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LAKE EOLA HEIGHTS HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION 2014 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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AN EXCEPTIONAL GARDEN TOUR

By Janet Walker

On Sunday, April 13, 2014, the Lake Lawsona Fern Creek Historic Neighborhood Association joined with Lake Eola Heights Historic Neighborhood Association in becoming part of "The Private Gardens of Historic Orlando."

When the Private Gardens idea originated in 2004, we conceived it as an annual event. Since this was an entirely new endeavor on our part, we definitely had no idea of how much work was involved! After the 2005 and 2006 tours, we were exhausted and decided that it would be more realistic to have the garden tour every other year.

One of our Garden Tour Committee members had the brilliant idea to highlight the historic neighborhoods of our city by inviting other historic neighborhoods to fill in a garden tour in their own district on the alternating years. Thus, The Private Gardens of Historic Lake Eola Heights became The Private Gardens of Historic Orlando featuring (another beautiful historic neighborhood).

The first neighborhood to fill in the above parentheses was the Lake Lawsona Fern Creek Historic Neighborhood Association. The Garden Tour committee from LLFCHNA joined us in 2012 in order to "job shadow" the planning of our 2013 Garden Tour. Then last year, the LEHHNA Garden Tour Committee Members made themselves available to assist in the planning of the Lawsona Fern Creek Tour.

And what a tour it was!! It began with not just the tour, but also the unveiling of the new state historic marker at the bridge over the Dickson-Azalea Park which was part of acreage bought by Walter Rose in 1916. The sloping sides bordering Fern Creek were set aside for the park was deeded by Rose to the city in 1924.

Then guests were invited to tour 10 gardens in the vicinity of the park and Washington Street. The lovely and historic Cecelia Lane Little House (now home to the Girl Scouts) was part of the tour. It was amazing to enjoy its rustic exterior, interior and especially the fabulous view overlooking Dickson-Azalea Park.

The gardens were exceptional!! The homes that hid these backyard gardens are those charming gems that invite you to fantasize about what lies behind those front facades. Not only were we able to leisurely tour these surprising gardens, but we were also invited to visit a spectacular newly constructed bungalow with an historically accurate interior that blended authenticity with modern functionality. Our heads were spinning!! LLFCHNA did a phenomenal job for their very first tour!!

We had perfect weather for the tour and, as always, the guests were a major part of the fun. There was a tremendous turnout (I am only guessing, but there may have been between 300 and 400 guests). It was great to

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