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from the Editor

This year's Decorators' Show House will be held at Oak Place, the George Steele home that is currently being renovated by the East Huntsville Baptist Church. This second annual Show House, which is a project of the Women's Guild of the Huntsville Museum of Art, Inc., will feature thirteen rooms in Oak Place decorated by local firms. Proceeds from the Show House will be used by the East Huntsville Baptist Church to continue restoration of Oak Place and by the Women's Guild to purchase art works for the permanent collection of the Huntsville Museum of Art.

Festivities will begin on the evening of March 31 with a tour of Oak Place, to be followed by a champagne reception at the Huntsville Museum of Art in honor of the participating decorators. This reception will be by invitation and tickets will be \$10 each.

The Show House will be open daily from April 1 through April 19 and individual tickets will be \$4. The April first opening will celebrate the anniversary of George Steele's birthday with a Birthday Party Open House and free refreshments. Hours for the Show House will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursdays, and 1 to 5 p.m. on Sundays.

In the past the Historic Huntsville Foundation has actively encouraged the preservation of this important architectural landmark, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Foundation has provided architectural plans and technical assistance and donated the proceeds from its Tour of George Steele Houses to the restoration fund. More recently the Foundation has agreed to pay the cost of having reproductions of the original front doors and window architraves fabricated, and on Sundays the Foundation will provide room guides for the Show House. Any members who would like to serve as a guide should contact Freda Darnell (837-2925) or Nancy Van Valkenburgh (534-2887) to volunteer.

The conservation and restoration of Oak Place has been a continuing concern of the Historic Huntsville Foundation: Let's all do our part to ensure that the Oak Place Decorators' Show House is a huge success.



COVER: This stylized terra cotta eagle is one of four that reside above the arched main entrances of the Times Building, one of the downtown properties recently listed on the National Register of Historic Places.