



# Turner House Times

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## Two Great Events, Many to Thank

This year, our **annual Wine & Art fundraiser** was a very special event, with an exhibition of early Texas paintings, featuring many pieces on loan from local collectors, and a conversation with Bill and Tony McClung, grandsons of painter Florence McClung, led by gallery owner David Dike. And our fall **Movies on the Lawn** series brought out the neighbors for fun movies and some beautiful weather.

**Thanks to our sponsors, who make it all possible.**

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### Additional Movies on the Lawn Sponsors:

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## "Silent Night" at Turner House

We are very happy to bring back the 'Silent Night' theme for our members' holiday party on Sunday, December 7. Robert Edwards will accompany short silent films on our Steinway grand piano. Included is the very delightful 1905 "The Night Before Christmas" from the Edison Film Mfg Corp. Please see your invitation for details, and join us for some fun and holiday spirit as our thanks to you.

## This Old House

Big improvements were made at Turner House in the past few months. To prepare for our annual fundraiser, which featured an early Texas art exhibit, Blake Salon received a new paint job and track lighting. The 3-tone painting highlights the beautiful woodwork in the room, and the lighting greatly improves our ability to stage and host art exhibits in the future.

Also, we received a donation of several fine furniture pieces from the estate of Ann Cobb by her daughter Susan Amason. Donations like this help us to continually upgrade our décor. Thank you Susan.

## Winnetka Heights Celebrates 100 Years at Turner House

Did you visit Turner House during the **Oak Cliff Fall Tour of Homes** on Oct. 11 & 12? About 1,200 people did! The Winnetka Height Centennial committee did an amazing job of returning the upstairs to its 1912 glory, including a nursery. And Vicki Fitzgerald & team created an exhibit downstairs that covered a century of history of Oak Cliff, Winnetka Heights and Turner House. To top it all off, council members Neumann and Garcia delivered a Mayor's Proclamation recognizing Winnetka Heights and led the planting of a red oak in the front lawn.

Coming up is the final event of the Winnetka Heights Centennial celebrations: the **Winnetka Heights Holiday Home Tour** on **Saturday, Dec.13**. Turner House and 7 other homes will be decked out in yuletide finery. Go to [whhometour.org](http://whhometour.org) for information.

## Event Rentals

Turner House continues to serve as a fabulous setting for many types of community and personal events. Recent rentals include a high school graduation costume party, an OC Chamber realtor networker, weddings, and the fall home tour.

Contact us for information or to discuss your next event via phone or at [events@turnerhouse.org](mailto:events@turnerhouse.org)

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who might be interested in Turner House, the Society and our mission to preserve and restore this treasure as an asset for Oak Cliff. (also really easy)

### **#3 Make a donation**

Visit our website and donate online using a credit card and Paypal or send a check. We are an all volunteer board and every dollar goes toward maintaining and improving the structure and the organization. Any amount will be put to good use.

### **#4 Become a friend of the Art**

The Society has a wonderful collection of early Texas art. Through donations earmarked for the art, we have been able to clean, repair and light about 75% of the collection. Only 4 paintings remain, needing only light cleaning. Please contact us if you'd like to help in this effort.

**Thank you**