

A yuletide house tour

Six unique houses open to the public

A Yuletide House Tour, featuring six unique houses, will be offered Sunday, Dec. 12, from 1-5 p.m. by the Santa Cruz County Symphony Guild.

The annual event, which benefits the Santa Cruz County Symphony, will feature Christmas choral and instrumental music at each home and afternoon refreshments.

The houses may be visited in any order, according to Co-chairwomen Mimi Coggins and Tia Baldwin. Tickets, at \$8, include maps and directions.

Viewers starting in west Santa Cruz will find two modern residences spotlighted. The first, on Alta Vista Drive, was purchased by Jay and Frieda Brick when they retired and moved here from Los Angeles.

The Bricks enlarged and added skylights, removed doors and cleared the upper living room area to focus on the full length view of Monterey Bay.

Space was a definite consideration of architect James Pandolfi when he designed and built a new house in the High Street vicinity. He created a large central living area, edged with balconies and topped with a high vaulted ceiling. A long gallery wall, facing the swimming pool and patio, was constructed to reflect art interests from family travels. Wife Inez and daughter Jennifer say they enjoy the open-shelved kitchen and closet spaces without doors.

Two Victorians in downtown Santa Cruz take their visitors back a century. Both have been renovated by new owners and have received Santa Cruz historical plaques.

The Cope House on Walnut Street is freshly painted with contrasting colors emphasizing bracketed cornices and slanted bay windows. Owners Colette and Jack Seiple built two new decks and up-dated the kitchen, adding modern appliances, tile counters and light wood cupboards. Paintings and sculpture in many rooms by Jack Seiple add to the decor.

Another local landmark, the Hinds House on Chestnut Street, built in 1888, retains many of its original features after its recent renovation by Sandra and Stanley Mock. The stately Victorian is furnished entirely with antiques. It is now a guest house, with 10 bedrooms on three levels.

Part of the Beach Hill Renaissance is Arlene and Jack Hennessy's new town house. The modern two and a half story house is an authentic reproduction of an old San Francisco row house at the turn of the century. Carmel artist Edward Faucett, whose paintings hang in the house, will be on hand to discuss his art.

The tour ends with refreshments from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Babbling Brook Inn on Laurel street. The landmark was opened last year as a bed and breakfast inn by Gayle Whitehead Broce. Once a log cabin, it later became the site of silent films and was enlarged in 1924 by the Charles Chandlers. Later, it became a restaurant.

Today, the country French style inn is surrounded by terraced gardens along Laurel Creek.

Tickets for the house tour are available by calling 426-5982 or 688-6154. Tickets may also be purchased at Integrand Design, 1515 Pacific Garden Mall, or Home Decorative Shop, 115 Walnut Ave.

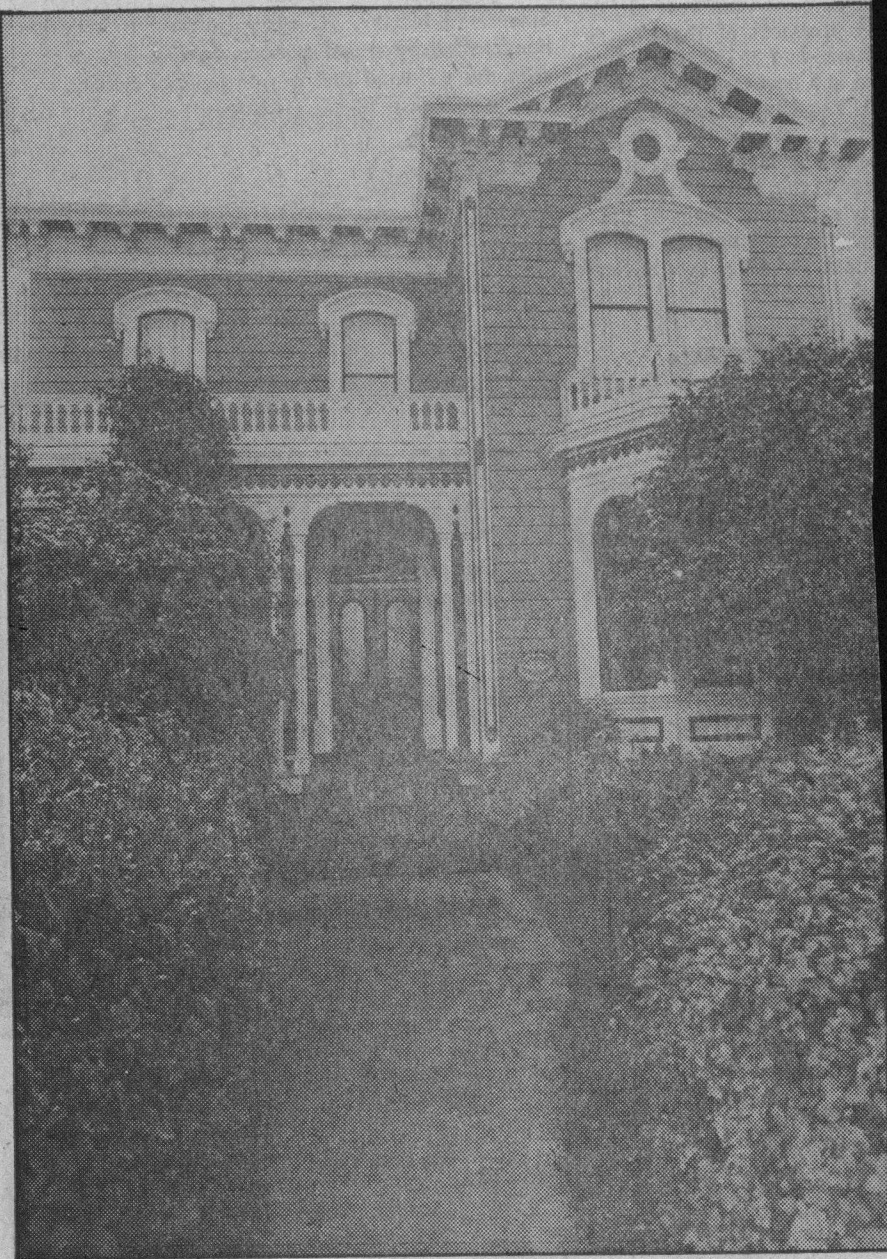
Viewers will visit houses ranging in style from modern to Victorian and afterward refreshments will be served at a local bed and breakfast inn.



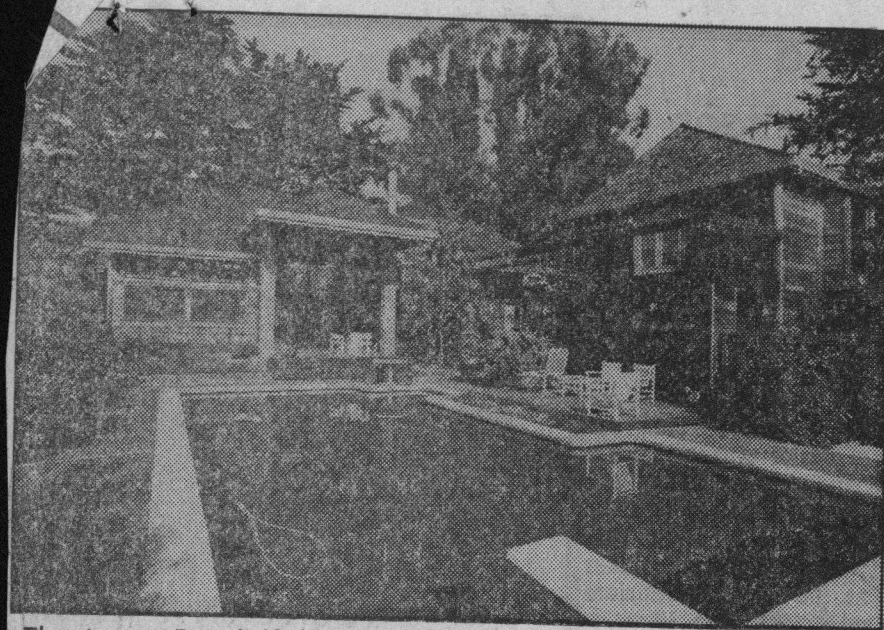
The kitchen of Colette and Jack Seiple's house has been completely modernized with new cabinets and appliances.

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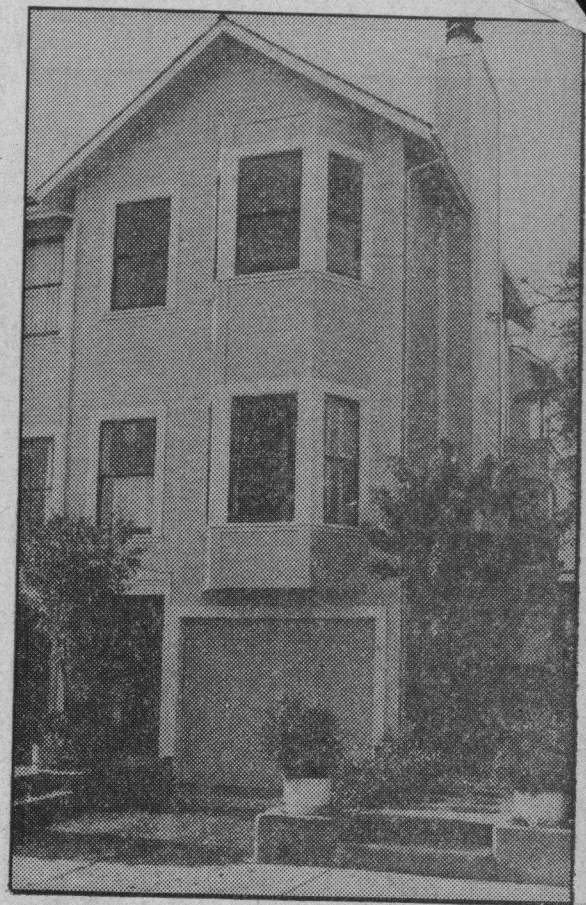
The old Cope house, now owned by Jack and Colette Seiple, is one of the houses on the symphony house tour.



The James Pandolfi house will be one of the modern ones on the Symphony Guild house tour.



Living area in the Pandolfi house features an interior of redwood, glass, slate and brick.



Arlene and Jack Hennessy's townhouse is part of the Beach Hill renaissance.