Opening the doors to distinctive properties

It’s one thing to go to an open house that’s for sale and examine the layout and furnishings.

It’s another thing to go on a tour that shows off distinctive architecture, estate gardens or historic neighborhoods.

People who are curious about Strathmore, Sedgwick, Solvay or Skaneateles can make plans to take part in tours this month, when dozens of properties will open their doors to benefit local charities. C-1
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200 PIERCEFIELD DRIVE, included in the mansions tour.

Piercefield Neighborhood mansions and gardens self-guided tour

Where: Piercefield Drive, Orchard Road and Wynthrop Road, Solvay.
When: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 12.
Cost: $10; benefits the Onondaga Historical Association.
Highlights: The self-guided tour will lead through three mansions and four estate gardens in the little-known Piercefield neighborhood in Solvay. The homes were built in the early 20th century by officers at Solvay Process Co.
Tour: Check-in and tours begin at 200 Piercefield Drive (pictured above).
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‘Tis the season to get out and see those interesting houses you’ve always wondered about.

Central New York has four neighborhood house tours coming up this month. Here are the highlights of each:

204 ROBINEAU ROAD, Syracuse, is the former home of Syracuse Arts and Crafts potter Adelaide Alsop Robineau.