

Taking a tour through the houses of history

Have you ever wondered about the interiors of the beautiful Victorian houses that seem to make history come alive on the streets of Watsonville? The Pajaro Valley Historical Assn. has planned a tour of six such houses — some of the town's most architecturally interesting ones: the Rowe House, built in 1900; the Judge Lee House, 1894; the Murphy House, 1910; the Fenton House, 1904; the Tuttle Mansion, 1899; and the Fletcher House, 1893. They will be toured Friday, Dec. 16, from 4 to 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and must be purchased in advance. Wine and cheese will be served on the tour. More information is available by calling the William Volck Historical Museum, 722-0305, or Betty Lewis, 724-0850.

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The Tuttle Mansion, above, designed by William H. Weeks, is on East Lake Avenue.



The Judge Lee House, on East Beach Street, was also designed by Weeks. Below, a carved dog protrudes from under a bench in the entryway of the Tuttle Mansion. At left, a molded plaster 'lady' graces the front door of the Lee House.

