

HISTORIC BUILDINGS HOUSES

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This 1885 Queen Anne home is owned by Tia Baldwin and will be on view in the Historic House Tour.

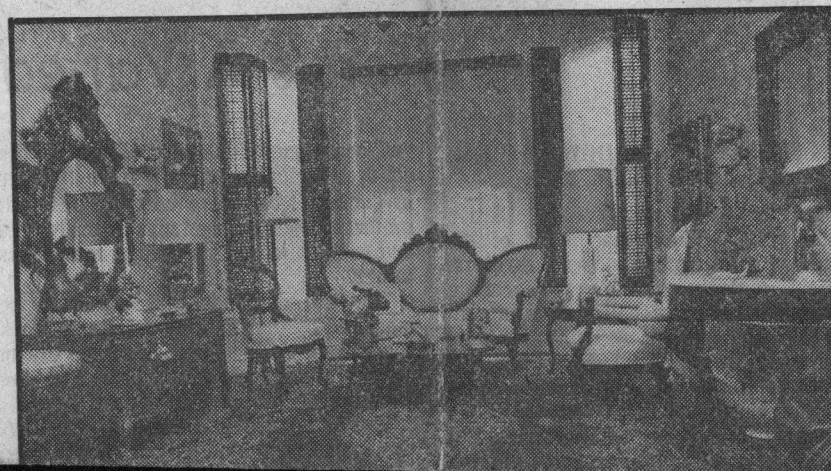
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YWCA Gets Ready For Big Weekend



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While the YWCA stages its 33rd annual Antiques Show and Sale Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 6 p.m. at the Civic Auditorium, Peg Nelson will be over at the First Presbyterian Church kitchen, whipping up the Y's famous turkey and grape salad.

That, along with her other offerings, will be featured at the event's Cafe Gourmet, also in the auditorium, and open during show hours.

And, for the next few days, the owners of the four homes to be featured Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m. in the concurrent YWCA Historic Homes Tour, will be polishing their furniture and eliminating all specks of dust.

Tickets for both events are available at the Y, 303 Walnut Avenue, or at the door, and cost is \$6 for show-sale and home tour, or \$2.50 for the show-sale only.

Peg has been making the turkey grape salad for the event for many years, and here is her recipe:

TURKEY GREEN GRAPE SALAD

10 cups chopped, cooked turkey
5 cups celery, cut fine
5 cups seedless grapes, cut in half

1 ½ oz. can water chestnuts, chopped

DRESSING

2½ cups mayonnaise

¼ cup lemon juice

2-3 Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce

½ tsp. pepper

½ tsp. ginger or curry powder or both

Mix first four ingredients, mix dressing ingredients, combine and chill well. Serves 25.

There will be gourmet casseroles and desserts, along with other offerings, as well.

The four homes are located at 240 Walnut Street, 346 High Street, 157 Van Ness and 133 Towne Terrace.

There are many surprises behind the door at the High Street home.

Owners Kimberly MacLoud and Michael McCracken and their children, Mischa, 12, and Ali, 9, live in a charming melange of colors, antique furnishings and carousel animals.

Kimberly and Michael became fascinated with antique carousel animals and began collecting them — and their hobby has turned into a business in which Michael now works full time in the restoration and marketing of the animals.

Kimberly helps, but she also is an artist-designer for the Seaside Company and does freelance design work for Fearless Design, the couple's other business.

There are no cars in the three-car garage — it is instead a workshop full of antique carousel creatures, in various stages of restoration, and will be part of the house tour.

Inside the house, the family lives with their favorite animal collection.

There's a ferocious, glass-eyed dragon in the living room and the dining room features a collection of smaller size animals. The many nooks and crannies in the home provide fine showplaces for collection pieces.

Tia Baldwin is owner of the Victorian, 1885 home on Walnut Avenue. The Queen Anne cottage is listed in the Historic Building Survey and in the John Chase book, and was designed as one of a pair of twin cottages with 244 Walnut its mirror mate.

Tia, who has lived in the house only four months, owned it for six months before she moved in. She has done extensive interior work, with new walnut flooring, more closets, painting and papering.

She developed an interest in Victorian and other homes when she lived in San Francisco, and decorates homes as a hobby. Many of her furnishings are of the antique style of the same era.

The Van Ness home is a restored church building and the Towne Terrace house is an 1895 Eastlake, with gabled bays, shed porch roof and arched brackets.

Some 25 dealers from all over the state will present a variety of wares at the show-sale.



The living room in the Queen Anne home is furnished with Tia Baldwin's antique pieces of the same era. Below, a dragon lives in the McCloud-McCracken house — but it's just another of their carousel animals.



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