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SEE INSIDE MEDICINE HAT'S FINEST HOMES ON THE GREAT ESCAPE HOME TOUR AND PICNIC

Medicine Hat – The Medicine Hat Great Escape Home Tour Committee invites you to tour some of Medicine Hat's most intriguing homes Sunday, Sept. 18, 2005 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Afterward, enjoy an afternoon tea with entertainment and a silent auction at the Cypress Club. The event starts at 1 p.m. at City Hall, 580 First Street SE. Transportation is provided during the tour.

"It is a pleasure for us to bring this wonderful event to the community again in support of the Esplanade," said Karen Charlton, Chair of the Committee. "We have a group of different and unique homes this year. There are no repeats from last year's tour, which adds to the charm of this annual event. We are anticipating a wonderful afternoon, so buy your tickets now!"

One participant from last year's tour left this comment, "[It was] a very interesting day. The contrast of very old and very modern architecture was the outstanding feature of the tour. Those who opened their homes are to be congratulated."

Tickets are going fast. In addition to touring local homes, this year's journey features a tour of the historic Cypress Club. Proceeds from the event will be donated to the Esplanade Arts and Heritage Centre which will open on October 22, 2005.

Tickets are \$50 each and are available at:

Cultural Centre
Interlace Studio

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