

Around the House

The Victorian Society of Heritage House

December, 2015

News from the Prime Minister:

You may have noticed the missing finial from the front newel post. I am in the process of getting a replacement from a firm in N Dakota. The Tank House is now painted. The Heritage House will be next.

Thanks for all your support during 2015. Long may that continue.

Cheers, Ben



At the "Messiah" in the East Room

Deck the Halls: Multiple hands made decorating Heritage House for Christmas much easier. Decorations were placed in each room giving the house a very festive atmosphere for our guests. Karen created new door and room decorations for the doctor's office and the kitchen. Jorice and Carol displayed vintage Christmas cards and two vintage ornaments in the display cases.

When all was completed, the House was a joyful place to start one's Christmas season.

Thank you, Karen, for the new decorations. Thank your Darlene, Marylou, Ben, Gloria, Carol, Nick, Rick, Jack, Susan, Jorice and Dana for your time and talents.

Traveling Victorians: Taking advantage of one of the few times in the year that the L.A. Arboretum opens the Queen Anne Cottage's interior for viewing was an opportunity some of the Victorian Society were not willing to miss. Dressed in costume and seated in our horseless carriages we proceeded down the roads into Los Angeles County and the former Lucky Baldwin Ranch. The delightful Queen Anne Cottage looked like a peppermint stick with its white exterior and red striped trim. It is located in a lovely garden and lake setting, similar to our own house. The rooms were quite large with 15 foot ceilings and ceiling medallions. The furniture and accent pieces presented a picture of a well-to-do gentleman's guest cottage from the late 19th century. Add the Coach Barn, the old Santa Anita train station and the lovely grounds to the list and one creates a very enjoyable day for the Traveling Victorians.

Being in costume made us stand out in the crowd! The docents at the cottage and fellow travelers to the Arboretum asked information about our Arboretum and Heritage House. It appears we will have some guests for Heritage House tours in the future from those who spent the day at the L.A. Arboretum.

Empty tummies and tired feet steered some of us to a late repast at Angelo and Vinci's. Satisfied smiles and happy

voices were seen and heard at the end of a very pleasant journey.

To all who missed the journey due to Christmas tours or illness or other duties, you were missed and it is hoped you may join the Traveling Victorians on our next romp.

Sharing Victorian Christmas: Heritage House has been presenting Christmas tidings to visitors to the Arboretum on the first three Sundays in December. Docents have donned their Victorian finery and presented an old fashioned Christmas at Heritage House. Santa and his spouse were present to greet all. In addition to a walk-through tour of the gaily decorated residence, guests were given ginger cookies, cider and entertainment from various guest performers. We thank these musical maestros for their time and talents. Many of them have given of their time and talents for multiple Christmas' at Heritage House. The music drew many visitors to the house for this festive season. Thank you also to the docents who volunteered to make these Christmas tours special for our guests.

Twelfth Night Revelry: Our docent, Jane, has invited our docents and members of the Victorian Society to her Victorian abode for our Twelfth Night party. Please refer to her invitation for details and bring an appetizer to share. Of course, one must dress for the occasion!

Dates to Remember:

January 10: Twelfth Night Festivities

January 14: Victorian Society Meeting in Pavilion classroom. “Lessons in Historical Presentations”-Kevin Cabrera from Heritage Museum of Orange County. Refreshments: Martha Leonard and Susan Bement.

January 19: Cleaning party at Heritage House-9a.m. Remove Christmas decorations and cleaning the House for the year to come. Bring rags, buckets, step-stools, and items needed for cleaning. We MAY be turning the parlor rug.

*MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY NEW
YEAR TO ALL!!!*

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