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**TICKET SALES TO BEGIN APRIL 30<sup>th</sup>  
FOR 16<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL HERITAGE HOMES TOUR  
*Tour to Feature Mid-Century Modern Homes of Austin***

**WHO:** Heritage Society of Austin  
Sixteenth Annual Homes Tour  
Chair, Kristy Ozmun

**WHAT:** The Heritage Society of Austin (HSA) announces that tickets to the "Atomic Austin: Mid-Century Modern Homes Tour" will be available for purchase beginning Wednesday, April 30. The tickets will be available at a wide range of local businesses (list attached). Tickets may also be purchased on the day of the Tour at each Tour home.

The "Atomic Austin: Mid-Century Modern" Homes Tour will feature nine of Austin's finest Mid-Century Modern homes. The spotlighted residences offer homage to the city's modernist roots and honor some of Austin's premier Mid-Century architects and their timeless gems.

Highlights will include the personal residence of architect Charles Granger, and a West Lake Hills home complete with a bomb shelter, virtually untouched since the 1960s, still stocked with canned goods and survival gear.

The event will begin with a daytime driving Tour featuring six of the city's best Mid-Century residences, followed by the "Moonlight & Martinis: Mid-Century Modern Twilight Tour," where visitors will experience three extraordinary homes.

The Homes Tour concludes with an evening cocktail party, featuring entertainment by popular Austin band The Lucky Strikes. Guests will enjoy signature martinis, casino tables and Vegas-style cocktail fare at an authentic 1950s era home with a stunning view of the Austin skyline. Truly an evening worthy of Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and the entire Rat Pack.

**WHEN:** Saturday, May 17, 2008  
Day Tour: 10:00 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Twilight Tour: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Vegas Style Cocktail Party: 8:00 p.m. to 11 p.m.

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**WHERE:** Please see attached list for Tour locations

**WHY:** "This year's Tour homes, built in the Fifties and early Sixties, are living, breathing proof that present day Austinites are thriving in older homes. These spectacular properties have been preserved and updated to accommodate today's lifestyles.

By visiting these homes on the Tour, we can see how easy it is to save an existing home in our city, rather than destroying something that is part of the fabric of our community. We hope that all of Austin will savor this aspect of our city and help us to further protect all the historic buildings so integral to our city," said Kristy Ozmun, Chair of the 2008 Homes Tour.

**COST:** Day Tour: \$15 Heritage Society member/\$22 non-member  
Twilight Tour & Party: \$75 per person  
Child Tickets: \$15 for children under 12

**TICKETS:** -Advance tickets will be available for the event April 30. Please see attached list of ticket sales locations.  
-Tickets can be purchased in advance or at any featured home the day of the Tour.  
-Ticket purchasers will be given a pass to enter all the homes. The houses may be visited in any order.

**ABOUT  
HSA:**

As a nationally recognized preservation organization founded in 1953, the Heritage Society of Austin protects the diverse architectural and cultural heritage of the greater Austin community. HSA is a proactive leader with local, state, and national policy makers and organizations ensuring that preservation is at the forefront of the public policy agenda. Backed by an effective team of board members, staff, volunteers and sponsors, HSA aims to enable all parts of the community to have an active role in ensuring that Austin's unique past is part of our shared future.

To mark the celebration of its 40th birthday in 1993, HSA debuted the Heritage Homes Tour. Presented annually, these tours showcase the rich heritage of our community through its varied historic architecture.

Each year HSA utilizes the support of up to 200 volunteers to manage the Tour, helping to educate our community on the importance of historic homes and neighborhoods in Austin.

Past themes of the Heritage Homes Tour include:

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2000 - Living it up Downtown - Preservation's New Frontier  
2001 - South Austin's Fairview Park: Where Heritage is Hip  
2002 - Guadalupe/Robertson Hill neighborhood  
2003 - Pemberton Heights  
2004 - Old Enfield  
2005 - Travis Heights  
2006 - Heritage Neighborhood  
2007 - Duval Street in the 1920s

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