



### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**MONTHLY**  
California Heights Neighborhood Association meets the first Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm at Jan's Antique Mall, located at 1133 E. Wardlow Road. Meetings are open to all residents. For more information dial 981-2258.

**NOVEMBER**  
Nov. 2nd -Election Day

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If you have any photos that you would like the community to see of Cal Heights we encourage you to contact us at 981-2258.

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# THE HEIGHTS

## CALIFORNIA HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS



### “Best in the West” – Another Successful Tour

After months of preparation and a little last minute frenzy yet another home and garden tour has come and gone. In case you missed it, this year's theme, “Best in the West,” was inspired by an article published in Sunset Magazine last January, which cited California Heights as one of the “best neighborhoods in the west.”

Approximately 900 people strolled, drove or rode the little red trolley to view the six lovely Spanish style homes and two beautiful gardens showcased on the tour. Many of them stopped to enjoy gourmet box lunches and saxophone music at the refreshment location. In addition, visitors on the tour had a chance to enter a raffle to win tickets to the Autry Museum of Western Heritage or the Aquarium of the Pacific. Congratulations to the winners, Vicki Strickler and Martha Briscoe!

In addition to our regular fea-

tures, four local businesses; B & B Hardware, The Tile Zone, Sunwood Garage Doors and Mad Mabe Painters exhibited their wares on the tour this year. We'd like to thank them as well as the other local businesses that have continued to support the Cal Heights home and garden tour, including Delius Restaurant, Jan's Antique Mall, Bixby Knolls Florist, Fendi's Coffee House and Long Beach Memorial Medical Center, Miller Children's Hospital Bungalow Kev, Brenda Schultz-Image Design Werks and our friends at Orchard Supply Hardware.

Special thanks to John Reynolds our generous resident sponsor, Kathy Costantino and Bobbi Burkett for their invaluable assistance recruiting docents, Allen Brackett for the spectacular program book, Robert Weaver, Blake Whitney, Jimmy Grose, Ray Pok and John Royce for equipment set-up and



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tear-down, 7th District Council Office, Albert Guerra for his continuing leadership and inventive ideas and the homeowners, docents and volunteers.

Lastly, we bid farewell to our home and garden tour partner, Long Beach Heritage. The CHNA thanks LBH, especially Mary Kay Knottage, for eight years of support and assistance with the Cal Heights home and garden tour.

Funds raised from the tour help to support your neighborhood newsletter, “The Heights”, as well as other community projects including lamppost restoration, information kiosks, and the curb number painting project.

-Kerrie Weaver

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Thank you! On behalf of the California Heights Neighborhood Association, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all of the volunteers who helped bring the 2004 home and garden tour to fruition.

This year's tour, our eighth, was one of the most memorable events in our recent history. The participation and generous contributions of our sponsors, advertisers, volunteers and of course our home tour committee were essential in making the event a big success.

Support for the home tour came in many different ways, financial and floral as well as food and water donations. We worked with many organizations and people to borrow chairs, tables, tents, lights, port-a-potties, refrigerators and garage space. However, the largest contributions came in the form of individual's time and leadership - which were both crucial to make the event such a success.

Next year will be a transition year for the home tour. As mentioned in the lead article, Cal Heights will no longer be co-sponsoring the home and garden tour with Long Beach Heritage. LBH has supported our neighborhood association since the original inception of

the home tour and has been instrumental in assisting us with the growth of the home tour. We thank them for their past support and look forward to continuing to support their endeavors in the future.

One final note, because next year's home tour will be our first year alone, we would like you to start thinking about one important resource-YOU! We need your help to continue to build California Heights into one of the premier historic districts in Southern California. Please consider volunteering- WE NEED YOU!

Albert Guerra

Cal Heights meetings are held at Jan's Antique Mall, 1133 E. Wardlow Road, on the first Wednesday of every month at 7:00 PM. Everyone is welcome!

**Reminiscing**

I've been doing a lot of gardening getting ready for fall. Yesterday I was up on a ladder trimming the ever growing grape ivy on the North side of our home when I came across a peanut wedged into the ivy up at the top of our chimney!!

It's been a long summer of peanuts in my yard, in fact when digging up some old shrubs at the front of my house next to the side walk, I found 23 peanuts stuck down in the two shrubs, (After the fifth peanut I started collecting them like I do old marbles that I find while gardening).

Peanuts have a special meaning for me because I met my partner over peanuts and I've saved those three peanuts now for over 11 years. Peanuts for me, serve as a reminder of our love and how it started. The fact that we moved

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**Cal Heights Street Address Project Update**

Thank you Cal Heights Residents. We ask that you please be patient. We are doing our best to keep up.

Please be aware that recently we have seen other non-lincensed individuals painting curb numbers that look similar to our official curb address stencil. We ask that you be careful and not patronize them. Your payment goes straight to them and not back into the association and into the neighborhood.

If anyone would like to volunteer to assist with the program, we ask that you contact Steve Ortiz at (562) 425-1125. Steve can use some additional help, even if its just for a few hours. Thank you.



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into this house in Cal Heights about 5 years ago and have been inundated by the once mysterious peanuts that seem to be so much a part of this house, only adds additional charm and meaning to an already special place.

The fact is that someone in Cal Heights feeds Blue Jays these peanut daily and has been doing it for a long time. We can set on our back deck and watch the birds arrive in our yard with a peanut clamped between their beaks. The birds hide them under tile, in the grass, in the hedges... everywhere! They always try to tuck a leaf or some grass on top of the peanut to hide it and for some reason they never come back to get them.

One day we were setting in our den and a blue jay was screaming about a peanut I had found in the yard and put on the coffee table on our back deck. The bird wanted the peanut back! For a good 15 minutes the bird tried and tried to re-claim the peanut before giving up on it and moving on.

For me Cal Heights has so much to offer that's not available anyplace else. The blue jays and the peanuts mean so much to us and not only reaffirm our love for each other but also reaffirm our love for Cal Heights daily.

- Doug Orr



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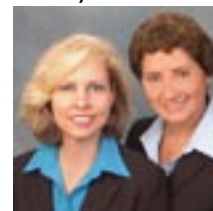
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# Uptown Animal Hospital Welcomes New Vet, Teresa Lee



Hawaii, the midwestern US, Canada, and China. After attending university in Montreal, I obtained a Master's degree in journalism from the University of Southern California and worked briefly as a reporter for the Associated Press. I subsequently returned to school to pursue a longtime dream of a career in veterinary medicine.

Since graduating from UC Davis, I have worked in small animal private practice as well as done emergency relief work. When I visited Uptown, I was impressed by the quality of veterinary medicine practiced there and the high standard of care provided to its patients. I also enjoy watching Dr. Sakamoto perform acupuncture therapy on patients, and hope to be able to do the same in the future.

Every day as a veterinarian continues to be exciting and challenging for me, always teaching me something new not just about animals, but their human owners as well. I look forward to meeting all of Uptown's clientele and becoming an integral part of the community here.

Hi! My name is Teresa Lee and I'm the new associate veterinarian at Uptown Animal Hospital in Bixby Knolls. Uptown is owned by Dr. Warren Sakamoto, a longtime resident of California Heights who speaks very highly of the neighborhood. I'm excited to be joining the energetic staff at Uptown and look forward to exploring the surrounding area which seems to be filled with a variety of great local businesses.

A little bit about myself: I was born in Taipei, Taiwan, and grew up in different parts of the world including Singapore, Hong Kong,



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