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## Another Homes Tour Is Coming Our Way

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**The Hyde Park Homes Tour has found six houses for this year's tour on Saturday, October 1, 2022.** This year the generous owners who are opening up their homes to thousands of visitors are Dale Scott, 819 E. 31st St.; Angela Splittgerber, 3341 Campbell; Angela and David Bryan, 628 E. 36th St.; Barbara and Stephen Mitchell, 2 Janssen Place; Valeri Crenshaw and Kyle Roehler, 4343 Campbell; and 3446 Harrison. As I've mentioned before, home buyers in Hyde Park are more than just property owners. They are living in a piece of architectural and social history and have an obligation to conserve, protect, and restore their homes for the enjoyment of future generations. It will be fun to see how this current crop of home owners have met that challenge.

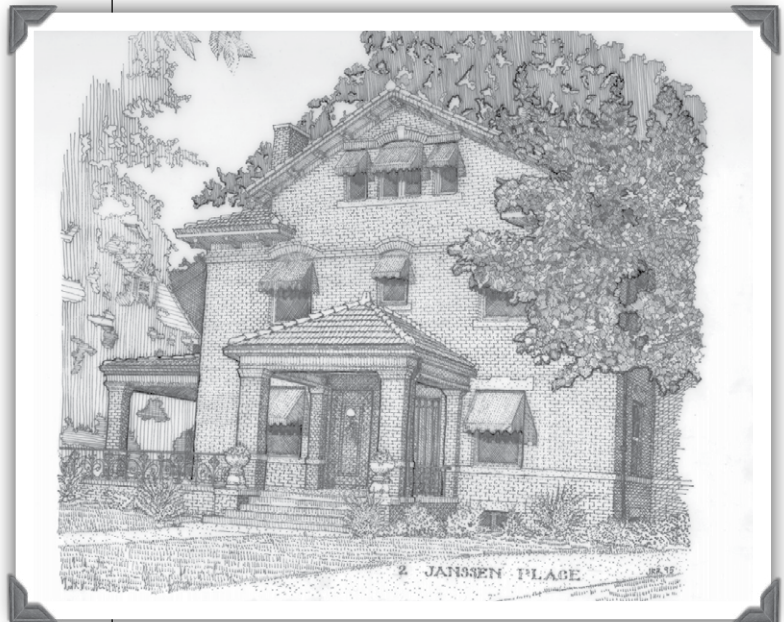
This month I'd like to introduce two of the homes that have been on tour before and are now back: 628 E. 36th St. and 2 Janssen Place. Both have rich histories and have received loving care in the past from the home owners.

Steve and Barbara Mitchell put their 2 Janssen Place home on the Hyde Park Tour for the first time in 1995. For that early tour the pamphlet gave a detailed accounting of the history of the home and what the Mitchells had done to restore the house to its early splendor. Here is what the pamphlet said: "Arthur F. Stilwell, well known businessman and founder of the Kansas City Southern Railroad lived in the 600 block of East 36th St. where his home faced the land encompassed today by Janssen Place. Envisioning an exclusive private street lined with magnificent homes, Stilwell purchased the land and formed the Janssen Place Land Company in 1897. The 19 original houses were built between 1900 and 1917. Number 2, the third house to be built on the street, is of Italianate Revival design and constructed in 1905.

Built for John Henry Tschudy, his wife Anna, and their six children, the home was designed by the architectural firm of Howe, Hoit and Cutler. The family business, the J. H. Tschudy Hardwood Lumber Company, was located at 23rd and West Pennway for many years. Members of the Tschudy family occupied the house until 1947. The decades following saw the house and carriage house subdivided into as many as 11 separate rental units.

Steve and Barbara bought the house in 1985 and are its ninth owners. In addition to an extensive and historically accurate restoration of the 18 room house, they have also installed new mechanical and electrical systems and added modern appliances and conveniences in the kitchens and bathrooms. Their attention to historic detail and aim for perfection has created a truly unique and extraordinary home.

As one would expect in a house built by the owner of a hardwood lumber company, the interior woodwork includes 11 different woods. Steve has restored all of the woodwork in the house, including the duplication of any missing pieces. Of additional note are the period window treatments and over 50 original or period light fixtures throughout the house. Many of the wallpapers used in the



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