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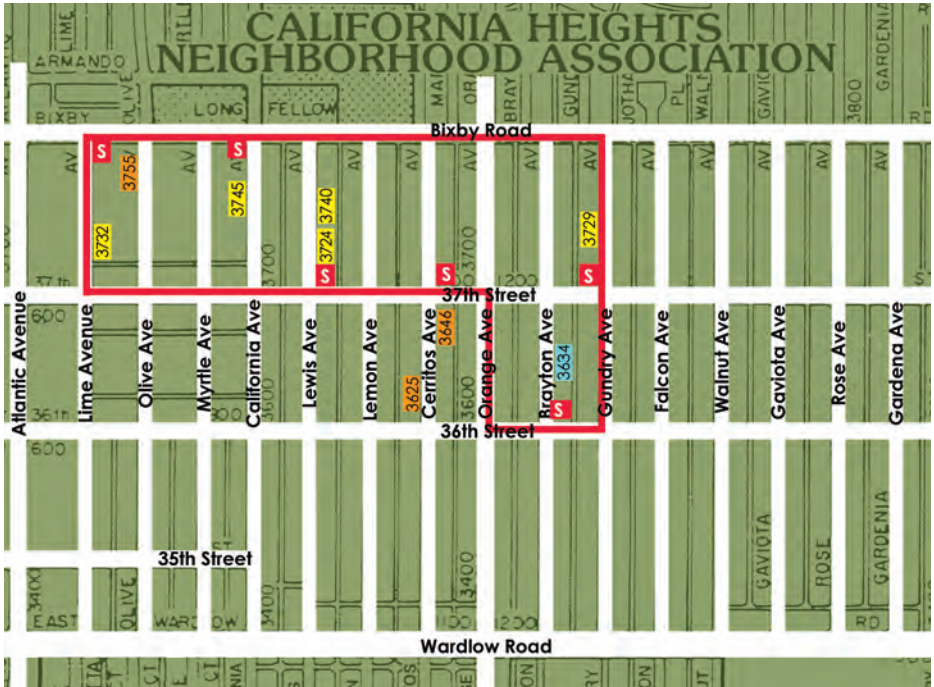
The 12th Annual California Heights Home & Garden Tour



Sunday, October 11, 2009



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HOMES & GARDENS

- 3745 California Avenue - Home
- 3625 Cerritos Avenue - Garden
- 3646 Cerritos Avenue - Garden
- 3729 Gundry Avenue - Home
- 3724 Lewis Avenue - Home
- 3740 Lewis Avenue - Home
- 3732 Lime Avenue - Home
- 3755 Olive Avenue - Garden

REFRESHMENT HOUSE

3634 Brayton Avenue

Welcome to Our 12th Annual Home & Garden Tour

Guest Speaker Jane Powell

Longfellow Elementary Auditorium
3800 Olive Avenue
10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Trolley Schedule

11 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

We encourage all of our guests to walk and enjoy the neighborhood, but if you would like to take a break...take the Cal Heights trolley.

The trolley will be making a clockwise loop throughout the day and is available on a "by chance" basis to home and garden tour participants only. Please do not plan your day around the trolley. There are no set times for each trolley stop.

The trolley bus (red route) will be picking up and dropping off riders at six destinations near the homes (see map).

Refreshments Served All Day

3634 Brayton Avenue

Featured at this location

Jane Powell, book signing and questions

Ellen Kirk, Home Portraits

Historical Society of Long Beach

Long Beach Heritage

Rancho Los Cerritos

Rockville Milk Truck

Book Signing

12 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Author Jane Powell

Restroom Location

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About the Cal Heights Home & Garden Tour

Welcome and thank you for participating in the 12th Annual California Heights Home and Garden Tour!

Our tour promotes awareness of our historic district designation, allowing our residents and guests to see how others have massaged their old homes for modern living while preserving the historic character and charm that makes them so special.

As you tour, please keep in mind that many of our homes are not in pristine historic condition. Homes in various states of demolition, renovation, corrective restoration and all the other things that apply to homes that have gone through nearly a century of occupants, tastes, fads and styles are found in Cal Heights. Much of this activity occurred before historic designation and the ordinance that governs key exterior changes. Today, many of our homeowners undertake the challenge of undoing some of those more inappropriate alterations.

From charmingly original or thoughtfully restored, to fully renovated with appropriate nods to the past, the homes on tour continue to represent a variety of conditions. Still, all of our selected homes have something to celebrate from an historical perspective. Hopefully this will encourage more of us to embrace the special qualities that exist in our historic neighborhoods and consider them before embarking on major changes.

Our association is 100% volunteer driven; we have no annual fees or dues. Proceeds from the tour continue to sustain our activities and special projects.

Finally, our tour attracts wonderful volunteers, generous homeowners, willing board members, hundreds of guests and quality vendors and sponsors year after year, testimony to how it engages our residents and enhances the special sense of community we enjoy in Cal Heights.

Thanks to all of you for helping to make our tour so successful. Enjoy!

John Royce
CHNA President

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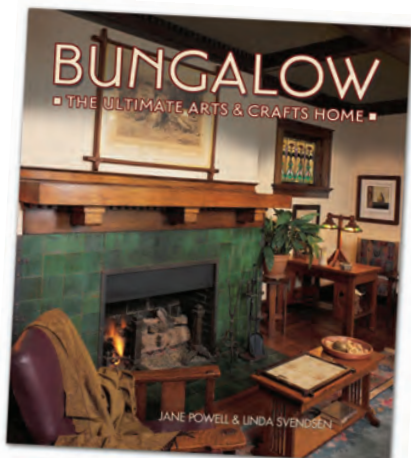
About Our Featured Author Jane Powell

Labeled "the bad girl of bungalow writing", Jane Powell is a restoration consultant, house restorer, lecturer, and author of six books, including *Bungalow Kitchens*, *Bungalow Bathrooms*, *Bungalow Details: Exterior*, *Bungalow Details: Interior*, *Bungalow: The Ultimate Arts and Crafts Home*, and *Linoleum*.

As a hands-on restorer, she has brought ten vintage homes back to life and sold them to appreciative buyers, and continues the ongoing restoration of her own home, the 1905 Jesse Matteson house.

She has written for magazines including *Old House Journal*, *Style 1900*, and *American Bungalow*. She writes feature articles for the *San Francisco Chronicle* magazine, and her opinion pieces have appeared in the *Berkeley Daily Planet*, the *Oakland Tribune*, and on oaklandnews.com. She has also appeared on HGTV's *Curb Appeal* and Food Network's *Ultimate Kitchens*.

She is a popular and entertaining speaker, and has lectured at conferences including The Grove Park Arts and Crafts Conference, Pasadena's Craftsman Weekend, Seattle's Bungalow Fair, the Restoration and Renovation Conference, and many others. She has also spoken for preservation organizations, neighborhood associations, home builders groups, and historic district organizations across the country, and even at kitchen showrooms and retail businesses. In addition to the talks based on her various books, she speaks on related subjects including historic preservation, development issues, and the built environment.



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About the Cal Heights Neighborhood Association

CHNA is a nonprofit organization working to promote public knowledge and preservation of historic and architectural resources in the California Heights Historic District. Our projects foster a sense of community by encouraging activities and communication between residents, local businesses, city officials and police to enhance the ties that connect us all as community members. For complete details of the CHNA projects visit **calheights.org**



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Cal Heights Neighborhood Association Projects

Clean Streets

Our newest project! Volunteer weekly local trash and litter removal effort

The Heights Newsletter

Community news. Read current and past editions at **calheights.org**

Lamppost Restoration Project

Includes larger CHNA sponsored projects and resident "Adopt a Lamppost" commitments

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Cal Heights Mural by Art Mortimer

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Featuring community leaders, peace officers and home restoration experts

calheights.org Website

A variety of community, resource and calendar information



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3745 California Avenue **Built 1929** **Cost \$5,400**

Built in 1929, this Spanish Colonial Revival style bungalow is characterized by the red tile roof, arch top picture windows, and courtyard entry with original front door and hardware.

Original features in the living room include the faux fireplace, with decorative gas heater insert and Batchelder castle motif tile, coved ceiling with swirled plaster ceiling finish and built-in drop lid desk and cabinet. Original oak strip hardwood floors and mahogany doors are found throughout the house.

An arch top opening flanked by two small decorative arches leads into the dining room which features the original chandelier, sconces, buffet inset and picture hang moulding. The dining room also features the same original swirled plaster finish found in the living room.

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The original kitchen was likely composed of the kitchen, breakfast nook and service porch, however previous owners expanded the kitchen by removing the interior partitions in 1978. New tile and flooring was also installed during that 1978 remodel. The current owners are planning to remodel the kitchen again in the near future.

The adjoining breakfast nook features the original built-ins but the previous owners shortened the drawers on the right cabinet to allow for the increased depth of the refrigerator.

Original features in the guestroom include the picture hang moulding, scone locations and gunny sack plaster wall texture.

The bathroom features the original yellow tile with black accents, built-in cabinets, bathtub, toilet and an eclectic collection of antique mirrors.

The original telephone niche remains in the hallway.

The master bedroom features the same gunny sack plaster wall texture found in the guest bedroom and French doors lead onto a covered patio draped with beautiful red trumpet vine flowers.

The tranquil garden features a central fountain with decomposed granite pathways and Arizona flagstone. Plantings include Bougainvillea, bird of paradise, a variety of grasses, assorted succulents, and creeping fig on the garage which now functions as the owner's art studio.

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3625 Cerritos Avenue
Built 1929
Cost \$ 4,500

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Built in 1928, this Spanish Colonial Revival bungalow is characterized by the large arch top picture window, hexagonal shaped breakfast room on the left, red clay tile roof, and covered entry courtyard.

The gardening philosophy for this eclectic garden is to welcome any and all "volunteers." In gardening terminology, a volunteer is a plant that grows on its own, rather than being deliberately planted and this easy going gardener feels that the volunteers are part of the history of the families that have lived and gardened here before her.

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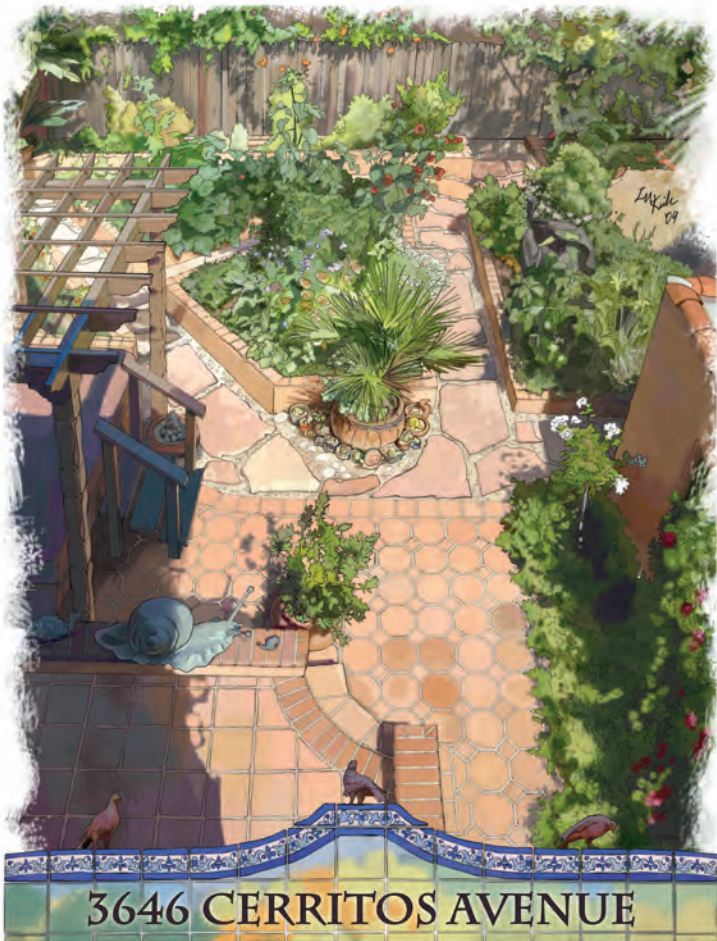
A covered patio area features an open beam wood ceiling, terracotta pavers with Malibu style deco tiles and serves as a comfortable lounging area for the owners and their dogs.

The brick patio was created from a blend of new and old bricks and leads visitors into the garden which is planted with Bougainvillea, Agapanthus, bird of paradise, heavenly bamboo, Plumeria, spider lilies, red banana palm, Camellia, calla lilies, sweet memories trees and a variety of succulents.

The coast redwood, crape myrtle and ash tree were planted by the previous owners in honor of each of their three children.

A fountain, statuary and tromp l'oeil mural painted on the fence surrounding the property adds depth and interest to the garden.

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3646 Cerritos Avenue
Built 1929
Cost \$4,000

GARDEN ONLY

Built in 1928, this Spanish Colonial Revival style bungalow is characterized by the arch top picture window, smooth stucco exterior, wrought iron balconies, red tiled roof and walled courtyard entry with original hand hewn posts. Originally built as a two bedroom, one bath home previous owners added the second story expanding the home to four bedrooms and three baths.

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Current owners recently completed extensive exterior work that included the new smooth stucco plaster finish, copper rain gutters, period correct light fixtures, custom wrought iron railings, gate and window accents as well as architectural balcony detailing to soften the harsh lines of the 1991 addition.

Extensive hardscaping and landscaping work was also completed with a graceful stamped concrete walkway and water-wise plants transforming the tired front lawn. Water-wise plantings in the front garden include Agave, Dymondia, Euphorbia, Gazania, dwarf natal plum, rosemary, thymes, and a large assortment of succulents. Most are native to South Africa, with a few from the Americas and Mediterranean. The small citrus is a navel orange and a plumeria graces the front entrance.

Eight types of palms from Europe, Asia and the Americas are found throughout the property.

City parkway plantings include a native California sycamore, a Magnolia tree, ornamental strawberry and no mow red fescue grass.

The rear garden received a vintage mural fountain**, pergola covered spa with post detailing matching the front entry details and an organic vegetable and herb garden in raised planting beds.

A variety of fruit trees and shrubs including apricot, Santa Rosa plum, strawberry guava, avocado, mandarin and blood oranges, blueberry, fig, Pomegranate, Surinam cherry, kumquat, Mexican lime and Meyer lemon are found. Also growing are Concord and Pinot Noir grape vines, and strawberries. A "mojito patch" is planted with three types of mint, and star jasmine scents the garden in early summer.

**The spectacular mural fountain was designed and commissioned in the 1950s by the owner's grandfather for installation in his Bay Area home but was never installed. The fountain was produced by Ceramica Montalvan in Triana, Spain and depicts the construction of a California Mission.

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3729 Gundry Avenue
Built 1930
Cost \$4,000

Built in 1930, this Spanish Colonial Revival style bungalow is characterized by the large picture window with faux stone surround, arch entry opening with smaller flanking arches, stucco finish and red tile roof.

Original features in the living room include the coved ceiling, picture hang moulding and picture window with flanking arch top built in bookcases. The original faux fireplace was converted to gas by the owner's father and the current owners installed the new tile surround. New hardwood floor in a 3", 5" and 7" plank size combination with a distress hewn finish was also installed by the current owners.

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The dining room features arched doorways, a coved ceiling and mailbox slot. The owner's father opened up the kitchen to the dining room by enlarging the original arched doorway so that it matched the opening between the living and dining rooms.

Current owners recently combined the original kitchen and breakfast nook to create a larger, more open kitchen. The new kitchen features a raised ceiling with faux beams, alder cabinets with burgundy tone stain finish, green Silestone counters, backsplash with Italian deco accent tile, large island with built-in gas range and Spanish terra cotta floor tile.

The original service porch remains but the access to the hallway was closed off during the re-model and an arch top opening was added to the remaining doorway.

The hallway features the original coved ceiling, linen closet, display niche and gunny sack plaster texture on the walls.

The daughter's bedroom features the original gunny sack plaster texture on the coved ceiling, which projects over wall depth, and has cat's face hand trowel texture on the walls.

The hall bath features the original detail band on the ceiling, a combination tub and shower with the same tile as the kitchen and a family antique that was converted into a vanity with double basins.

The master suite, with en suite bath and walk in closet, was created by blending together two smaller bedrooms. The master bath features marble wainscotting with a deco band of limestone and marble mosaic capped by a metallic tone moulding tile, Absolute Black granite flooring, walk in shower, jacuzzi tub and two white vessel sinks.

The master bedroom leads out to a pergola covered patio and garden planted with a variety of palms, bird of paradise, flax, heavenly bamboo, society garlic and daylilies.

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3724 Lewis Avenue
Built 1925
Cost \$3,500

Built in 1925, this Spanish Colonial Revival style bungalow was originally built as a two bedroom, one bath single story home. In 1969 previous owners enclosed the front porch, altered the entry and cantilevered the roof effectively removing the Spanish style features and resulting in a plain stucco box.

Current owners added a second story, remodeled a 1966 addition to the back of the home and restored the Spanish style exterior which is characterized by the stylized arches, stucco walls, flat roof with parapet walls and red clay cap tile.

Original features in the living room include the tray ceiling with shallow soffit, picture hang moulding and fireplace. Current owners updated the fireplace with new tile and a hand carved mantle.

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The dining room features the original tray ceiling with shallow soffit, French doors to a soothing courtyard garden, antique light fixture and a spectacular carved and painted dining room table.

Remodeled by previous owners in 1968 and scheduled for a future remodel by the current owners the hall bath features porcelain body tile and a reeded glass shower door.

Recently remodeled the kitchen features a raised ceiling, black granite counter tops with tumbled limestone back splash, tile floors, stainless steel appliances and a Bertazzoni range.

The family room, a 1966 addition, features a gas burning fireplace with Spanish influenced surround and tile flooring. Current owners replaced an aluminum slider with French doors and installed reproduction light fixtures from Arte De Mexico.

The twin's bedroom and attached bath with tile topped stained cabinet and ribbed glass shower door is also part of the 1966 addition.

The stairway to the second floor features reproduction Malibu style tile on the risers, a black iron railing and an Arte De Mexico chandelier.

The master bedroom features a salvaged front door from a Beverly Hills home and a master bath with claw foot tub, two pedestal sinks, walk in shower and two medicine cabinets. The hex mosaic tile floor, subway wall tile with black, gray and white deco accents is in keeping with the period style of the home.

The office features a tray style ceiling with shallow soffit, picture hang moulding and showcases the owner's collection of globes, cameras and Asian art. The attached bath is decorated with Cuban cigar themed art work, Cuban cigar boxes, rich blue walls and blue and black tile. French doors lead out to the "Martini Lounge" with more seating and a spiral staircase to the twin's play area below.

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3740 Lewis Avenue
Built 1935
Cost \$ 5,750

Built in 1935, this elegant Spanish Colonial Revival style bungalow is characterized by the arched porte-cochere, colonnade, and entry door with iron clavos detailing.

The home's formal entry features the original scored plaster walls, lighting fixture and magnesite flooring.

Original features in the living room include the large picture window, fireplace with brick surround and dark stained ceiling beams. The oak strip hardwood flooring throughout the home is original with the exception of the kitchen floor which matches the original.

The dining room features the original step down ceiling, wagon wheel style lighting fixture and mail slot.

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Original features in the hall bath include the built-in vanity and bathtub. Current owners converted the bathtub into a tub/shower combination and installed the white subway tile wainscoting with deco accent tile in white, olive and black. New pedestal sink, marble on the vanity, light fixtures and olive hex mosaic floor tile are also part of the remodel.

Both the guest and master bedrooms feature the original windows, door and door hardware. Both rooms also feature new crown moulding installed by the current owners. The small bath attached to the master bedroom was remodeled in a period style by the previous owners and is tiled in a soft shade of blue with black accents.

The vintage style kitchen, also remodeled by the previous owners, features cherry wood cabinets, period style light fixtures, soapstone countertops and Malibu style subway tile backsplash with deco tile in shades of olive, black, russet and gold. The Viking range features a custom hood with tile accents and pot filler for convenience.

Original features in the breakfast nook include the wainscoting with chair rail and built-in buffet. The original service porch was transformed into a butler's pantry with cherry wood cabinets, microwave and pet center complete with cat shaped entry to the potty area.

The garden features a rumpus room, built in 1955, and a secluded brick patio area located behind the garage. Plantings include Hibiscus, pineapple guava, papyrus, angels trumpet, Euphorbia, Musa, blue chalk fingers and Agave.

The front yard features strawberry trees, New Zealand flax, and a variety of succulents including foxtail agave, octopus agave, and Aloe, as well as California native, madrona trees, manzanita and Yankee Point Ceanothus.

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3732 Lime Avenue **Built 1928** **Cost \$ 3,500**

Featured on the 1997 California Heights Home & Garden Tour this Spanish Colonial Revival style bungalow, built in 1928, recently received a second story addition and a kitchen and bath remodel.

Original features in the living room include the coved tray ceiling with gunny sack plaster detailing, picture hang moulding and faux fireplace.

The dining room features the original picture hang moulding and arch top entry from the living room. The original ceiling was damaged during construction and the owners had the ceiling recreated to match the original.

Oak strip floors throughout the home are new and were made to match the original flooring. New door and window mouldings were also milled to match those in the original portion of the home.

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The remodeled kitchen features white painted Shaker style cabinets with a furniture style base detail and soapstone counter tops with bead board back splash. Glass front cabinets showcase the owner's extensive pottery collection and a restored O'Keefe & Merrit stove adds to the period ambiance of the kitchen.

The footprint of the breakfast nook is original however the ceiling was damaged during construction and had to be recreated to match the original coved tray ceiling. In addition, an original window was converted to a French door to the deck, another window on the south wall was removed and the door was relocated slightly toward the kitchen.

The hall bath has been remodeled in a period style and features white subway tile with yellow and black fish deco tile and black and white hex mosaic tile floor. New sink, tub, toilet, light fixtures and medicine cabinet are also part of the remodel.

New oak tread stairs with wrought iron railings lead to the upstairs addition which features a master bedroom with coved tray ceiling and en suite master bath with green Shaker style cabinetry, terra cotta porcelain body tile and deco tile in green, terra cotta, cream and blue.

In the garden, an old California pepper, Japanese maple and apricot tree provide shade for the owners and their three golden retrievers. Young fern pines provide an evergreen backdrop to the newly installed fountain and the small lawn area is drought tolerant 'Tiff Green' hybrid Bermuda grass.

In the front yard lantana, Mexican daisy and 'Ballerina' Indian hawthorns grow in the sunny slope beneath the two mature paperbark trees and an olive tree provides shade for dead nettle, dwarf lily of the Nile, lilyturf, and ornamental strawberry.

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3755 Olive Avenue
Built Prior to 1938
Cost Unknown

GARDEN ONLY

Built sometime before 1938, this Spanish Colonial Revival style bungalow is characterized by the large arch top picture window, stucco finish and red clay tile roof.

Walking up the driveway, one would never imagine that several outdoor rooms extend the living space of this home, taking advantage of our pleasant southern California climate and its opportunities to enjoy the outdoors much of the year.

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First, an expansive deck takes full advantage of the southern exposure for wintertime light and warmth. Even on a relatively chilly winter day, if the sun is shining, this is the place to soak up the warm midday rays. It also makes wonderful use of the previously utilitarian space between the garage and the house. The artwork adorning the floor of the deck was created by the homeowners.

Beyond the deck a pathway to the left, guarded by two Carolina cherries, leads to a hidden studio while the path to the right leads to a brick patio complete with hot tub and lounging area. Perfect for a morning cup of coffee and the paper or an evening sip of wine and conversation, the room is divided by a curved trellis cloaked in fragrant star jasmine, a climbing rose and white potato vine. Paraguay nightshade and a purple leaf plumb tree anchor the plantings along the wall and clipped lavender and geraniums fill the borders.

Beyond the patio, pass through the traditional arbor graced with climbing roses and star jasmine and follow the graceful curve of the brick pathway to a lovely resting spot on a bench swing under another arbor. This tranquil green grotto features a fescue lawn flanked by raised brick planters with clipped lavender, vining geraniums, a princess flower, assorted roses and a hydrangea near the back gate. Boston ivy camouflages the studio, bringing fiery reds and oranges to the garden in late autumn. Creeping fig on the garden walls will eventually form a complete cover of green. To the right of the bench swing, take special notice of the exotic champaca tree (*Michelia champaca*). Maybe you will be lucky enough to catch sight of a flower and experience its intoxicating fragrance!

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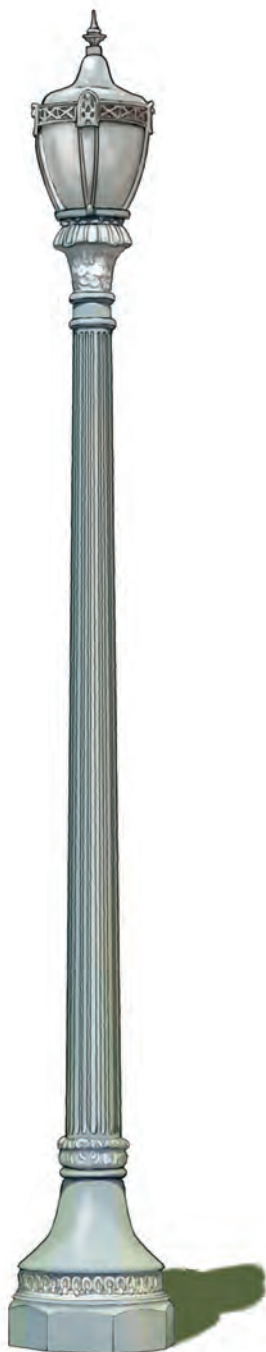
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Cal Heights Dining Card

As a thank you for supporting the Cal Heights Home & Garden Tour, we have coordinated with our local eateries to offer discounts and specials.

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Congratulations to the California Heights Neighborhood Association on celebrating 12 years of craftsmanship and creativity. I commend you for your commitment to the community and the many contributions you have made to the City of Long Beach.



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Reyes Uranga



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A composite image featuring a man in a light-colored suit and tie standing on the left. To his right is a large, ornate dining room with a glass-topped table, dark wood chairs, and a large chandelier. Above the man is a hot air balloon with the RE/MAX logo. At the bottom left, a brown and white Boxer dog is sitting. The background of the right side is a light-colored, marbled texture.

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