

Closer look: Historic Park Cities manor on Drexel Ready for April tour



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This 1925 Spanish-Mediterranean on Drexel -- built by the same architectural duo behind historic Highland Park Village --- almost looks too pretty live in. So, I understand the surprise when I tell you that sports-minded teenage boys (and one pet lizard) are among the manor's happy residents.

Of course, you won't be bumping into them when the house is featured Saturday, April 10 on the **Park Cities Historic and Preservation Society's 8th Annual Home Tour**. *FD Luxe* is a co-sponsor for the event and **we preview some of the homes in our April issue**, out today. Here are some additional photos we didn't have space for in print.



Homeowner **Molly Cathey** (top photo, right) worked with friend and Oklahoma-based interior designer **Barbara Quillian** (top photo, left) and contractor **Provenance Builders** to do a sensitive renovation of the home, but still make it comfortable for today's living. You'll find Henry Mercer-style arts and crafts floor tiles, ironwork chandeliers from Dallas' **Potter Art Metal Studios** and elegant furnishings that are a mix of antiques

and pieces from the Althorp Collection (detail, bottom right), licensed from the estate where **Charles Spencer** and his sister, the future Princess Diana, grew up. Don't worry, there's a thoroughly modern kitchen and television lounge as well.

That's the point of this year's tour, according to **Dr. Marian Ann J. Montgomery**, executive director for PCHPS. She says they wanted to show how these beautiful old homes can be preserved and adapted for modern living. Mission accomplished.

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