Tulsans braved more than a foot of snowfall in Kansas City last week to attend the Metropolitan Opera National Council's Midwest Regional Auditions.

They were rewarded by seeing Tulsa District winner Lorraine Ernest win first place in the competition. Lorraine, who was also the first-place regional winner last year, will receive coaching from the Metropolitan Opera staff and will compete with the winners from the other 16 regions in the National Finals in New York on April 14.

The seven to 11 winners of that competition will appear in a winners concert on stage at the Met April 18.

Those in the Tulsa group were Madge and Dick Turley - Dick is Midwest Regional chairman; Margo and Milt Wallace, former Midwest Regional co-chairmen; Doris Wellemeier, regional auditions director; Billie and Ralph McCants, Phyllis and Jack Keown, Kendall Sherrill, Don Merrill and Ken Oliver, Grace and Bill Leiter, Inge and Arno Wald, whose daughter and son-in-law Wendy and Scott May, who live in Kansas City joined the group and former Tulsans Martha and Scott Letcher who now live in St. Louis.

DAC To Hold Annual Assembly

Newly appointed Daughters of the American Colonists national vice president Patty Rowsey Molloy of Muskogee will speak during a candlelight supper and reception Friday in conjunction with the group's 67th annual assembly at Sangri-La Resort. Mrs. Molloy will serve as vice president of the Middle West Section made up of 11 states.

State regent Shirle Williams of Tulsa will conduct the business sessions. Meeting hosts are members of the Lt. Col. Walter Chiles Chapter headed by Patricia Trolinger. Dian Wadley is arrangements chairman.

Other Oklahoma chapters attending the assembly will be Tulsa, Muskogee, Col. John Alston, Isabel Hastings Dial (Oklahoma City), Duncan and Still Water. Anne Richards is Tulsa Chapter regent and Marty Kenton is Col. John Alston chapter regent. The object of DAC is patriotic, historical and educational.

To be eligible for membership, one must provide authenticated records of at least one ancestor who performed civic or military service in the Colonial period between 1607 and 1776. For more information call 637-1431.

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