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Spring Home Tour: “Historic Homes and Gorgeous Gardens”

Sunday, March 31, 2019, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Multiple Locations / Drive-Yourself / Docent-guided interior stops at multiple locations

Tickets: \$38 for members / \$43 for non-members / Day of Tickets: \$48 for everyone.

Lecture by historian Michael Logan: “Uncovering History in Pasadena’s Busch Gardens”

Thursday, March 28, 2018: 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Maranatha High School, 169 S. St. John Ave., Pasadena 91105

Tickets: \$18 for members / \$22 for non-members / Day of Tickets: \$25 for everyone

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**Pasadena Heritage Spring Home Tour and Lecture –
“Historic Homes and Gorgeous Gardens”**

Tour extraordinary historic homes and gorgeous gardens as Pasadena Heritage presents architectural and landscape design spanning more than 8 decades. Tour guests will experience noteworthy architecture and landscape design that influence each other and combine to create perfect harmony. From “curb appeal” to private interiors, visitors will enjoy places that clearly demonstrate the beauty of indoor-outdoor living blended seamlessly together.

Walking the historic paths on the grounds of the historic Old Mill, once part of Pasadena’s Busch Gardens will be a highlight of the tour and include vintage and recent images of this unique property on display. (The pre-tour Lecture will present the history of Busch Gardens, a famous public attraction.)

Other tour stops will include two elegant Victorian homes in one of Pasadena’s oldest neighborhoods and its graceful and lush formal garden setting near the Wrigley Mansion. A more informally designed 1902 Classic Box Farmhouse in the Madison Heights neighborhood, sits amidst delightful and period-appropriate gardens designed by Haynes Landscape Design twenty-five years ago and recently refreshed by the same landscape design firm.



Also included on the tour is a 1930s Spanish Revival home with gardens designed and planted by the homeowner. The property was once part of the Crank estate of the Fair Oaks Ranch. The 1882 Victorian mansion can be seen at the end of the cul-de-sac. The Buckingham House was designed in 1960 by John L. Pugsley. The U-shaped design creates a beautiful garden courtyard that can be accessed and viewed from every room in the house.

Prior to the tour, on Thursday, March 28th at 7:00 pm, Michael Logan, Busch Gardens researcher and historian, will speak about Pasadena's historic Busch Gardens. Industrialist and co-founder of the Anheiser-Busch Corporation, Adolphus Busch, and his wife Lily, bought a winter home on Orange Grove Boulevard in 1904, and immediately began working with a prominent landscape architect to beautify their property. They installed rare and exotic plants and trees, created fanciful water features, and turned the floor of the Arroyo into a botanical wonderland. In 1905 they opened their garden to the public, and Busch Gardens became a major tourist attraction until its closing in 1938. In his presentation, Mr. Logan matches historic images to their same exact locations a century later. The lecture will take place at Maranatha High School, 169 S. St. John Ave., and free parking is available.

Be sure to purchase tickets to both the lecture and the tour in order to learn more about Busch Gardens and to see its most important survivor, the historic Old Mill.

Guests will drive themselves to each location where docents will provide guided tours of interior and exterior features. Homes are not ADA accessible. Some locations are extremely rustic in nature with narrow paths and steep terrain. Bees will be present in the gardens. No dogs except required by law.

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About Pasadena Heritage

Pasadena Heritage is a nonprofit organization dedicated to historic preservation in and around Pasadena, California. The organization advocates on behalf of historic resources, educates the public about local history and the benefits of preservation, and demonstrates quality restoration through a variety of programs and projects. Its 2,000-plus members are drawn from Pasadena and neighboring communities, and throughout Southern California. www.pasadenaheritage.org.