

Kitchen tour du jour

Local residents open their homes for annual historical society fundraiser

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Hinsdale Cooks! Kitchen Walk will kick off its 14th consecutive Mother's Day weekend tomorrow, May 10, this year featuring seven homes (see below). Each home features a first floor tour of a fabulous kitchen as well as a special tasting or event.

"Kitchens vary from new construction to historic and preserved works; all showcasing the past, present and future of Hinsdale's unique architecture," event co-chair Kirsten Douglass said.

The walk is organized by Hinsdale Historical Society Women's Board to benefit the Hinsdale Historical Society, which uses the proceeds to preserve its three historic properties: Immanuel

Hall, R. Harold Zook Home & Studio and the Hinsdale History Museum. The event runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and tickets are \$50 in advance, \$60 on the day of the event. Visit kitchen-walk.com and see Alexis Braden's column on Page 19 for more information.

"We are looking forward to a wonderful event in which the community comes together to support Hinsdale's history," Douglass said.



Zook Revival
46 S. County Line Road

Built in 1928, this historic Tudor Revival home by famed local architect R. Harold Zook has been recently updated with great care to balance Zook's legacy with 21st-century livability. The shape of the slate roof, a small spider web window at the front door, original beamed ceilings, and the eight-foot stone living room fireplace are just a few of the elements maintained during the home's rehabilitation. The airy, bright, modern kitchen pays homage to its legacy with vintage-style appliances and light fixtures.



Touch of Sweden
206 S. Bodin St.

A unique combination of transitional architecture and modern Scandinavian finishes, this 2018 home has an open floor plan allowing rooms to flow easily. The kitchen features a steam oven, a custom hood and sliding glass

windows over the sink that open to allow summer breezes. The wood ceiling in the entry and the three-season room are unique finishes that provide interest and warmth to the open floor plan.



Historic Restoration
220 N. Lincoln St.

This graceful Colonial Revival home is known as the "Emanuel Karlson House." The Swedish immigrant opened Karlson's Shoes in 1895, and the store remained a Hinsdale staple until 1967. Built in 1923, the home features much of its original floor plan with an updated kitchen and bathrooms to accommodate a large, contemporary family. The kitchen has been expanded to incorporate large refrigeration and maximum storage, a unique feature for most homes.



Bright and Unexpected
418 S. Park Ave.

This Belgian Farmhouse was constructed in 2018 and has floors throughout with an invisible finish, which highlights the natural color and knots of the wood planks. Monochromatic furnishings with pops of color contribute to the light and airy feeling throughout the home. A love of windows and unique custom nooks, furniture and design elements make this home a must-see.



Celebrity Influence
422 E. Sixth St.

This stately home is a remarkable collection of materials and chic sophisticated appointments. Previous owners Bill and Giuliana Rancic of reality show fame were instrumental in many of the design and decorating choices in the home. The front features a magnificent entry that leads into a gracious foyer, formal living room, kitchen and library. Built for entertaining, the home has grand views of the backyard and its outdoor kitchen, fire pits and beautiful landscaping.

Redefined Belgian Farmhouse
434 E. Sixth St.

This enchanting Belgian Farmhouse features reclaimed brick, white oak-planked floors and exposed beams in combination with contemporary elements. Natural lighting from large, expansive kitchen windows and no



wall-mounted cabinetry provides sun-drenched days and sweeping views of the backyard. A formal bar replaces a typical butler's pantry, with dark walnut walls and a retro velvet papered ceiling, and is the Friday 5 o'clock meeting spot for the family.



Home Again
438 E. Ninth St.

This enchanting Colonial, the childhood residence of the homeowner, has been transformed from its original gracious decorating to a home that meets the needs of a busy, contemporary family. Most of the furnishings and lighting were designed by the homeowner, and each room features a combination of antiques and modern pieces, highlighted by sparkling light fixtures. Walk through the emerald green lacquered door in to the salvaged brick entry, and be wowed by the custom-built cabinets and furniture, bright pops of color and artwork from around the world.