

33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Woman's Forum  
Christmas Tour of Homes

Below are descriptions of the homes on the 2012 tour.

2108 Berkeley Drive  
Doris and Bill Altman

When Doris and Bill purchased the house, April 1, 1979, little did they know several families would be moving with them to this house after the April 10th tornado due to the critical housing situation in Wichita Falls. This home welcomed many with love and gratefulness for an extended time.

This wonderful house was built for Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Featherston and constructed by Featherston Construction in 1952. The Altman's three boys were raised in this house and it was always open for family, friends and neighbors. Finally after many years, Doris was able to see her dream come true with this house. For eighteen months during 2004-2005, the Altmans lived in one back bedroom while major changes were made in three-fourths of the house. The renovation included a new kitchen, new entry, new curved stairway, and the addition of a large master bedroom with newly transformed closets from the old bedroom evolved.

Christmas is a blessing with seven grandchildren and their parents. Christ is the center of our Christmas celebration with the Bible story of Christ's birth being read every Christmas. There are numerous nativity scenes placed throughout the house. One nativity scene is for the grandchildren's hands and is very special. Each figure is handmade by one Polish woman who sustains herself and her children through this ministry. Many of these women now have modern toilets with running water, electricity, washing machines, stoves, sewing machines and many more items we take for granted in America. One of our yearly traditions entails a letter written by the grandchildren to Santa inviting him to visit before Christmas so all the grandchildren and their friends can tell Santa what they want. He comes from the North Pole, walks down Berkeley and is met by all the giggling and excited children. He is guided into the house by the grandchildren and their friends for Christmas cheer. The children take turns whispering in Santa's ear that they have been good and what they would like to have for Christmas.

A large Christmas tree will greet visitors in the foyer with many Radko ornaments filled with beautiful lights. The Christmas tree in the den is the family tree with many old family ornaments and of course the Christmas train underneath. The 13 stockings are hung on the curved stairway – not enough room on the fireplace mantel. A metal tree in the bedroom is an ancestral tree with photos of many loved ones who have shared Christmas with the family in years past.

Of special note, several of the large oil paintings on the walls were painted by Doris' sister, LaVon Darville, an award winning artist.

The Altman family hopes you enjoy your visit to their home during this Christmas Season. May you feel the warmth and love that they have shared for 33 years.

1815 Victory Avenue  
Faye and Bruce Canafax

A Cozy Christmas Cottage awaits your visit at 1815 Victory. This home was built in the early 1940's and although the windows were replaced throughout the home, the original hardwood floors, woodwork, doors, and hardware are still in use in the old part of the house. The side porch was enclosed sometime before 1979, however the original porch ceiling still remains in the room.

The Canafax's purchased the home when they were married in 1979. Bruce told Faye he had saved enough money to place a down payment on a house or buy her an engagement ring. She made the decision to purchase a home.

A new 1600 square foot addition was added between 1982 and 1987, built by the home owners themselves, doubling the size of the home. The addition included a complete kitchen remodel and a new den downstairs, as well as 3 bedrooms and 2 baths in the new upstairs area. Bruce built the entire structure himself, from the foundation, to plumbing and electrical work, to laying the tile in the kitchen and den, all work done in carefully planned stages working weekends and holidays over a 5 year period. Faye helped in every way she was able and later was chief painter, and wall paper hanger as the family project was completed.

At Christmas time, Faye displays, on several trees throughout the home, her extensive ornament collection. The ornaments range from ones the Canafax children made in preschool to Hallmark and other collectibles. (Faye has never counted her ornaments, but her husband and children estimate there being well over 1000 ornaments on display with more added each year.) Not only ornaments, but nativities, snowmen, and Santas will be on display throughout this home. Because her home is small and her collection of decorations for Christmas large, she strives to make the decorations she places round the house for Christmas look as if they are always part of the décor. You will find decorations to greet the season in every room of the house.

The Canafax family hopes you enjoy your visit to their home and that you and yours have a wonderful and blessed Christmas this year!!

1706 Eagle Ridge Circle  
Shelia Hammonds and Stan Mountain

On the day Stan and Shelia began to plan their first home together, Shelia declared to Stan that he may have built dozens of homes in this community, but this one would be personal because it was "their" first. This dream home was completed in June of 2012 and captured quite a bit of attention by visitors during the 2012 Home Builder's Association Parade of Homes. Since that busy week has passed, this home has become a welcoming, warm place for their children to retreat from their different paths in their own lives.

Throughout the Christmas holiday season this home is filled with glamorous trees, dazzling decorations and a mantle filled with stockings. When their children were growing up, Shelia and Stan made an extra effort to ‘overdo’ Christmas to benefit their children. Now they know in their hearts their efforts were worthwhile as they both truly focus on family and friends and enjoy their fellowship. This home is always full of unlimited homemade candies, cakes, pies and the aroma of traditional holiday foods filling the air. The priceless heirloom of tradition will never be overlooked in this household which was instilled generations ago by Nadine and Pete Coburn, Shelia’s grandparents.

Shelia and Stan extend God’s blessing to everyone who is in need during this festive season.

8 Desert Willow Court  
Carol and Jeff Lemley

This home in the Canyon Trails Addition was built in 2005 by Dr. and Mrs. Braden Neiman. The Lemley’s purchased the home in 2008, and have made only a few minor modifications to the interior. The home offers the highest quality of craftsmanship, state-of -the art technology, gourmet appliances, elaborate light fixtures, and a wide range of decorative painting techniques and wall coverings throughout. After their purchase of the home, the Lemley’s’ love for the outdoors prompted them to add to the landscape of the home. This included the addition of an infinity edge pool and spa, along with an outdoor kitchen and shaded Italian porch, which enhanced the stunning view of the canyon from the backyard.

Christmas time around the Lemley home is highly anticipated as the family of eight prepares to celebrate the birth of their Savior. It is quite a celebration as all six children eagerly await the charming decorations, which seem to make the joy of holiday season come to life. These include personalized trees, which bring the spirit of Christmas right into each of the children's bedrooms, as well as a 12 foot tree that adorns the entry. The colors range from vibrant reds and greens to woody earth tones, depending on the theme of each tree and the individual taste of each member of the family.

The Lemley family is very grateful for Christmas time! They truly enjoy decorating their home, and they are very grateful to share their home with visitors as they enjoy this season and all of the wonder that it brings. Their prayer is that their home will be a blessing to others, and all who enter will join them in praising God for the priceless gift that has been freely given to all of us through the birth of Jesus. We have reason to celebrate!

Merry Christmas from the Lemley’s.

1 Covey Cove  
Lori Suggs

This home's open concept is grand in scale, but feels intimate and homelike. It is elegant and sophisticated, yet extremely comfortable and relaxing. Artist and designer Pamela Moller has teamed up with Miks' to create a Christmas wonderland sure to delight.

As you enter the home, Christmas music and aromas of the season will fill the air. Hand blown ornaments will cover the Christmas tree and an elegant dining room table will be sparkling under a large crystal chandelier. The living room will welcome you with dimly lit French sconces and antique blue and white jars which flank an original oil painting above the garland draped fireplace. A pair of custom velvet sofas will make you want to sit and stay awhile.

Tipsy life size reindeer resting near will lure you towards the master suite. The crowning jewel of this space is the whimsical art showcasing Lori's love of her dogs. Entering the chic kitchen sweet temptations will fill a large apothecary jar and copper pots, antique pottery, and silver will be adorned for the season.

Antique fabric stamps, plates, and paintings will cover the chocolate glazed walls in the cozy den where Santa might be spotted making his naughty or nice list. True beauty and the magical spirit of the Christmas holidays will be evident throughout this home.

Enjoy!