Living It Up Downtown: Preservation's New Frontier
Heritage Society of Austin  Heritage Homes Tour
They are the hidden treasures of Texas' Capital City, downtown places that an increasing number of Austinites are calling home. In what were once office buildings. A hardware store. A boarding house. An early-day doctor's office.

May 12 and 13, 2000
It is Austin's latest trend.
And preservation's latest frontier.
A place where the future is preserving the past.

Join Honorary Tour Co-Chairs Luci Baines Johnson and Ian Turpin to see the places that Austinites past and present call home, a one-of-a-kind Heritage Homes Tour in a neighborhood like no other, the Central Business District.

Come see these treasures that are fueling up a downtown renaissance, most open to the public for the first time. And probably the only time.
The Sites

One used to be a notorious flophouse and billiards parlor. Another was an Art Moderne building where Lyndon Baines Johnson once officed. Another was a Civil War-era hardware store. Or an 80-year-old car repair shop. Or an Art Deco state office building.

Today, Austinites call each one home. In toney lofts. In one-of-a-kind townhomes. All on the cutting edge of historic preservation.

Driskill Hotel
604 Brazos Street

Stephen F. Austin Hotel
701 Congress Avenue

Wooten Building
107 East 10th Street

Anson Jones Building
410 East 5th Street
Tour

Heritage Homes Tour
Saturday, May 13, 2000
10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Visit 10 historic and restored homes at seven locations. Lofts, storefront walkups, a Brownstone gem, even two Congress Avenue buildings being converted into homes. In a first for the tour, see preservation in the before, during and after stages. Plus quick looks at the historic Driskill Hotel and Stephen F. Austin Hotel. Walking tours start at the Driskill, Brown Building and Avenue Lofts.

Party

Twilight Preview Party
Friday, May 12, 2000
7-10 p.m.

Start out at the newly and magnificently restored Stephen F. Austin Hotel, once the home-away-from-home for storied Texas lawmakers and dignitaries, where a sumptuous hors d'oeuvres buffet, entertainment and libations will be available. Tour the posh Governor's Suite penthouse, then stroll nearby for an exclusive peek at a preservation work-in-progress. Special group discount for six or more tickets.

Tickets

Discount tickets are available by mail in advance from the Heritage Society of Austin or at www.heritagesocietyaustin.org. Tickets on tour day will be available for $15 each only on the South Portico of the Driskill Hotel (6th Street and Brazos), at the Brown Building Lofts (708 Colorado Street) and at the Avenue Lofts (410 E. 5th Street).

Shuttle Service & Parking

Complimentary shuttle service will be available Saturday to buildings along the tour route. Parking available on the street.
Ticket Order Form

Heritage Homes Tour
Saturday, May 13, 2000
10 a.m.-6 p.m.

__ Tickets at HSA member price $10 each
__ Tickets at non-member price $12 each

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__ Reservations at $85 each
($75 each for six tickets or more)

Heritage Society of Austin
Annual Membership Fee

__ Contributor $35
__ Sponsor $50

I am unable to attend, but please accept my donation of $ ______________________

Total enclosed $ ______________________

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City/State/Zip ______________________

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Expiration Date ______________________

Signature ______________________

Please make checks payable to the Heritage Society of Austin. Ticket purchases may also be made through the Heritage Society Web site: www.heritagesocietyaustin.org.

Orders must be received by Friday, May 5, to be processed by return mail. All sales are final. No refunds will be made.

Mail to HSA, PO Box 2113, Austin, TX 78768. Telephone 512.474.5198. Fax 512.474.2125.

Proceeds from this tour are used by the Heritage Society of Austin for preservation projects and issues targeted at saving Austin's colorful and diverse history.

This year's Heritage Homes Tour is brought to you by the Heritage Society of Austin in partnership with the Downtown Austin Alliance.