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Christmas Open House Set December 14

QUEEN ANNE COTTAGE IS 100 YEARS OLD MEMBERS VIEW COTTAGE TO BENEFIT FUND

GIFT SHOP PRESENTS HOLIDAY IDEAS

The Arboretum Gift Shop will present its Holiday Open House for Christmas shopping Saturday, November 3 and Sunday, November 4 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

During the day a number of guest artists, authors and product specialists will give shoppers insights into items available in the Gift Shop and how to use them.

Mrs. Johanson told us, "You won't want to miss Maggie Neighbors and Donna Manship's wreath making demonstration to get into the Holiday spirit. Being presented will be Phil Schuyler, an artist and naturalist of considerable talent who will show not only his drawings but his commercial line of key rings, jewelry and magnets of various birds and animals all of which are thoroughly researched and authenticated."

"We are seldom able to see perfumes and colognes being distilled but this year Mrs. Myrtle Kapitan will be with us demonstrating these processes. For lovers of exotic plants Earl Ross of our Arboretum will share his knowledge."

"George Scott, our bulb expert will be on hand to offer advise to bulb growers and says he is willing to autograph his book, "Bulbs, How to Select, Grow and Enjoy" during the open house. For anyone interested in making potpourri, meeting Sue Tufenkian is a must. She will show the use of scented geraniums in potpourri and cooking."

Of all the Christmas Open House parties scheduled for the busy Holiday season the one not to be missed is our own birthday party for the *Queen Anne Cottage* Friday, December 14 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. to benefit the Historical Restoration Fund. Our Cottage is 100 years old. For the occasion Las Voluntarias y Los Ayudantes of the California Arboretum Foundation is going all out to be certain you have a good time.

The first stop for partygoers will be Ayres Hall of Environmental Education. Siby Minton, Chairman of the event says, "Ayres Hall will be gaily decorated. Warm cider and refreshment will be served. While sipping cider you can view the art exhibit which will feature paintings, photos, needlework and other crafts depicting Arboretum scenes."

Mrs. Minton's committee has arranged for trams to transport guests to the Queen Anne Cottage for a tour through rooms decorated for a Victorian Christmas. The return trip will be via the trams.

The Christmas Open House is one of the major benefits of belonging to the Foundation. For \$7.50 you and your guests have the privilege of a private showing prior to its showing to the general public Saturday and Sunday. It is a wonderful way to encourage your friends and neighbors to join with us in our support of all the Arboretum projects.

The point should not be lost that proceeds from the celebration will aid in the upkeep of the old place through the Historical Restoration Fund. Mrs. Minton reminds us that past efforts of the Foundation have led to the reroofing of the Coach Barn, repainting of the Cottage and reupholstering of the furniture and new carpeting in the living areas.

We all know there is always something that needs to be done at home. Our Queen Anne Cottage has a list, too, made all the more difficult by our insistence the original Victorian look be maintained with authenticity as to style and color. For instance, the crystals are falling off the bedroom chandelier. Carpeting in that room is threadbare.

Mrs. Minton says, "Once these projects are completed we must look into the best protection system. A 100 year old wooden structure is always at risk." She hopes a sprinkler system can be installed.

Of course, other historic buildings on the grounds are equally vulnerable. A sprinkler system in the barn is probably another important project.

When attending our December function, you will find that the Las Voluntarias arm of our Arboretum Foundation has lavished loving care on the cottage and the coach barn, the depot and the Hugo Reid Adobe.

In spite of your attendance at the open house you may still want to return Saturday or Sunday and pay the \$1.50 charge for a narrated tour of the cottage and visit the other buildings such as the depot which will be specially decorated for the season under the direction of Peg Dorr.

Other hard workers for this event include Arden Keevers, Co-Chairman; Linn Cannon, beverages; Julia Stoneman, reservations; Joyce Bauer, food; Sandy Haven, cottage staffing; Grace Robinson and Eleanor Wigley, decorations in Ayres Hall; Virginia Stein, Chairman and Pat Kneale, Co-Chairman of the Arts and Crafts Show.



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