

For: Heights Mistletoe Madness
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EAT, DRINK, SHOP & BE MERRY.

Heights Mistletoe Madness, 1st Saturday, December 1st.

HOUSTON HEIGHTS, TX –Heights Mistletoe Madness 2007 is coming together with more diverse, artful, one-of-a-kind, and quirky offerings than ever. Billed by organizers as just the right mix of “Eat, Drink, Shop & Be Merry,” it promises to be another great Heights event. With sponsors like Spanish Flowers Mexican Restaurant, The Glass Wall, Shade, Karen Derr & Associates Realtors, Buchanan’s Native Plants, Koelsch Gallery, Harolds in the Heights, and Bacardi, the party promises to be one to do justice to the neighborhood. Flowing white banners mark participating businesses who are offering hospitality, specials, and events. Recently off the successful 30,000+ visitors-strong White Linen Night, organizers are readying for the next big event in the Heights – the 2nd annual Heights Mistletoe Madness, scheduled for December 1, 2007, from Noon to 8:00pm. The event showcases the Heights faithfully - profiling the people, the shop owners, the artists and the businesses that make the Heights a classy, progressive, and fabulous destination not to be missed.

Visitors are encouraged to come early, browse, eat, and enjoy the sights and shops not found anywhere else in Houston. The Heights Holiday Home Tour is the same weekend, so there’s a lot of to cover in the neighborhood.

“Heights business owners are courageous. Residents are interested in living differently. Events work in the Heights because of its artistic, diverse, and offbeat ways,” says Karen Mann, one of the organizers.

Many “best-of” establishments call the Heights home, including the best chicken-fried steak in Houston, the best new restaurant of 2007, the best plants, the best new store, the best late-night restaurant, the best tacos, best barbecue, and even the best value. Galleries with every-changing fresh art stocked with ideas for your best gift list – including you.

Restaurants are in plentiful supply. Seasonal bistro menus, slow-smoked brisket, sizzling fajitas with homemade salsas, Vietnamese vermicelli, Thai curry, paisano Italian, chicken-fried steak, and gourmet burgers are some of your choices.

Harolds in the Heights is planning a live fashion show in their window, including some of the other boutiques on 19th Street. Shops carrying retro, trendy, bling, high fashion, fine leather goods, hand-made jewelry, and showy studded accessories line street. You’ll also find some of the most varied antiques and imports for the home in this small expanse of blocks. Thailand, China, Morocco, Indonesia, India, Mexico and, of course, America are represented. The Yale Street Arts Market will be open and heaving with fresh original art for sale. Art furniture made from reclaimed wood and materials can be found, too.

In conjunction with Historic Heights 1st Saturday, Heights businesses - the Whole Heights - are extending the day into evening for a 1st Saturday of December like no other. Enjoy the chill in the air. Hail a pedi-cab, a motorized rickshaw, or hop a shuttle for a different trip to a gallery, shop, restaurant, or home. Choose from gifts that you won’t find anywhere else – fresh, original art, jewelry, clothing, home furnishings, antiques, furniture. Stroll the streets or take a shuttle with a cup of warm Wassail. Tour the Victorian homes. Hear live music. Smell the wood smoke from the chimneys. See good art. Buy really great gifts!

Try a new restaurant or revisit an old favorite. Enjoy the ultimate first Saturday of December in the Heights.

Saturday, December 1

Noon – 8:00pm

Free admission, Free shuttles, Pedi-Cabs for tips, Motorized Rickshaws for tips, Art, Live entertainment, Retail Shops, Restaurants, Galleries, and Sponsor Businesses open for visiting and shopping. **Ample Free Parking.** Visit www.heightsfirstsaturday.com or www.heightsmistletoemadness.com for map, coupons, and more information. Contact 713.703.0520.

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