

# Seven Glendale homes open to public for tours

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GLENDALE - Stacy Fehrenbach says she fell in love with her home at 940 Forest Ave. on videotape.

She was in California when she saw the tape of the home in Glendale.

"I said that's it. That's my house," she said.

Now, after just a year and a half in Glendale, Stacy and her husband, Vince, are showing off their 1875 Victorian home to the public in Glendale's Holiday Home Tour from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9.

"We just fell in love with all the houses in the area and people are probably curious about our house, so we want to open it up and share it with people who want to see these beautiful homes.

The Fehrenbach's three-story Victorian was built in 1875, across the street from where it is now located. Originally the Christ Church rectory, it was lifted from its foundation in 1905 and moved to its current location.

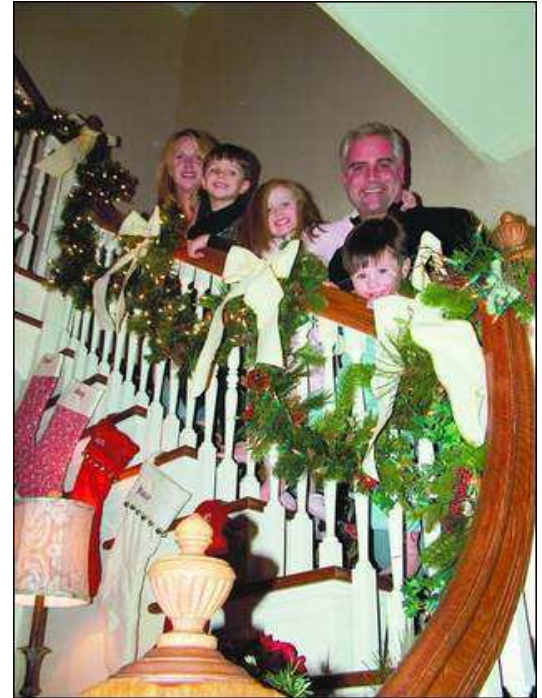
Then, 10 years ago, a fire nearly destroyed the home. The fire was between an old roof and a new roof, Stacy said. Crews couldn't reach it so it had to burn out on its own. Since then, the house has been completely restored by previous owners, and a lot of the original wood has been rehabbed.

Stacy said she loves everything about her home, which she shares with her husband and three young children, Sam, Grace and Bo. With its hardwood floors, winding staircase, crown moulding, high ceilings and open kitchen and family room space, it's the storybook Christmas-time home, one that could be in some sort of Christmas-time commercial or illustrated in a children's Christmas storybook.

It has five fireplaces, so the family has to make sure to tell Santa Claus in a letter which chimney he's expected to slide down on Christmas Eve, Stacy says.

Everything in the house is Stacy's favorite feature, she says.

"It just has a great feel about it. It's just a warm and inviting home on its own. There's not a lot I could do to take away or add to it," she said. "In my opinion, it's a perfect home.



## About the tour

For \$20 per ticket, the public can view the Fehrenbach's home as well as six other historic Glendale homes on Dec. 9. Tickets can be purchased at several Glendale merchants, including Century House.

The event is a fundraiser for the Harry Whiting Brown Community House. For more information about tickets, call 771-0333.

After folks enjoy the home tours, they can meander to the Village Square for more holiday festivities. A craft fair will be hosted from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and the Glendale museum in the old Railroad Depot will be open.

At 6 p.m., Frosty the Snowman will marry Crystal Snowflake in a ceremony officiated by Glendale Mayor Tom Todd and hot chocolate and cookies will be served as carolers sing.

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