

You're Invited to Holiday House Tour December 18

La Selva

One of the highlights of the Christmas season in Santa Cruz County will be the second annual Holiday House Tour sponsored by Santa Cruz County Symphony Guild.

This year's tour is scheduled from 1 to 4 p.m. December 18 with four homes to be shown and Christmas music featured to be at each.

Says Perky Hyde, tour chairwoman, "With a wealth of lovely homes to choose from, we decided to select four homes for their differences — homes which will reflect four interesting families in diverse stages of growth but with one common denominator — each home has been designed by its owners for the individual needs and requirements of every member of the family."

THE RICHARD DA PONTS of La Selva Beach, whose home is included on the tour, chose the highest point on Monterey Bay on which to build their tri-level, contemporary home.

Designed by Herbert Ichikawa of Salinas, the house faces the Pacific and has a sweeping view of Monterey Bay. All of the rooms have the openness of a stage with lots of airiness and light.

Marcia and Richard Da Pont, with rare good taste, have created a melange of antiques, modern art and personal treasures collected from their travels in all parts of the world.

The front door and the living room hearth are constructed from tile imported from Mexico, furnishings from Central and South America, an antique ship's cabinet from a Scandinavian passenger ship, stained glass windows by Cecil Brussey, antique rugs, a Becker Hall clock (circa 1880), modern art by local artists, handmade electrical fixtures from Sausalito — these are just a few of the collectors' items which are meaningful to the Da Pons — and which bring to their home a charm, a simplicity and a sophistication all in one.

Singing Christmas carols at the La Selva Beach home will be five young musicians from Mission Hill Junior High School.

THE NEW ENGLAND two-story home of Dr. and Mrs. H. S. Barr is located amid oaks and eucalyptus on a wooded hillside in Aptos. Originally a stable, a part of the old Monroe Family estate, it was ingeniously converted into a treasure of a home in 1930 by Wired Scheutz. The only remaining indication of its origin are the massive oak beams in the living room which once supported the barn hay loft. The sunny dining room formerly was the tack room.

A house with a traditional New England character, it is constructed of white clapboard with dormer windows and



Santa's helpers
Laurence, Taylor and
Ann Wolfson help their
mother, Diane, trim the
tree.

charcoal trim. Discreetly surrounded by a white English country fence, its counterpart could easily be found in the Connecticut country side, for the house is truly New England in flavor. Every room reflects the tastes and hobbies of people who lead active and useful lives. Three daughters (all away from home), plus three dogs and two Siamese cats, complete the family.

Flutists, Leslie Schmida and Sheridan Gold, accompanied by Jennifer Schmida, will provide the holiday music.

THE ALBERT RICE home on Meadow Road in Santa Cruz is spaciouly designed to cope with the life style of a large family. Set in an acre of massive oaks, the contemporary ranch house is constructed throughout of redwood.

In 1959 when Bud and Saralee Rice discussed plans for their home with architect Kermit Darrow they said: "We want a home that is large and comfortable enough to suit the ever changing needs of our fast growing family, but not too large for the time they start leaving us."

There are four children (two away and two still at home.) Each one has enjoyed his or her own room throughout the years, a place to grow and develop interests and talents. Everything has been designed for the maximum fun and enjoyment of the family from the spacious family room which doubles as a game room to the huge rectangular, outdoor swimming pool.

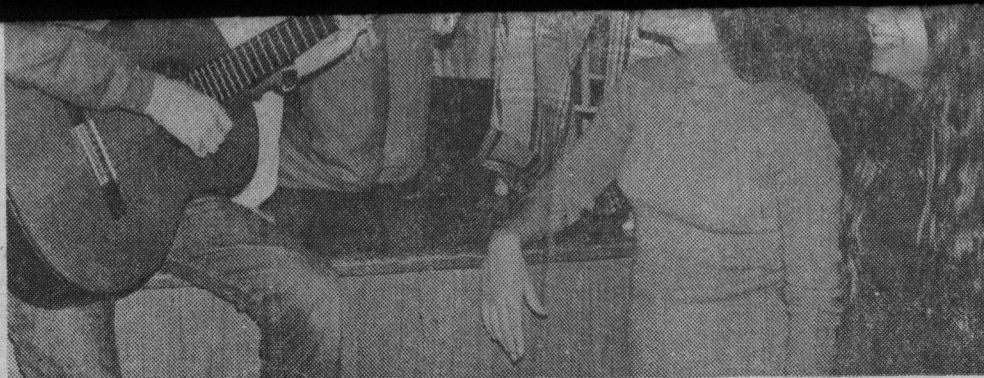
From the terrace in back of the house there is a sweeping panorama of mountains and the entrance to the San Lorenzo Valley.

About the view, Saralee says, "It changes with the seasons, of course, but it is a never ending joy to all of us."

A string quintet from the Youth Symphony will provide Christmas chamber music at the Rice home. Members include Melanie Call, Leslie Peterson, Michelle Hinton, Lisa Antonio and Hannah Becham.

LAWRENCE AND DIANE WOLFSEN'S multi-storied home on Alta Drive in Santa Cruz was built by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur W Woods. youngsters in 1940. The WolfSENS, with their Lawrence, 8, Taylor, 4, and Ann, 14 months, have been living in it for six years.

With a truly creative flair, they have successfully incorporated all of the sturdy assets of an older home with the functional innovations of the '70s. Dark oak plank floors in the living room and dining areas are pleasantly nostalgic of years gone by. A modern built-in bar was converted from a door between the dining room and living room. What was



Carolers, at left, John Warren, Tracy Anderson, Sheri Jackson, Stefani Wilson, Ann Norman and Sarah Hamb of Mission Hill Junior High will entertain at the Da Pont home in La Seva Beach.

formerly a small den with a fireplace has become a nursery.

A favorite room, recently converted, is the family room on the lower level in which an antique Victorian piano takes center stage. Inlaid with brass, mother-of-pearl, blue ivory and red tortoise, it was designed by order of the king of Holland.

Each room of the WolfSEN's home captures a spectacular view of the city of Santa Cruz. Out-of-doors the children have a miniature playground in a park-like setting.

Music at the WolfSEN home will be by talented young pianists Janine Mozee and Nicci Welch.

Concluding the tour, guests are invited to gather at the historic Calvary Episcopal Church in Santa Cruz for a

program of Christmas music and a Wassail Bowl. Hours at the church are from 3 to 5 p.m. and a Gourmet Corner will be in operation where homemade holiday baked goods will be available.

Calvary Church, built in 1864, is well-known as an architectural gem. Its old-world beauty will provide an inspirational background for the musical program which will feature soprano Dorothy Petersen accompanied by Mrs. Claude Feagin, Flutist Patrice Hambleton of Lafayette, accompanied by Mrs. Kenneth Call, and the Chapel of the Four Seasons Boys Choir, directed by Irvin Smith II.

Donation for the tour is \$5 general and \$2.50 for seniors with gold cards. Tickets are available at each of the tour homes or by calling Helen Berchtold at 688-6822, Evelyn Craig at 724-3488, or Nora Wevers at 420-2943.

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