

2011 Holiday Designer Tour of Homes
Scottish Christmas Walk Weekend
Alexandria, Virginia
December 3, 2011 – 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Holiday Designer Tour of Homes

Stroll through lovely properties in the historic district of Alexandria dressed up for the holidays by acclaimed interior designers and local florists. Presented by Christine Garner, Weichert, Realtors.

Tickets are required. To purchase tickets, please call (703) 549-0111 or visit www.ScottishChristmasWalk.com. You may also stop by The Campagna Center or Ramsay House Visitor's Center to purchase tickets.

Advance Purchase	\$30
Day-Of Purchase	\$35

Tickets may also be purchased at the homes on the day of the tour. Transportation will be offered during the tour.

Accompanying the Home Tour is the 41st Annual Scottish Christmas Walk Parade, which will take place at 11:00 a.m. in the heart of Old Town beginning at the corner of Wilkes and South St. Asaph, ending at Market Square. Over 100 Scottish Clans, pipe and drum bands, Scottish dancers, re-enactment groups, Scottie dog groups, dignitaries and, of course, Santa Claus will march through the streets of Old Town Alexandria.

History of the Scottish Christmas Walk Weekend

The Campagna Center is proud to once again ring in Christmas Walk Weekend, presented in partnership with The Scottish Government. The city's rich Scottish heritage makes it the perfect destination for clans, pipe bands and dog groups alike to gather and participate in the Scottish Christmas Walk Parade—the weekend's largest event, sponsored in partnership with The Saint Andrew's Society of Washington, DC, and The City of Alexandria.

The Scottish Christmas Walk Weekend is The Campagna Center's largest fundraising event. All proceeds benefit The Campagna Center's programs, which include Early Head Start, Alexandria Head Start, Campagna Early Learning Center, Afternoon Adventures, Campagna Kids, Building Better Futures, and New Neighbors. For more information, visit www.campagnacenter.org.

For more information on the tour of homes, please contact Shiloh Roehl at shilohroehl@gmail.com or 703-835-3190, or Jeanne Barton at Jeanne.m.barton@gmail.com or 703-472-8392.

103 Prince Street



The 100 block of Prince Street, known as Captain's Row, is one of Old Town Alexandria's most picturesque and storied streets. One of the few cobblestones streets remaining in Old Town, it was originally paved by Hessian prisoners according to local folklore.

Many local sea captains built Federal style homes brimming with charming architectural details on this block of Prince nearest the Potomac. Perhaps the most famous of these is Captain John Harper who by 1787 had constructed 15 buildings on the North side of the 100 block of Prince Street, probably including the Francis Harper House Row, also known as 103 Prince Street.

In April of 1793, John Harper conveyed to daughter Frances Rush Harper two lots, one at Water and Prince, and the other embracing the sites of present houses at 103, 105 and 107. Alexandria tax assessor estimates 103 Prince Street was built in 1769, however, the land was under water until 1782 and was more likely to have been built between 1782 and 1793.

The house itself still boasts several of its original features including original pine floors, original front door and built-ins. However, it has been renovated to preserve its historical significance while updating it to reflect modern life. Captain's Row remains part of Alexandria's storied past and is consistently noted in Old Town's many historical walking tours.

408 Prince Street



408 Prince Street is a townhouse dating back to the early 1800's. It is a marriage of what was once two structures. The front of the house was originally a Federal style that was later joined to a rear flounder structure. The home is distinguished by elements from late Federal as well as and Italianate and Second Empire styles.

Although the home in its "bricked" appearance dates to approximately 1885 as a two story home, records indicate that a house at this site was originally built as a two-story frame dwelling by George Coleman, a ship's captain in approximately 1815. The present home sits on the original stone on stone foundation.

The house was raised to three stories between 1896 and 1902 with the addition of a mansard roof, first and second story window hoods, dormer surrounds and cornice and door surround which are indicative of the Italianate and Second Empire styles.

The current homeowners bought the house in 2001 and have restored the home to more accurately reflect the era in which it was built, including the replication of period mantles that were sadly removed during previous renovations. The home includes a lovely private garden with limestone patio. The home's interior boasts an expansive collection of original art and first edition books.

206 Wolfe Street



This 19th century Greek Revival townhouse is built on the foundations of an earlier house (1842) destroyed by fire. On January 4, 1871 at 11 p.m., a fire broke out in Frederick Schwoop's bakery at 210 Wolfe Street. The fire destroyed the bakery and consumed the adjoining houses including 206 Wolfe. The owner was a seaport captain who it appears did not rebuild the house, but rather sold the property in 1873, and later another house was built.

This structure has undergone several renovations, the most recent this year of a sunroom. Handsome curved arches on the living room walls are repeated in the dining room. The colorful and tasteful décor is accented by a wonderful collection of international art and artifacts, including the blue and white family porcelains in the kitchen.

The beautiful garden has evolved throughout the past twelve years, which is the result of a gardening process favored by the owner who is a retired horticulturist from the U. S. Botanic Garden. The garden continues into the oyster shell lane and parking area beyond the brick walls. It is filled with pass along plants from other gardeners. This gardener has left no spot of earth untouched by her talented green thumb.

716 Wolfe Street



Jonathan Butcher began construction of this historic residence in 1812. The home originally was used as a boardinghouse for unskilled laborers until after the Civil War. It was thought that it was then leased to an African American man who worked as a porter for the railroad. His son, the first African American teacher in the city, grew up here and as an adult purchased it for himself.

The current owners bought the home in 2003 and have mixed contemporary and historic furnishings for an eclectic look that celebrates the old with the new. Their love of art, abstract and figurative, is proudly showcased throughout the home. The home boasts a gorgeous pool and garden.

430 S. St. Asaph Street



Built in 1978, the home at 430 S. Saint Asaph Street is rumored to have combined two existing houses and boasts almost 3000 square feet of exceptional living space.

The home was recently renovated by the current owner and has a contemporary flair including antique pine pickled flooring, burlled olive and ash cabinetry, and suede and silk paper backed walls.

A bathroom in the home has been showcased in *This Old House Magazine*. The home features custom Italian lighting, luxury baths, a gourmet kitchen, and original artwork by Alexandra Nechita and Thomas Arvid.

Featured designers and florists

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