

# MEDIA RELEASE

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The Gallery Associates and  
The Art Gallery of Greater Victoria  
present:

House Tour 2014  
A Fundraiser for Art Gallery of  
Greater Victoria

**House Tour**  
Sunday, September 7, 2014  
11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Meet the Artists Tea**  
Saturday, August 23, 2014  
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Union Club, 805 Gordon St

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## Beautiful homes, gardens and art await you

Act fast if you want to spend a glorious September Sunday visiting five of Victoria's most beautiful homes and gardens—each one hosting a local artist for the day. Back for its sixty-first year, the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria House Tour 2014 is proudly presented by the Gallery Associates.

The sell-out event takes place Sunday, September 7, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and features unique homes with inspiring gardens, art and interior design.

One of the unique elements that makes the AGGV House Tour extraordinary is its "Art in the Garden" program, with some of Victoria's most accomplished artists working at their art at each home. This year's artists include Bev Petow, Robert Amos, Richard Hunt, Brian Simons and Debora Tilby. The Victoria Flower Arrangers Guild also create spectacular flower arrangements specifically to complement the décor of each house.

"This is one of the most important annual fundraisers benefiting the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria," says event co-chair Pieta VanDyke of the Gallery Associates. "The funds raised support the mandate of the gallery, which includes the development of education as well as exhibition programming."

This year the self-directed tour will lead visitors to three homes in Oak Bay built between 1918 and 1930, an Old Esquimalt residence from the '50s overlooking the treetops, and a '50s manor on a sprawling acreage behind Elk Lake (that has even hosted a royal visitor). From the homes, to the gardens (one of which was once featured in *Better Homes and Gardens*), to the Art in the Garden, floral arrangements, furnishings and art collections, visitors will be whisked away into a day filled with incredible beauty.

Tickets are \$35 and are available at the AGGV, all GardenWorks locations, all Brown's the Florist locations and online at [aggv.ca/housetour2014](http://aggv.ca/housetour2014). Tickets purchased online need to be picked up at the Gallery prior to the tour date.

In conjunction with the House Tour, and in partnership with the Union Club, a Meet the Artists Tea will be held on Saturday, August 23, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Reading Room at the Union Club, 805 Gordon St. Guests will have the opportunity to speak with the House Tour artists, enjoy an elegant tea, and tour the Union Club, which is a remarkable heritage building. A limited number of tickets are available for \$25 at the AGGV, the Union Club and on the AGGV's website, [www.aggv.ca](http://www.aggv.ca)

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