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65th Annual Haus und Garten Scheduled for June 28th

10 German Village homes and gardens will be highlighted during the annual tour; Pre-Tour takes place on June 27th

(Columbus, OH) – The 65th annual German Village Haus Und Garten Tour will draw thousands of people interested in historic homes, creative garden spaces, innovation and modern design, and community impact to German Village on Sunday, June 28 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The German Village Haus Und Garten Tour is the longest-standing home tour tradition in Central Ohio.

This year's Tour will boast 10 private residences and gardens throughout the historic neighborhood.

"Behind each door and within each garden is a story of care, intention and stewardship," said Courtney Thraen, German Village Society Executive Director. "For 65 years, residents have opened their homes not only to share their beauty, but to demonstrate what it means to preserve a place with purpose. By sharing these spaces, the residents transform preservation into a shared experience that extends beyond German Village."

This year's tour will showcase the following homes and gardens:

129 E Beck Street: Carolyn and Bill Settina

This Victorian-era home is celebrated for its distinctive architecture, featuring ornate detailing, steep rooflines, decorative trim and a striking façade that has been featured everywhere from the John Glenn Columbus International Airport to a Bath & Body Works soap label. Thoughtfully restored and updated since being built in 1880, the residence pairs historic craftsmanship with modern amenities, showcasing beautifully preserved character.

682 Mohawk Street: Ghayur Saeed and Mark Burnett

This charming German Village cottage is an example of the neighborhood's historic architecture, featuring original 19th-century character, alongside intentional modern updates. The home includes a restored interior, refreshed exterior and a unique greenhouse-style kitchen addition that brings natural light and year-round greenery into the space.

846 S Fifth Street: Meredith and Jay Bonham

This beautifully preserved Italianate Vernacular residence showcases hallmark 19th-century architectural features, including decorative window pediments, bracketed cornices and a distinctive side-facing bay window. Originally built in 1888, the home features spacious living areas, period character and a private home office that can also serve as a guest suite.

847 S Fifth Street: Sara Marketos and Jillian Alberico

Built in 1883, this stately brick residence highlights the timeless elegance of German Village architecture, featuring classic masonry craftsmanship, tall windows and refined historic details throughout. Thoughtfully maintained and updated, the home offers a seamless blend of historic charm and modern features.

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856 Mohawk Street: Robert Caplin

Built in 1878, this historic cottage embodies the charm and character that define German Village, with its traditional brick construction, intimate scale and timeless architectural details. Nestled along one of the neighborhood's iconic brick streets, the property reflects the artistic spirit and sense of place that have long inspired residents and visitors alike.

857 City Park Ave.: Jamie and Gregor Gilliom

This elegant Queen Anne-style home was built in 1870. Distinctive features include beautifully preserved masonry, spacious living areas, stained glass windows, updated finishes and a thoughtfully designed outdoor retreat that extends the home's living space.

910 Mohawk Street: Cara and Michael Whitley

This historic home showcases exceptional original craftsmanship, including built-in cabinetry and coffered ceilings likely crafted by one of the early owners – Henry Linkenheil, who started Linkenheil Planing Mill Company in 1905. Carefully preserved, the home includes a restored fireplace and charming English-inspired garden.

911 City Park Ave.: Brady McCurdy

Originally built as a storefront and residence, this distinctive 1882 property blends Italianate and Greek Revival architectural influences, highlighted by an intricate brick cornice, grand storefront windows and rare German-imported rondel glass. Thoughtfully restored as a private home, it retains its unique historic character while offering a warm, inviting living space.

1069 Jaeger Street: Schiller Park

Since 1867, Schiller Park has been a cherished gathering place in the heart of Columbus. From spirited Fourth of July celebrations and lively baseball games to quiet picnics and Shakespearean performances under the stars, the park has long been a backdrop for moments that matter. Thanks to the dedication of the Friends of Schiller Park—Columbus' first park "friends" group— this historic space has grown into a vibrant community haven where art and nature come together.

288 E Beck Street: Frank Fetch Park

In 1962, this was a barren 0.2-acre lot void of trees and vegetation on Beck Street. The city demolished a saltbox house and had a "bier garden" style park created by building brick walls, a brick pavement, and installing some decorative gas lighting. Years of neglect inspired Mayor Westlake to encourage the German Village Society to convert this small empty lot into a "pocket park." The Society changed the name of the park from Beck Square to Frank Fetch Park, after the founder of the German Village Society.

32 E Beck Street: The Trautman House

The Trautman House is a striking blend of historic character and contemporary creativity. Built in 1883 in the Italianate Vernacular style, the home features original architectural details including 10-foot ceilings, decorative woodwork, tin-tiled ceilings, and arched brick doorways. Owner Kyle Haines has transformed the residence into both a home and art gallery, showcasing works by regional and national artists while thoughtfully integrating modern design elements. Outside, a French-inspired parterre garden, enhanced by European pottery and preserved historic landscaping features, creates an intimate retreat that reflects Kyle's passion for art, culture, and neighborhood life.

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937 S. Third Street: The Bauman House

The Bauman House offers a unique perspective on German Village living through a thoughtfully curated apartment overlooking Schiller Park. Originally built around 1882 in the Italianate Vernacular style, the home retains historic features such as large windows, brass hardware, a built-in pantry, sandstone lintels, and a classic red-brick façade. Resident Vince Pecore has infused the compact space with personality and storytelling, creating themed rooms inspired by his interests in history, psychology, antiques, and vintage toys. The result is a charming and imaginative home that demonstrates how historic architecture, creativity, and a deep appreciation for German Village's character can thrive within a small urban footprint. Tickets to the 2026 Haus und Garten Tour are \$25 and can be purchased [online](#) or on Tour Day at the German Village Meeting Haus, 588 S. Third Street. Additionally German Village VIP Tour tickets for a special, early look at the Tour the night before (June 27) are available [online](#). For more information, visit germanvillage.com/tour or call 614.221.8888.

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About German Village

In addition to the tour of homes and gardens, the German Village area is home to plenty of shops, bakeries, pubs, restaurants, art galleries and retail stores. The brick-paved streets and beautiful parks, including Schiller Park and Frank Fetch Park, make for a great afternoon of wandering and taking in the sights.

More details about the German Village Society und Garten Tour or PreTour are available online at <https://germanvillage.com/tour>, or by contacting the German Village Society, 588 S. Third Street, (614) 221-8888.

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