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## HOME TOUR

### Historic Boulder's Homes for the Holidays Tour heads to University Hill

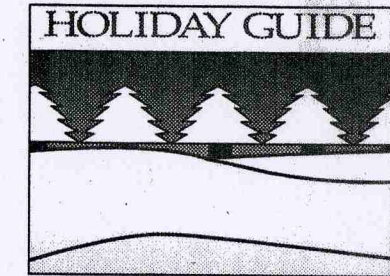
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For the Camera

There's more history nestled between the trees on University Hill than most Boulder residents can guess.

Historic Boulder celebrates its 11th Annual Historic Homes for the Holidays Tour Dec. 3 and 4. This year seven homes on the Hill will be displayed.

The first home on the tour is owned by Richard Gorton and Nelleke Johanna. Located at 1500 Baseline Road, the house was built in 1930. It is a well-preserved example of the Jacobean-Elizabethan style.

House No. 2 on the tour is owned by John and Patsy Ramsey. The Tudor style house, at 755 15th St., between Baseline Road and Cascade Avenue, reflects the Southern hospitality the Ramseys brought from Atlanta, Ga., where they had lived for 30 years. Built in 1927, their



three-story home is welcoming with its hardwood floors and wonderfully arched entryways.

This stop will feature eight different themed Christmas trees. Patsy has designed one tree especially for her 4-year-old daughter, JonBenet. The tree is decorated with a collection of angel ornaments from all over the world.

Patsy enjoys decorating each year from her large stock of Christmas ornaments and decorations. "If it were up to me, I'd have Christmas year-round," she

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**WHEN:** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Dec. 3, noon-5 p.m. Dec. 4

**WHERE:** Seven houses on University Hill, Boulder

**TICKETS:** \$15 advance, \$18 days of the tour, at various locations in Boulder and Louisville

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says. "I love Christmas."

The dining room showcases a one-of-a-kind buffet table from Tiffany and Co. of New York.

Don't miss the second-floor children's playroom. The "Babes in Toyland" themed room features handmade Mother Goose characters from Holland.

Third on the tour is the house owned by Robert and Elizabeth (See next page)



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# Tour reflects eclectic architecture

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Goold, at 1427 Cascade Ave. Built in 1931, it is also representative of the Jacobean/Elizabethan style.

Goold, a former U.S. diplomat, has decorated the home with treasures collected from traveling in Italy, Greece, Sri Lanka and Katmandu. Each of the rooms demonstrates the couple's eclectic tastes and styles.

The fourth home, owned by Arnold and Victoria Johns, is at 845 12th St. Built in 1908, it is an example of the Foursquare style.

The basement was remodeled with a guest room, and play and laundry areas.

Maple trees provide a sense of privacy at 770 12th St., the fifth home on the tour. Representative of the Colonial Revival style,

the house will be 60 years old in 1995. It is owned by Donald Lococo and Carol Francipane.

Francipane says she and her husband bought the home because they are accustomed to old houses and trees from their previous home in New Orleans.

Now, after 12 years of remodeling, she has no plans to live anywhere else. "I'll die in this house," Francipane says.

Francipane, who does architectural renderings for a living, has always had a love for architecture. She plans to decorate the home with handmade crafts from her mother and mother-in-law, including a wreath of pinecones and nuts, pillows and an Amish angel doll. "My mom is a real crafty person," Francipane says. "She taught me how to dry flowers."

The kitchen combines traditional and modern influences with its cherrywood cabinetry and granite marble countertops.

Another example of the Tudor Revival style is the home at 715 12th St., owned by Larry and Emily Lowrance. Since they purchased it in 1989, the Lowrances have spent most of their time transforming the dwelling into a Christmas house. The furniture and carpet is done in reds and greens.

The last home on the tour is owned by Charles and Cindy Jones. Built in 1940, it is another Colonial Revival, with a spectacular view of the Flatirons.

Bonnie Darnell, communications coordinator for Historic Boulder, says the event is the biggest fund-raiser the organiza-

tion sponsors all year. Last year, over 2,000 people attended the Historic Homes Holiday Tour.

Though the primary reason behind the event is to raise money, says Darnell, another reason is to educate.

"Historic Boulder wants to educate the community of Boulder about its history and the importance of preservation," Darnell says.

Houses selected for this year's tour were built between the late 1800s and the 1950s.

Darnell says Boulder's architecture is very eclectic. "The homes on the tour reflect a very wide range of styles."

Glen Huntington, who designed homes No. 1, 6 and 7 on the tour, was "a terrifically prolific architect of his time," Darnell says.