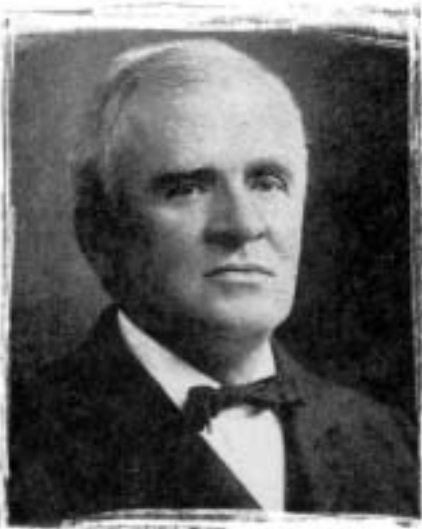


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Newsletter of the Houston Heights Association



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Oscar Martin Carter, Founder of Houston Heights

## 113 Years and Counting

Please join the Houston Heights Association for a rededication ceremony for the replacement of the Recorded Texas Historical Site marker commemorating the founding of Houston Heights.

The ceremony will start at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 1, in front of the Heights Library at 1302 Heights Boulevard. Among those scheduled to participate are:

- Rev. Milton S. Jordan, Grace United Methodist Church (Invocation)
- Randy Pace, Preservation Officer,

City of Houston (Welcome and Unveiling)

- Mark Williamson, President of the Houston Heights Association (Greetings)
  - Tony Lambert, Deputy Director of Library Operations
  - Laurie Covington, Heights Branch Head Librarian
  - Jessica Farrar, State Representative for District 138
  - Adrian Garcia, City Council Member for District H
- Also join us for light refreshments after the ceremony.

## May General Meeting

Houston Heights was founded in May 1891, and the month of May is generally the time when we celebrate our founders. In keeping with this tradition, the May 10 general meeting will feature Heights-area historian Anne Sloan. An author of two books set in Houston Heights, Anne will tell the stories of four women who greatly impacted the area. One of the women

Anne will discuss is Sister Agatha who, it has been said, wrote the definitive book about the history of Houston Heights.

Anne will also have her books available for purchase. Or if you have one of Anne's books and would like to have it signed, please bring it to the meeting, which will begin at 7 p.m. in the Fire Station at the corner of 12th Street and Yale.

## Mark Your Calendar!

<b>May 1</b>	Rededication of historical plaque at Heights Library
<b>May 10</b>	General Meeting
<b>June 5</b>	5K Fun Run and Walk
<b>Oct. 3</b>	Heights Festival
<b>Dec. 3 &amp; 4</b>	Holiday Home Tour and Wreath Auction

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## Run to Register or Volunteer

Lace up your running shoes and start your mental imagery of breaking the tape across the finish line. The 19th Annual Heights 5K Run & Walk is just around the corner. This great race will be held Saturday, June 5.

Runners will start at 7:30 a.m., with walkers just behind at 7:35 a.m. The new children's 1K will begin around 8:00 a.m., when the majority of the runners and walkers have finished the course.

The course will be the same as it has been for many years, starting at Heights Boulevard and 18th Street, heading southbound, turning around at 5th Street, and heading northbound on Heights Boulevard until participants reach Marmion Park.

When the race is finished, celebrate your victory at the post-race party, guaranteed to be a lot of fun. Pecos Grille is returning with those mouth-watering breakfast tacos, and Glazier Foods will provide fruit and water. Be sure to stick around for some great door prizes as well.

The entry fee schedule for the race will be the following:

5K Run & Walk -  
\$20.00 until May 23  
\$22.50 until May 24 - June 2  
\$25.00 until June 3 - June 5  
Kids 1K Race -  
\$10.00 until May 23  
\$12.50 until May 24 - June 2  
\$15.00 until June 3 - June 5

To register, go to the Houston Heights Association's website at [www.houstonheights.org](http://www.houstonheights.org) and follow the links to the Fun Run, or go to [www.signmeupsports.com/26384](http://www.signmeupsports.com/26384) and follow the links for running in Houston. If you do not have access to the websites, entry forms can be found at many locations in Houston Heights and surrounding areas. Entrants receive a T-shirt and other great items in their race packet.

Packet pick-up will be held at Luke's Locker, 1953 West Gray on Thursday, June 3 and Friday, June 4 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

If your workplace has a running club, please inform them of this great run. This is an easy way to get more runners into the Heights to see what a fabulous neighborhood we have.

Volunteers are always needed to help before, during and after the race. 'Before' volunteer opportunities include packet stuffing, registration distribution, packet pick-up and data entry. 'During' volunteer opportunities include set-up, breakdown, post-race party, course monitors, timers and finish line.

If you would like to volunteer, email [funrun@houstonheights.org](mailto:funrun@houstonheights.org), or you can leave a message on the Fun Run voice mail at 713-861-4002, option 4. Leave your name, address, phone number, T-shirt size, and times you are able to volunteer.



## Welcome New Members



Ann and Mike Batterson  
Kelly Catchings  
Heights Church of Christ  
Ina and David Hermes  
Oolala, Judy Pfordresher  
Jennifer and Mark Paulson  
Stephen W. Sanderson

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## Spring Has Sprung



*Congratulations to Toni Roddey and Karen Cook at 801 Cortlandt for being selected by the Flower Power Patrol as May's Yard of the Month!*

## A Record Home and Garden Tour

The results are in, and this year's Spring Home and Garden Tour raised the largest amount of any tour to date.

A large portion of the revenues came from the Friday night auction.

Thanks to the following companies and individuals who donated auction items.

A Potted Garden	Casa Vieja on Yale	Fisher Schalles Associated
ABIS Computer Consulting, Inc.	Charm of Yesteryear	Fit Athletic Club
Ace Safe & Lock Co., Inc.	Chatter's Bistro & Cafe	Frederick Stafford
A-Cut-Above Engravers	Chaz Detlefsen	Fundamentally Toys
Addie Ann Spicer	Chico's	Gabriel Tran Photography
Adkins Arch. Antiques	Child Shield USA	Garden Guy, Inc.
Adkins Architectural Antiques	Chippendale Eastlake Louis & Phyfe	Gazer Design Group
Air & Tent Party Rentals	Chris Silkwood	Glenna Mathews
Alabama Furniture	Cindy Blass	G.O. Data
Alicia Dodge	Colinas	Grace Hart & Company (Antiques)
Allegro Builders	Colleen Barros	Gretchen & Ivy's Pet Sitting
Alley Theatre	Contemporary Arts Museum	H.E.B
Almogabar's Shop on 19th Street	Corbin Bennett	Harold's in the Heights
AMF International, LLC	Cosa Bella	Heidi Powell-Prera
Andy's Home Cafe	Cosmos Café	Heights Antique on Yale
Angela & Company	Creature Comforts	Heights Funeral Home
Ann Liggio	Creole Design	Heights Hair Design
Anne Culotta	Cricket's Creamery & Café	Heights Massage & Day Spa
Another Place in Time	Curves	Heights Spa
Anthony Butkovitch	Cynthia Hill	Heights Station, Inc.
Antiques on Nineteenth	Dacapo's	Heights Theatre Antiques
APD - Planning and Design	Dale Barton	Heights Tribune
Ashland's Restaurant	Dan Allison	Heights Veterinary Clinic
Aubrey Harding	David Ect.	Hermes Vieau Design
August Landscape Design	David Funeral Directors	Hickory Hollow
Aunt Mike's in the Heights	David Steitz, Executive Coach	Historic Heights Antiques
Baba Yega Restaurant	Davis Hardware	HITS Unicorn Theatre
Backstreet Café	Davis-Hudson Chiropractic	House in the Heights
Balanced Bodywork	Debbie Markey	Houston Arboretum & Nature Center
Barbara and Jim Porter	Diane and Mike Easley	Houston Astros
Barnaby's Café	Discovery Toys	Houston Ballet
Beaux Faux	Dixon Bennett	Houston Gym
Berryhill's	Don Berthelsen	Houston Symphony
Bob Krans	Donna and Jim Bennett	Houston Texans
Bob Sanford	Dorie Kerr Jewelry	Hyatt Regency Houston
Bob Sanford & Company	Dr. Norman Kirk Speck	Ista Construction, Inc.
Bob Weber	Dr. Norman Kirk Speck	J. Harding & Co.
Bogart's on the Boulevard	Dramatika	Jan Cool
Brian Heron	Dune Patten	Jan L. Avery Interiors
Brian Visker	Dynzle Kellebrew at Andre's Hairstyles	Janice Rubin
Bryan Baughman and Joe Morrison	Eclectic Home	Java Java Café
Buchanan's Native Plant	Ellen Orseck	Jaxx Grill
BullsEye Self Storage	European Cars Limited	Jazzercise with Jane Luco
Butler & Harris	Events	JCS Office Furniture
C&D Hardware	Expressions In Faux Design	Jerry Poslowsky
Café Express	Eye to Eye	Jessica Farrar
Carter & Cooley	Firestone Tire & Service Center	Jillians Entertainment

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## A Record Home and Garden Tour (*continued*)

Joan Duplantis	Museum of Natural Science /	Spanish Flower Restaurant
John Henry Childs Photography	Butterfly Center	Stapp Singleton, Trial Consulting
John Knott	My Dog & Me	Star Pizza
John Palmer	Nancy Murillo	State Rep. Jessica Farrar
Jos A. Bank	Nancy Nalence, East Egg	Pamela and Steve Kunkemoeller
Joshua's Native Plants/ Antique	New Heights Ventures	Studio 1221
Jubilee	Nicole Antonette Bent	Sur La Table
Judy Jozwiak	Niko Niko Greek & American Café	Susan Kelly Broz, Realtor
Julie and Byron Pettit	North Main Tool Rental	The Backyard Gardener
K C Original Designs	Nostalgia on 19th	The Blair House
Kaplan's Ben Hur	Nova Bead Shop	The Children's Museum
Karen Derr	Old Fashioned Things	Theatre Under the Stars
Kat Mims/Kat's Chow	Oolala	Theo, Decorative Painter
Katy and John Childs	Opera in the Heights	Third Coast Landscape Management
KC Antiques	Pam August	Thompson + Hanson
Kelly Melone	Pam Stafford	Three Dog Bakery
Kelly Simmons & Keith Crane	Parkview Nails	Todd August
Kim Jozwiak	Past Connections	Tom Hague
Kim's Service Center	Patrenellas Cafe	Tom Villanueva
Kristi Synek, Land of Lu	Patrick Hickey	Tommie Vaughn Ford
Kroger	Paula Fridkin Designs	Tony Mandola's Restaurant
Law Office of David F. Beale	Peck & Co	Treebeards
Leighnae Hanley	Penny Morrison	Uptown Runaround, Inc.
Linda and Simon Eyles	Penzy's Spices	Urban Jungle Self Defense
Linda Rosenfeld	Pet Vet Animal Hospital	Urban Retreat
Lisa Karabotsos	Pettit + Marketing Communications	Venus Hair Salon
Liz Conches Spencer	PRD Antiques & Collectibles	Vicki Norris
Lorenzo Hernandez, Art Dealer	Puchi's Hairworks	Victoria Harrison and Jay Wehnert
Lowe's	Pure Beauty	Vietnam Restaurant
Mackenzie Media	Ragazza	Viki Hennessy
Magic Island	Ratliff Family - Alan, Tricia, David and	Vinoteca Wine Bar
Maria Trevino	Amy	Visker Consulting, Inc.
Marili Alberti	Redbud Fine Arts	Wabash Antiques
Mariquita Masterson	Richard McCarley	Western Appliance
Mark Starkel	River Oaks Nails	White Horse Academy Martial Arts
Martha and Ivan Pieratt	Ron Logan	White House Antiques
Martin Pike Custom Clothier	Ruby Snacks	Whole Foods Market
Martin Wisenbaker	S. Craig Daniell, Attorney @ Law	Willie Childers Furniture Maker
Mary Jenniwein	Safety First Driving School	Witt & Lundy Gifts &
Mary Lawton	Sam and Cate	Home Furnishings
Masquerade Theatre	Sandra York	Yale Street Coffee House
Massoud Catering	Sandy and Dave Stetiz	Yale Street Grill
Master Auto Services	Scott Rozzell	Ycha Pak
Max Boyd Harrison	Settler's Hardware	Yvette Hill Photography
McKinnon Associates	Shannon & Associates	Yvonne Cosgrove
Melinda and Lee Glaskill	Sharie and David Beale	YWCA - Masterson Br.
Montrose Nails	Shawn Bensen	Ziggy's Healthy Grill
Museum of Fine Arts, Houston	Sheldon's Fun with Fitness	
	Snow & Whitworth	

*Also thanks to all the homeowners, committees and volunteers who worked so hard to make this year's home tour such a success.*

## May Restoration Meeting

The Houston Heights Association Restoration/Historical Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, May 20, from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at 305 W. 12th Street.

Built in 1905 by a Mr. Thompson, who also built homes at 301 and 309 W. 12th Street, this classic Heights cottage is the winner of a 2004 Houston Heights Association Residential Restoration/Renovation Community Improvement Award.

Long-time resident Essie Till owned this house from 1945 until 2003, when Diane and Mike Easley bought the home and opted to preserve its character. Diane became general contractor, which in itself added character and many interesting construction stories to the property.



For a fascinating meeting including the what-to-do stories of

renovation and reconstruction, attend this meeting.

## Land Use Committee Discusses Hot Items

Plans for the property at 1409 Allston were reviewed based on a meeting with council member Adrian Garcia at the property. Although many in the area are concerned about the use of the property and the removal of several trees, based on current knowledge, there have been no violations of deed restrictions. The Land Use Committee will continue to watch this property to ensure compliance.

People's Choice Bank presented a potential purchase and questioned the deed restrictions. The bank representatives were advised to double check with their title company as the Land Use Committee members present could not recall the potential purchase property to be listed as deed restricted with the HHA-style restrictions.

The existing gas station at 10th and Yale was discussed. Committee members were advised that there was some concern from the Woodland Heights area regarding demolition of the existing gas station to be replaced with townhouses. Members were reminded that some area residents protested the replat of this property at the City of Houston Planning Commission, but the Commission approved the replat and allowed the demolition to continue.

Additional properties reviewed for activity included: 8th at Beverly, 613 20th, 709 E 19th, 611 W. 16th, 1541 Ashland and 635 E.12th.

The next meeting of the Land Use Committee will be on Monday, May 3, at 6:30 p.m. at the Heights Fire Station.

## HHA 2004 Board of Directors

Donna Bennett (2004)  
Kathy Butler (2005)  
Gonzalo Camacho (2006)  
David Cassidy (2005)  
Karen Derr (2006)  
Robin Franklin (2006)  
John Hennessy (2005)  
Gus Kopriva (2006)  
Pamela Kunkemoeller (2005)  
Kent Marsh (2005)  
Byron Pettit (2004)  
Tony Riedel (2006)  
Brian Tamplen (2004)  
Laura Thorp (2004)  
Mark R. Williamson (2004)

*(The year each Director's term ends is in parentheses.)*

***The Houston Heights Association will be seeking nominations for new Board members to serve a three-year term beginning in January 2005. Keep your eyes and ears open for candidates.***

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*A diverse, small-town community  
in the heart of Houston where neighbors and businesses thrive,  
children learn and play, and history lives.*

## Calendar of Events for May 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 HHA Land Use Committee Meeting 6:30 PM Fire Station	4 HHA Festival Meeting 7:15 PM Fire Station	5	6	7	8
9 <i>Mother's Day</i>	10 HHA General Meeting "Important Women in Heights History" 7:00 PM Fire Station	11	12	13 HHA Restoration/Historical Committee 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM	14 Submission Deadline for June Newsletter	15
16	17 HHA Board Meeting 6:30 PM Fire Station	18	19	20	21	22
23/30	24/31	25	26	27	28	29 Rose Garden Work Party 9:00 AM Heights Blvd. & 20th.

HHA Headquarters: The Fire Station is on the corner of Yale and 12th streets.

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