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MAGNOLIA GROVE HOSTS ANNUAL HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

The Magnolia Grove Foundation sponsors a holiday open house on Sunday, December 14, from 1-3 p.m. at Magnolia Grove in Greensboro. Admission is free, but donations to the Magnolia Grove Foundation are requested.

This year's theme, "Home for the Holidays," features the house in spectacular seasonal decorations. "Having a different theme each year is a way to keep Open House exciting," said Eleanor Cunningham, site director. Local clubs and businesses will embellish the historic house museum and provide refreshments, and area choirs will provide musical entertainment throughout the afternoon.

The event begins at 1:00, with area piano students playing for the community, followed by flutist Ashley Dumas and vocalist Shelby Smith. At 2:00, the Greensboro Methodist Youth Choir will perform, including solos by Ms. Anna Glover. Finally, at 2:30, enjoy the stylings of a local acoustic guitar group. While at Magnolia Grove, be sure to shop in the new gift shop. There may be a Christmas ornament or a piece of replica Victorian jewelry that just might be right for someone on your Christmas list.

A historic site of the Alabama Historical Commission, the Greek Revival style house was built around 1840 by Isaac Croom. It is also the boyhood home of Spanish-American War hero and progressive statesman Richmond Pearson Hobson.

Magnolia Grove is located at 1002 Hobson Street in Greensboro's historic district. For more information, call 334-624-8618.

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