

THE 2024
*Groton
Community
Home Tour*
THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY



Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What is the Groton Community Home Tour?

A. The Home Tour is a community fundraiser for Groton Community School where visitors purchase tickets allowing them to tour unique and beautiful local homes, as well as shop with amazing artisans and vendors set up within the homes and at the school. At the school there will also be a GCS Bake Shop, as well as an opportunity to purchase tickets for our Chance Drawing, with a wide variety of generously donated items and Classroom Baskets to take a chance on winning. Attendees may pre-purchase boxed lunch options in advance, which include delicious foods from [Salt & Light](#).

Q. What is the date and time of the 2024 Home Tour?

A. The tour will be held on Saturday, November 23rd, with an inclement weather date of Sunday, November 24th. Groton Community School will be open at 9 AM to check-in for the Home Tour, purchase Chance Drawing tickets, and shop with half day artisans and vendors on site until 2 PM. Refreshments will be available in the morning before touring. Homes will open their doors at 10 AM and close promptly at 4 PM.

Q. How can tickets be purchase, and what is the cost?

A. Tickets are available for purchase online at www.grotoncommunityschool.org/home-tour now, and will also be on sale at GCS the week prior to the Tour. Online tickets may be purchased with a credit card, PayPal, or Venmo. In person tickets sales will also accept cash or check. The cost is \$45 per ticket, or \$60 for a ticket including a boxed lunch (\$62 for a gluten free selection).

Q. Can I buy tickets on the day of the event?

A. Yes, the ticket price will be \$50 and will not include lunch. These tickets can only be purchased at Groton Community School, with cash or check preferred.

Q. Can I get a refund on my ticket if I change my mind or don't attend?

A. No refunds will be given for unused tickets.

Q. Can I buy a box lunch on the day of the event?

A. No, only pre-paid boxed lunches will be available for pick-up on the day of the event at Groton Community School (between 11:30 AM and 1:30 p.m.). If you want to secure your lunch plans for that day, we encourage you to purchase **Tour & Lunch tickets by the November 8th advance lunch order deadline.**

Q. What are the lunch options?

A. We're delighted to present three lunch options for Home Tour participants. Each lunch includes a [Salt & Light](#) sandwich and side composed salad, with chips, apple, and bottled water. Sandwich options include a roasted turkey sandwich or a fall vegetable wrap. A gluten free turkey option is also available. **See the website for delicious details!** Lunches can be picked up and eaten at the school between the hours of 11:30 AM and 1:30 PM.

Q. What homes are on the Tour?

A. Home locations will be disclosed in the Home Tour Program Guide, which will be available when checking in at the school on the day of the event beginning at 9:00 am. The Program Guide also includes a map and directions to each location. A general description "teaser" of each home will be posted on social media and on the school website www.grotoncommunityschool.org/home-tour the week prior to the event.

Q. Can I bring my child (or children) with me on the Tour?

A. Although we understand that securing childcare can be a challenge, **the Home Tour is open to adults only.** By promoting the Tour well in advance of the date, we hope that allows enough time to find coverage for any childcare needs on the day of the event.

Q. Can I park my car at the school and then carpool with friends?

A. We definitely encourage people to carpool, but we ask that you don't park any extra cars at the school due to limited space.

Q. Can you tell me more about the artisans and vendors involved with the Tour?

A. Full day artisans and vendors will be set up in each home on the Tour, with additional half-day artisans/vendors located at the school. Items for purchase include jewelry, fine art, handmade clay and pottery items, signs/home decor, hand blown glass decorations, handmade knit items, dog accessories, children's books, delicious baked goods, and other handmade wares. A complete list of artisans/vendors with descriptions of their offerings will be available at www.grotoncommunityschool.org/home-tour in early November.

Q. What forms of payment will the artisans and vendors accept?

A. All artisans and vendors will accept cash and checks. Some vendors will be able to accept credit cards and Venmo, as well.

Q. What if it snows on the day of the event? Will it still be held?

A. Sunday, November 24th is the official inclement weather date if the event is postponed. Updates regarding weather will be posted to www.grotoncommunityschool.org/home-tour by 5 PM on Friday, November 22nd, and volunteers will be emailed.

Q. Is there a particular order I need to go in to visit the homes?

This is a self-guided tour, with no particular order for visiting homes. Participants view homes at their leisure.

Q. How can I get more information?

A. Please visit www.grotoncommunityschool.org/home-tour for complete event information! Any updated information regarding the Tour will be posted to this website.