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Hauss historical home tour Saturday, June 14, impressed those who toured the home with its charming elegance. The house was built in 1932, and remains as it was originally designed.

The Hauss home was the second of two houses built on Brittany Lane between 1929 and 1932, at a time when there was no Sunset Drive. The property on the east side of Brittany Lane was a large orchard of pear trees and farm land owned by Walter and Elizabeth Bulliett.

Dr. Augustus Philip Hauss was the son of a veteran physician. Dr. Hauss was one of New Albany's most prominent physicians and civic leaders.

Dr. Hauss was born January 15, 1888. In 1913, At the age of 24, he married Claire Henderson. They had no children of their own.

Dr. Hauss' father, two uncles,



Tina Kelso Holland, Emilie Kelso
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and two cousins were physicians. Dr. Hauss graduated from Tharp University School, Louisville, KY in 1905. From 1905 – 1906 he attended the University of Chicago. He graduated from

the University of Louisville Medical School in 1911.

Dr. Hauss began practicing medicine with his father in New Albany in 1914. In 1917 he moved to the Elsby Building, where he remained throughout his career. Dr. Hauss was a member of the board of trustees of Silvercrest, a southern Indiana tuberculosis hospital. He served as superintendent during the construction. He organized the New Albany Country Club, which he headed for 18 years. He was the former president of the Old Floyd County Automobile Club and the Young Business Men's Club of New Albany. Dr. Hauss was past president of the Indiana Medical Association, and a member of the American Medical Association and the Floyd County Medical Association. Dr. Hauss was recognized for his contributions

A Peek Inside The Hauss Home

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to the Indiana State Medical Association, for serving as Chief of Emergency Medical Services of Floyd County, and as Chairman of the New Albany Chapter American Red Cross for two terms. In the 1960s, Dr. Hauss recognized the need to improve the City of New Albany such that he established the Building Authority for which he served as chairman for 8 years.

Dr. Hauss and his wife Claire bought property at the end of Brittany Lane from Frank E. Cole in January of 1932. Frank owned all the land along the west side of Brittany Lane. He was the first to build a house on Brittany Lane in 1929. He sold Dr. Hauss 4.5 acres at the north end of Brittany Lane not far from his home. It was a family affair, for Frank's first wife, Ethel, and Claire Hauss were sisters. Frank traveled and was gone for long periods. He spent a lot of time in Havana Cuba. Dr. Hauss and Claire took



Reading Nook Corner of Living Room

Frank's son, young Jack, under their wing and raised him as if he was their child. Dr. Hauss and Claire built a lovely two-story Tudor style country home, where he and his wife lived for more than 30 years. Marion Cordill of Jeffersonville was the architect of record who designed the house. He also designed the Cole house next door. Cordill moved his residence and design work to Indianapolis. Some of his work is archived at the Ball State



Up Stairs Bedroom

University School of Architecture in Muncie, Indiana.

Dr. Hauss spent his leisure time in his yard planting, cultivating and designing elaborate gardens. He built a potting shed in the back yard near the edge of the woods, which still stands today. He was publicly noted for his design of an extensive rock garden and Koi ponds in his front yard. The *Courier-Journal* highlighted his extensive work in an article published in 1940, titled, *Relaxation In a Design for Living Outdoors*. The ponds have since been filled in but the garden remains much as it was originally designed.

Dr. Hauss passed away December 30, 1964 at the age of 75. The house was sold to Patricia & Barnard McKinney in 1965. Robert and Emilie Kelso bought the house in 1975. Emilie still resides in the home today.



The evening reception was well attended. Left, Emilie Kelso is sitting with Kim Craig. Kim escorted her father, Ron to the event. Right, is Amy Lorch Smith and her husband, John, sitting with Pam Baker. Amy and John built a house in Water



Works Place.

It was an evening for celebration, for we celebrated Emilie Kelso's birthday with song and cake. Emilie was born in 1935. It's not polite to give a woman's age, but you can do the math.

It takes a lot of time and effort to set up. We thank the following for volunteering to set up tables, string lights, and man the reception table: Tina Holland, Dave Holland, Pat Leist Stumler, Paula Stein, Bobby Lipps, and Scott Tyler.

We sincerely thank Emilie Kelso for graciously opening her historical house to the community of Silver Hills.



Easter Parade

The Silver Hills Easter Parade made its way around the Hill beginning at the top of Cherry Street Hill Road, winding through Crestview and ending at Ridgeway Avenue, where a large assembly of young children were gathered, anxiously waiting for the Easter egg hunt to begin.

Morgan Sprigler, pictured below right with her husband, Chad and daughter, Isla, organized the Easter Parade and Easter egg hunt. Graystone Gables was the backdrop for the egg hunt. The front yard affords a large area to hide eggs filled with much anticipated surprises.

The Silver Hills 1924 Model T Ford with its bunny ear headlights again led the parade.

Great memories for the young and old alike.





Silver Hills Plant Swap



In 1906, the year the Silver Hills trolley car line reopened under the ownership of the Louisville & Southern Indiana Traction Company, the company published an advertisement in the Courier-Journal newspaper headlined, *Silver Hills, The Garden Spot of Indiana.*

Louise Kannapell and Emma Moser, sisters, cultivated award winning Irises and Peonies grown at their Silver Hills Gardens. Emma married George Moser. They built a large two-story house at the end of Silver Hills Lane. Louise's brother, Henry Kannapell, lived just up the road at the corner of Silver Hills Lane and Spring Street Hill Road.

An advertisement was published in the Courier-Journal in 1925 announcing, Peony Exhibit, Silver Hills Garden will hold its annual Peony display at the Carnegie Library, corner Bank and Spring Streets, New Albany. Louise also published an advertisement in the C-J offering Irises for sale from the Silver Hills Gardens.

Fast Forward 100 years and

Peony Exhibit

SILVER Hills Gardens will hold its annual Peony display at Carnegie Library, corner Bank and Spring Streets, New Albany, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, May 19, 20 and 21. Open 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. A wealth of bloom and fragrance from rare and standard varieties will reward your visit.

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Maggie Galloway, Nancy Stein, and Norm Silva organized a plant swap on the Silver Hills Green, located on Knob Avenue.

Tents were set up where Silver Hills residents could bring plants to swap with other neighbors. Norm Silva's son, Jasper, sold birdhouses he built himself. The birdhouses sold out quickly, leaving Jasper to take orders for more.

The event was a great success. Plan on it returning again in 2026 if not sooner.



In Loving Memory

Carol Gohmann Whalen (1936-2025) passed away February 18. Charles L. Gohmann son, Thomas, was Carol's father. Charles moved his family to Silver Hills sometime in 1913. Thomas and his younger brother, Mark, and their families lived on Silver Hills. Carol's daughter, Laura Whitus lives on Highland Avenue.

Paul F. Kraft, Jr. (1949-2025) passed away April 1st. Paul was the first born of a family of eight children. Paul, Sr. moved his family to Silver Hills in 1958, beginning the Kraft family Heritage on the Hill. Several of his siblings and family descendants still live on Silver Hills. Paul, along with several other Kraft family members, kindly contributed to the Silver Hills Tennis Court restoration.