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San Pedro Residents Open Their Homes to Support White Point Nature Preserve

Annual home tour features artists, epicureans and nature lovers

Whether you prefer modern, traditional or slightly quirky, you'll see something you love during this year's **Fall for White Point Home Tour & Reception on Sunday, October 14**. Each of the seven featured homes is distinct; their one shared attribute—a fabulous view of the ocean—reminds us why San Pedro is such a great to live.

The annual fundraiser, hosted by the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy, benefits the White Point Nature Preserve in San Pedro. Guests check in at White Point beginning at 11 a.m. They may pick up a map of the homes and drive themselves, or ride one of the courtesy buses, provided by the office of Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe.

Also part of the event is a tour of the environmentally-friendly Southern California Marine Exchange facility. This eighty year old, non-profit organization is dedicated to the development and efficient flow of maritime commerce throughout the region and is a must-see for those interested in the comings and goings at the Port.

A lively reception at the Nature Preserve takes place from 3:30 to 6 p.m., where guests can relax with a glass of wine, enjoy great food, listen to live music and chat about their favorite home on the tour. A silent auction will feature more than 50 items including unique jewelry, artwork, vacation homes and local excursions.

The Preserve sat empty for nearly 20 years before a communitywide effort dramatically restored the site. Today, a historic Cold War assembly building has been transformed into an Education Center with interpretive exhibits, surrounded by native plant demonstration gardens. Set amidst 102 acres of restored coastal sage scrub habitat, the preserve overlooks the Pacific Ocean and Catalina Island.

Tickets and more information are available on the Land Conservancy's website at www.pvplc.org or call (310) 541-7613. Tickets may be purchased in advance for \$50 per person or on the day of the event for \$55 each. Discounted tickets are available for groups of 6 or more.

The Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. All proceeds will be used for continuing site improvements, habitat restoration, education and outreach programs at the White Point Nature Preserve.

Fall for White Point Home Tour & Reception

Sunday, October 14

Tour: 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Reception & Silent Auction: 3:30 – 6 p.m.

Featured Homes

On the bluff: Two featured homes are within walking distance of each other on the bluff and offer some of the most gorgeous views in the city.

- A 1912 cottage has a multi-layered deck overlooking the ocean and the port. Its owners collect and showcase an array of unique pieces from travels to Bali, China, Vietnam, Cuba, Costa Rica, Belize, New Zealand, Tahiti and many of the national parks in the U.S.
- Built in 2000 and remodeled last year, this executive retreat features an open floor plan, marble fireplace and floor-to-ceiling glass doors with panoramic views. A tiled balcony deck runs the entire width of the second floor. The main level has a terrific patio for entertaining.

Artist homes: Two local artists open their homes, and in one case, an art studio.

- The first home features a swimming pool center stage in the grand living room. It's surrounded by abstract art, nudes, and pieces inspired by bamboo—all painted by the homeowner. View her early pieces, recent work, and works-in-progress throughout the home and art studio.
- This 1955 home is full of treats for the eyes. From small hidden treasures baked into the neocrete countertops to the Japanese soaking tub in the bathroom, every corner is filled with treasures from around the world.

Food lovers delight

This true Cape Cod was built in 1951, and is all about the detail. From the wallpaper on the ceiling in the guest bedroom to the curtains on the doggy door for the Boston Terrier, every detail is precise. The homeowner is a great entertainer and chef; who blogs at tastewiththeeyes.com. A garden full of edible flowers and herbs is used for cooking. Be prepared for wonderful aromas emanating from the kitchen—along with beautiful table settings indoors and out.

Environmentally-friendly with style: Like many Southern Californians, two of our homeowners have paid special attention to the environmental impact of their homes.

- From the electric vehicle in the garage to the solar panels on the roof and drought-resistant plantings in the back yard, this home screams “green.” Don't let the simple exterior fool you; immediately upon entry, you get a spectacular view of the ocean. The family also has a fabulous collection of Mexican Folk art. Keep an eye out for fun, whimsical touches.
- A love of the ocean, classic modernism and progressive design inspired the owners to completely renovate this 1970's home. Designed by AIA architect Todd Conversano, who incorporated a stainless steel exterior and variety of contemporary “green” building materials throughout the interior.