

Riviera Historic Homes Tour - June 1 & 2, 2012, 10 am - 4 pm

Presented by the *Riviera Garden Club* - email: RivieraGardenClub@yahoo.com

Frequently Asked Questions:

How much is the Tour and What do I get for the price? Price: \$35 Pre

Tour or \$40 Tour Day Price - This will be a docent-led tour. Ticket price includes light refreshments, a keepsake historic booklet, educational demos, and an historic slide video presentation (which will be a continuous showing).

Is this just a garden tour? Or, can we go INTO the houses? Answer:

THIS IS A HOMES TOUR! Seven houses, all built in 1928 or 1929, are available to tour although one, "The Castle" at 124 Via Monte D'oro will be limited viewing. (However, all of the gardens are very nice too!)

Where is the Hospitality House: 124 Via Monte d'Oro - see website map (It is also **House 1** on your Ticket)

Tell me about "The Castle": The Hospitality House, 124 Via Monte D'Oro, is the oldest and grandest of them all. Entry will be into the foyer only, but you will be able to see several rooms from that vantage point. Plus enjoy the two story foyer with it's grand circular tile staircase, slit-windowed, Italian glass turret, original wrought iron gates and detailing, chandeliers, Italian tile floor, plus the telephone room - still in existence!

What about the other homes? There has not been a tour of this type done for almost 35 years. The houses are all beautiful, unique and are restored to pristine condition. Please visit homes in any order you choose.

How can I buy tickets? PayPal on our website: www.RivieraGardenClub.org, or by mail: Riviera Garden Club, P.O. Box 10112, Torrance, CA 90505. Or, at local retail outlets listed on our website. If you purchase tickets after May 25, see **Will Call** info below.

Will Call?: If you purchase tickets via PayPal or mail prior to the event but there's not enough time to receive them by mail, you can pick them up at the Hospitality House. We will have a list of all ticket purchasers.

How can I buy tickets on the Tour days?: Tickets may be purchased at the Hospitality House, \$40, on Tour Days.

Maps of Home Locations: Our website shows the Hospitality House location. When you receive your ticket you will have the other Tour Homes addresses and a more detailed map. **You can visit the homes in any order.**

What if it rains?: Please consider your ticket purchase a donation. Sorry, refunds will not be made. Riviera Garden Club is a non-profit 501 (c) 3 charitable organization. All tour proceeds benefit the club's philanthropies of civic beautification, education, scholarships, etc.

Where can I park and catch the shuttle?: From 10 am to 4 pm at the Riviera United Methodist Church, 375 Palos Verdes Blvd. (near Palos Verdes Blvd.), Redondo Beach. It will loop from the church, past the houses and into the Riviera Village; then back to the church. Last shuttle at 4 pm.

Refreshments?: Yes, light refreshments at the Hospitality House. Our shuttle will swing you into the Riviera Village a few blocks away where many restaurants and shops will be offering discounts of 10 - 20% on Tour Days.

What else is at the Hospitality House? Our slide video presentation of the History of the Hollywood Riviera - to be shown continuously over the two day period.

Education Demos: At the Hospitality House. (flower arranging, vegetable planting, etc.) Check the schedule posted there.

Homes are within walking distance? Yes, but shuttle also available.

Are homes accessible for those with walking aids? One of the seven homes (House 7) has very difficult accessibility from the street level. Two of the

other homes (Houses 3 & 6) have stairs but one can enjoy the main floor without accessing the other levels.

We hope you will enjoy this historic event in honor of Torrance's 2012 Centennial!

More questions? email: RivieraGardenClub@yahoo.com or call Karen Lent at 310.375.6539.

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