



THE NORTH HILL PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION

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The Tour of Homes

Every Home Has a Story.

HOMEOWNER GUIDE

The Sunday after Thanksgiving · Noon to 5:00 p.m.

Pensacola's Historic North Hill

Opening your home

The North Hill Tour of Homes is one of our neighborhood's most beloved traditions, and it simply would not be possible without the generosity of residents who open their doors.

By opening your home, you give our community and our visitors a rare and memorable glimpse into the rich history and character of North Hill. Held each year on the Sunday after Thanksgiving, the tour is the destination that launches the Christmas season in Pensacola, giving families and neighbors a place to begin their holiday traditions on these tree-lined streets, surrounded by the history and warmth that make this neighborhood like no other.

This guide walks you through exactly what to expect as a part of the Tour, from the first walkthrough to the close of tour day, so you are always aware of what is involved. Throughout the process, your homeowner liaison is always available to answer any questions you have.

Your home, your way

We want this to be a comfortable and enjoyable experience for you and your family. Guests move through your home in small, controlled groups, each guided by a trained docent. You decide which spaces are part of the tour. Any rooms you prefer to keep private are simply closed off, with no explanation required. We will work with you in advance to establish a natural and comfortable flow through the home.

A trained staff member is stationed at your front door to greet guests and manage the pace of entry. We anticipate having four to five staff members in your home throughout the tour. If you have family members or friends who would like to serve on the tour staff, they are warmly welcomed, and they will receive the same training as our team to ensure a consistent and enjoyable experience for everyone.

Shoe coverings are provided at the door and required in every home, so your floors are protected throughout the day. Please designate which restroom you would like docents and staff to use; all visitors are directed to the facilities at Alabama Square. No photography is allowed at any time inside your home.

We also encourage you to notify your homeowner's insurance provider in advance that your home will be open to the public for a ticketed event, as some policies may require a simple notification or temporary adjustment for this type of occasion.

Sharing your home's story

Your home's history is at the heart of the tour experience. We will work with you to gather the details that make your home unique, including its age, architectural style, original features, restorations, and any stories worth telling. This information prepares your docent and shapes a brief description of your home for the tour brochure.

You do not need to be a historian. We simply ask that you share what you know and love about your home.

Preparing your home

As this is a holiday tour, we ask that your home be decorated for Christmas. The Tour of Homes is the launch of the holiday season in North Hill, and the spirit of the season is central to the experience we create for our guests. We provide exterior signage designating your home as a stop along the tour.

Before tour day, we encourage you to secure or store any personal valuables, fragile items, or cherished belongings you would prefer guests not be near. Pets should be comfortably settled in a secure area of the home during tour hours.

The home walkthrough

Prior to the tour, we will schedule at least one walkthrough of your home. This gives us the opportunity to plan the route, confirm which spaces will be included, and prepare our staff with everything they need to know before welcoming guests.

Photography

We would love to photograph the exterior of your home for use in our promotional materials, social media, and the tour brochure. We will coordinate a time that is convenient for you.

What every guest agrees to

Your home and your belongings are protected by more than our staff on the day. When guests purchase a ticket, they confirm that they have read and agreed to the tour terms, and our docents hold everyone to them throughout the afternoon.

Among the courtesies every guest accepts:

- Admission is for adults eighteen and older, with a valid photo ID.
- No photography of any kind is permitted inside the homes.
- Shoe coverings, provided at the door, are required in every home.
- Guests will not touch furnishings, décor, or personal belongings.
- Guests respect any closed rooms and all posted signs.
- Weapons, food and drink, smoking and vaping, large bags, backpacks, and high heels are not permitted.
- Pets and emotional support animals are not permitted; trained service animals are welcomed with advance notice.

Every ticket also carries a release of liability that names the participating homeowners, so your generosity in opening your home is protected as well.

What to expect on tour day

Our staff arrive up to one hour before the tour begins at noon. You are welcome to be present during the tour or to enjoy the day as a guest in the neighborhood yourself. Either way, we will make sure your home is in good hands. When the tour concludes at five o'clock, our staff complete a final walkthrough of your home before departing to ensure everything is in order.

READY TO OPEN YOUR HOME?

Whether you are ready to take part or simply have a few questions first, let us know through our short interest form. Jill White, our homeowner liaison, will follow up with you personally and guide you through every step.

Share your interest