

THE INTERIOR MONOLOGUE

Holiday Home Tour Benefiting Women's Shelter Highlights 3 Park Cities Abodes

French antiques, seasonal touches pack plenty of drama



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It is always exciting to create fresh, new designs for the holidays. It's something I look forward to each year. This year, one of the homes featured in Sunday's tour benefiting New Friends New Life belongs to my longtime clients Tom and Phyllis Leiser. You might recognize the Leisers' charming chateau, which was featured in the July/August 2009 edition of *Texas Home & Living*.

We set to work with Phyllis and friends Suzanne Crews and Tracy Mott, who assisted in styling this 10,000-square-foot home. We would also like to offer our special thanks to Randy Wenz of Avant Garden, who created the fabulous fresh flower arrangements.

The home's entrance sets the scene for the visual treats inside, beginning with fresh garland and wreaths of magnolia leaves surrounding the iron door, with a large cream satin bow finishing off the wreath. Flanking both sides of the door are large urns filled with cream poinsettias, surrounded by crisp kale.

Stepping into the large entry, visitors are greeted with a sweeping staircase and



PICTURED ROOMS DESIGNED BY MARGARET CHAMBERS
The serene feel of Tom and Phyllis Leiser's living room is created with green walls and elegant Louis XV French chairs. Their home will be featured on a tour benefiting New Friends New Life.

a banister covered with more magnolia leaves. A sense of Christmas envelops the home with a welcoming aroma of abundant, fresh greenery as the eye is entertained with stunning, fresh flowers, such as the parrot tulips on the iron console. On the right is a magnificent antique walnut table, set with designer Anna Weatherley china in a luxurious botanical pattern. The dining table is finished off with a spectacular urn, filled with a large floral arrange-

ment created by Wenz. On the left is an elegant French living room of soft greens, creams, and magenta. Notice the bronze antique mirrored table showcasing a large fresh holiday floral arrangement in a brilliant Anna Weatherley jardinière.

Arriving at the charming breakfast room, notice the breakfast table set with hand-blown glasses and pottery, centered with a large hand-painted pottery urn. Adjacent to the breakfast room is a cozy little morning room with a fire blazing in a quaint antique French fireplace. Adorning the fireplace is a fresh wreath of garland of Douglas fir, intertwined with berries and pinecones. Passing through the den and the great room, visitors will see orange-and-red-hued kalanchoes in baskets and topiaries made of nuts in shapes of Christmas trees resting upon two iron coffee tables.

The great room's soaring 20-foot beamed ceiling is perfect for the family's fresh Douglas fir Christmas tree, filled with hand blown ornaments, hydrangeas, and birds nests. This grand space evokes an enchanting old world charm feeling, complete with an antique French fireplace draped in fresh garland. The unique timber floors are laid in a large diamond pattern and filled with antique terra cotta floor tiles.

Upstairs, Phyllis' napping room is filled with brown and cream Toile wallpaper and fabric adorned with a collection of brown and cream Transferware and other fine antiques.

The master bedroom has just been redesigned and newly furnished in a gentle palette of taupe, cream, and aqua. There are so many fine details in this room! Pay attention to the 18th-century French armoire and hand-carved bed, the 18th-century French tapestry on one wall, and the French-carved plaque over the bed.

HOLIDAY HOME TOUR

Where: 3012 Hanover St., 3612 Normandy Ave., and 4101 Windsor Parkway

When: 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday

Tickets: \$20; They can be purchased at the homes, at Preston Road Church of Christ (6409 Preston Road), or online at NewFriendsNewLife.org.

Exiting this lovely home, visitors wander through the outside grand loggia. On this table set for eight, the Christmas theme is carried on throughout the place settings and the reindeer topiary in the center of the table. The lovely antique fireplace beckons all to sit and be soothed by the warmth and aroma of the fresh garland. And don't miss the custom mosaic coffee table with its unique top.

We hope the Leisers' French-inspired home, with all of its striking fresh decorations, is an inspiration to all to create new designs this Christmas.

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The dining room features a large carved antique walnut cabinet filled with fine porcelains and silver. The table is set with a botanical pattern of china by designer Anna Weatherley.

SPECIAL LISTING

482 Hanna Drive

Listed by Ebby Halliday, Realtors, \$449,000



Prominent family's lake house overlooking beautiful Lake Texoma. Situated on 2 acres, this entertainer's delight offers a massive great room, 6 bedrooms, 4 baths, 3 car-garage, a pool and guest quarters. Fully furnished including all electronics and art. Walls of windows, a 20-foot floor-to-ceiling rock fireplace and wraparound wood decking. This spectacular property has

been meticulously maintained and would be an ideal corporate retreat, bed and breakfast, or large family retreat. Lake living at its finest!

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SPECIAL LISTING

4329 McFarlin Blvd.

Listed by Dave Perry-Miller, Dave Perry-Miller & Associates



OPEN HOUSE FROM 1 TO 3 SUNDAY

This beautiful five-bedroom home in University Park offers extensive amenities, great value and a 90-foot lot in the HPISD! Built in 2001, it features almost 6,300 square feet of living space per appraiser. Highlights include a downstairs master suite; a very well-appointed kitchen with a Thermador Professional series six-burner gas cooktop and stainless-steel appliances; high ceilings; a lagoon-style

pool and outdoor entertaining area; and a gated driveway. Visit Sunday's open house to discover this immaculate move-in ready home in the HPISD! Offered at the very competitive price of \$1,849,000.

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HIGHLAND PARK FRENCH MASTERPIECE

4433 Lorraine Ave.

Listed by Ebby Halliday, Realtors - \$4,950,000
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OPEN HOUSE FROM 1 TO 3 SUNDAY

Classic French design meticulously detailed with custom amenities and superb craftsmanship. Five bedrooms, six full- and three half-baths, seven living areas and an additional outdoor covered loggia with fireplace. Entry staircase features iron balustrade accentuated by inlaid cut marble landing. The paneled library with stone fireplace views the front veranda through French doors. Formal dining room

with plaster fleur de lis ceiling reflects the same front veranda views. Spacious family room with stone fireplace opening to two kitchens.

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