

Tree 'n Sea Living

Two Interesting Homes to Tour



Two-story "Vernacular" house of John Griess was former home of Mrs. Margaret Todt and her sister. Mrs. Todt was for many years a home advisor with the University of California Agricultural Extension Service in Berkeley. Below, Griess has furnished it tastefully with fine antiques from his collection.

A highlight of the 30th annual Santa Cruz YWCA Antiques Show and Sale July 14, 15 and 16 will be its 8th annual Homes Tour which will be one day only, July 15, 1-5 p.m.

The Antiques show-sale is conducted at Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium where luncheon will be available all three days.

Homes to be featured on the tour include the Daubenbiss House in Soquel, The Depot in Capitola, the Shelley Home at 1005 Third Street, and the Griess Home at 417 Broadway.

The Shelley home is a Stick-Eastlake style outstanding example, and is owned by Frank and Geraldine Shelley who were recent recipients of a SCOPE award for excellent use of exterior color.

It was built by John Hart, a San Jose merchant, in 1887 as a cottage for his family's use on summer and weekend visits. A raised basement style, it is a rather larger than usual "cottage" as it was called.

Frank Shelley, who retired in 1967 from the Coast Guard as a commander and aviator and he and his wife chose Santa Cruz as their retirement area. The Shelleys needed a large home for their six children, Ann, Frank, Bill, Clare, Kay and Matthew.

The house is sometimes called the "Whittle House" after the family that owned it for many years. During World War II it was divided into two apartment and many people lived there.

Daughter Clare Shelley says "When we moved into it the interior was pea green, a chandelier hung loose from the ceiling and plaster was falling,

walls needed replacing and there was no heating system."

The original redwood flooring had been covered with hardwood (except for two rooms) in the early 1900s. Fortunately all door and window frames were in good condition, they report.

The Shelleys have furnished their home with period pieces ranging from the 1860s through the 1890s.

When selecting paint colors for the exterior, the Shelleys called on Roy Rydell for advice. The house is painted with six color shades. Exterior restoration began in 1974.

At 417 Broadway, just west of Ocean, is an attractive two-story Vernacular, estimated to have been built in the late 1880s. John D. Griess has owned the home for less than a year and has made some extensive changes.

The "vernacular style" has been described as a structure typical of a geographic area but not representative of any formal architectural style. However, the Griess home has a strong Gothic Revival feeling in the steep central gable and gabled half dormers.

Griess, a teacher on leave from his position in the Bay area, came to Santa Cruz with the idea of buying an older home in a commercial area where he could establish an antiques business.

He says his plan went astray because he chose an area without enough foot traffic to support an antiques store. He set aside the plan for a business and will return to his teaching position in the fall.

Because he had assembled many antique furnishings and because antiques are one of his



Shelley home, a Stick Eastlake style, is painted in six shades on exterior

hobbies, he has furnished the home with many pieces from his personal collection and from former "sale" articles.

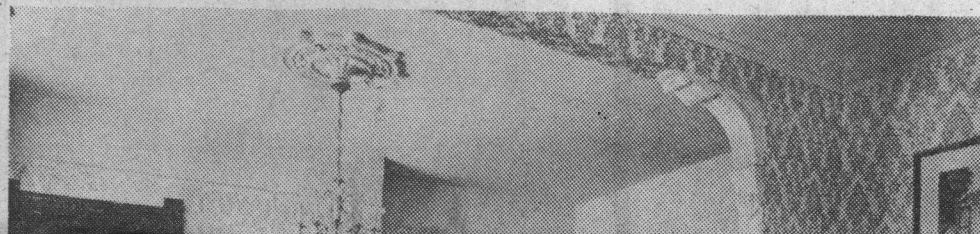
The house features some oddities that provide a touch of humor. There is a ship's lavatory cabinet in one bathroom, an unusual commode in another which has a round water tank. Where fixtures had to be replaced, Griess chose fixtures in character with the house.

Among the fine pieces tour goers will see are "the most expensive spice rack in Santa Cruz," a Queen Anne mantel piece, an Empire Revival

couch, several inlaid Bombe furnishings and a massive bedroom suite of the late 1800s.

Homes tour tickets are available at the Y, corner of Walnut Avenue at Chestnut Street in Santa Cruz, at \$4 each. The price also includes entry to the Antiques show at the civic auditorium on July 14, 15 and 16.

The ticket price also includes service at a hospitality table which will be hosted by Y women at the Depot, 250 Monterey Avenue, in Capitola, which is one of the four homes on the tour. For more information call the Y at 426-3062.



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Film Slated Thursday

The small, oil-rich sheikdoms along the Persian gulf will be the subject of a Caltex Petroleum Corporation documentary film to be shown in the Community Room of the main Santa Cruz Library on Thursday, July 14, at 10:45 a.m.

The showing is sponsored by the International Relations study group of the American Association of University Women. Admission is free.

Marconi Club Slates Barbecue

The Marconi Club's annual steak barbecue will be Sunday



Frank Shelley enjoys



Daughters Clare and Kay Shelley in the dining room of their home which is furnished with antiques, period pieces. Note the ceiling chandelier and the decorative cornice in the opening between the rooms

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