

Sun City opens its doors for 19th annual holiday home tour

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The annual Holiday Home Tour presented by the Kiwanis Club of Sun City Georgetown has been a tradition in glamour and garland for almost two decades.

The event is the club's largest annual fundraising event and benefits local children.

Five homes will be on display and available on the 19th annual tour Friday through Sunday, December 6-8.

Decorators and designers will be available in specific homes for questions and suggestions.

Homes will be open from 4-6 p.m. December 6, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. December 7 and noon-4 p.m. December 8.

Maps of the holiday homes will be included on the ticket and directional signs will be near all five homes.

Advance tickets are \$10, tickets at the door are \$15. Purchase tickets from Kiwanis Club members, the Sun City Community Association at 2 Texas Drive or online at sctexas.org, at the Georgetown Visitor Center on the Square and at First Texas Bank in Sun City at 5321 Williams Drive.

The decorators and de-

signers are Dennis Myers of Dennis Myers Designs, Kat Kennady of La Casa Bella and Jacqueline James of Forni Designs.

Hosts are Mr. Myers and Roger Rasnic, Pat and Marlyn Hooper, Kat Kennady, John and Kathryn Meyler and Walter Freitag.

Mr. Dennis is participating in this annual event for the second year. He is including an artist on his back porch along with several new home renovations. Purple remains his favorite color.

The Hoopers are decorating in the traditional red and green and will be highlighting their German collectibles and amazing backyard, weather permitting.

Ms. Kennady is the homeowner and decorator. Her style is French Country with creams and blues.

The Meylers also enjoy the French Country style and will be decorating in blues, copper and silver.

Mr. Freitag is a second-time participant. He has enhanced his famous Mad Hatter's room, added a Hanukkah room and six themed trees. He dropped hints about Mrs. Claus appearing in a bathtub of ornaments.

The Kiwanis Club of Sun City Georgetown gives



Sun City Holiday Home Tour host homeowners include from left on front row Kathryn Meyler, Marlyn Hooper and Walter Freitag. On back row are Roger Resnic, Dennis Myers, Kat Kennady and Pat Hooper.

thousands of dollars each year to children's programs in Williamson County. The major organizations receiving donations from Kiwanis include:

- All about Kids Literacy program. Twice a year, volunteers read parts of books to classes in the Georgetown and Jarrell school districts and then give stu-

dents copies of the books. The club has donated more than 5,500 books and invests \$7,000 annually.

- Service leadership programs at elementary, middle and all four high schools.
- \$8,000 to support Key Club activities and \$8,500 to sponsor 22 students and three facility advisors to at-

tend the Key Club District Convention.

- \$5,000 Georgetown ISD Educational Foundation.
- \$18,000 in scholarships to local students in 2019.
- \$600 and Kiwanis advisors for the Builder's Club at Tippit Middle School.
- \$600 and Kiwanis advisors for the K-Kids Club at Pickett Elementary School.

• Heroes Monarch Butterfly gardening program in conjunction with the National Wildlife Federation and Kiwanis of Sun City Georgetown at Tippit Middle and Pickett Elementary schools.

Total investment in 2018 was hundreds of grandparent hours and more than \$64,000.

Chamber ensemble features SU music professor

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Every month, the Georgetown Public Library hosts a free public concert. This month's performance will feature talented pianist Kiyoshi Tamagawa, who has gathered an experienced chamber ensemble to perform a program that will include the exuberant Piano Quintet in E-flat major, Op. 44 written in 1842 by Robert Schumann.

Schumann (1810-1856) was a German composer and pianist. Anyone who wants to know more about Schumann may want to check out the library's copy of a 2018 biography by Judith Cherniak, *Schumann: The Faces and the Masks*. *The New York Times* said Cherniak "narrates plainly ... It isn't a gripping book for the person who already knows Schumann's music and story, but it is perfect for the newcomer; a generous and tremendously useful resource."

Mr. Tamagawa has performed as a soloist and collaborative pianist throughout North America as well as Europe and Asia. His collaboration with the late violinist Eugene Fodor



Kiyoshi Tamagawa performs Robert Schumann's Piano Quintet in E-flat Major with four members of the Austin Symphony Orchestra at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Georgetown Public Library.

resulted in more than 30 recitals and a CD of violin and piano music, *Witches' Brew*. He has appeared as a soloist locally with the Austin Symphony Orchestra and the Temple Symphony Orchestra, and has also appeared with orchestras in Hawaii, Colorado and New England. In 2015, he completed a tour of Asia and a

CD recording with cellist Hai Zheng. Mr. Tamagawa is a tenured professor of music at Southwestern University. He is the 2013 recipient of the Collegiate Teaching Award of the Texas Music Teachers' Association, and the 2016 Third Prize Winner of the American Prize Lorin Hollander Piano Concerto Award

competition.

The piano Mr. Tamagawa will perform on belonged to Ima Hogg (1882-1975), an arts patron and philanthropist who helped establish the Houston Symphony Orchestra in 1913. Ms. Hogg was the daughter of Sarah Ann Stinson and Texas Governor James Stephan (Jim) Hogg. Ms. Hogg gave the piano to renowned Georgetown pianist and teacher Drusilla Huffmaster Anderson (1917-2011). Ms. Huffmaster gave the instrument to the Georgetown Symphony Society. The piano is now housed in the public library.

Mr. Tamagawa will be joined by four members of the Austin Symphony Orchestra: Jessica Mathaes, violin, Molly Emerman, violin, Bruce Williams, viola, and Douglas Harvey, cello. Ms. Mathaes is the concertmaster of the ASO, a position she has held for 14 years. An orchestra's concertmaster is the lead violinist and frequently a soloist. She sits nearest the conductor's podium and leads the orchestra in tuning before each performance, and shakes the hand of the conductor before and after performances as a representative of all members of the orchestra.

All concerts have com-

Select events

- November 13, 10-11 a.m. Family Place Playshop (For ages 12-36 months and their parents and caregivers. Space is limited and registration is required.)
- November 15, 3-5 p.m. ACCChaos! (ages 6 and over)
- November 15, 7 p.m. Adultish Holiday Cheers (For ages 21 and up. Limited capacity, registration is required.)
- November 17, 2 p.m. Kiyoshi Tamagawa and Friends (Live Music at the Library)
- November 20, 10-11 a.m. Family Place Playshop (For ages 12-36 months and their parents and caregivers. Space is limited and registration is required.)
- November 23, 1-4 p.m. Teen Dungeons & Dragons Group (ages 12-18)
- Through November 25 Williamson County Art Guild, *We Love Art!* exhibit
- November 26-January 13 Karen Limbaugh, *Sharing My View of Nature* exhibit
- Through December 7 Gary Nowlin, *Texas Landscapes — No Cows No Bluebonnets* exhibit

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mon audience understandings about whether and how to applaud or cheer, whether to stand or sit, and more.

Classical concerts have their own conventions: Printed programs are often distributed to the audience that show the titles and composers of each piece of music that will be performed. Some pieces are made up of several movements with slight pauses in

between, and it is customary to only applaud at the end of the piece rather than between movements so as to not interrupt the connection of the movements. (When in doubt, wait to see what others do.)

It is also typical at a classical concert for the audience to applaud as the musicians enter the stage before performing.

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