

Seabright Library

Among the flowers and eucalypti, snuggled against the canyon-side just north of Seabright public library, is one of the most interesting buildings in Santa Cruz. Why? Imagine for a moment, if you will, an old man, a devotee of music, building for himself a big house apart in order that undisturbed and undisturbing, he might play on his beloved violin at whatever hour of night or day the mood or fancy came to him.

The ocean drift brought to his door bits of beautiful redwood, of it he fashioned a capacious fireplace with unique mantle of his own design. Visualize him in the great empty room before the glowing embers of a driftwood fire, expressing through the violin pent up thoughts of the mystery of life. Think of him building here a wall and there a room as opportunity and desire came. Then go, walk through the quaint house with its curious long passages, unexpected turns and cupboards, many winding stairways, octagonal rooms and towering roofline. It is all most unusual.

But the musician and his music have passed on! Today, through the generosity of Mrs. Kate Tyrrell Peck of Chicago, the place is occupied by the Homecraft workers for the sale and making of their craft work. Four big looms weave rugs of rags in fine design and texture; various beautiful and useful things are made by our craft women and shown here this season three artists are exhibiting paintings of local views no less attractive than the famous Carmel scenes. Two cultured ladies act as hostesses this summer and as they greet you you are aware of the charm and attractiveness of this house, built for the love of music and devoted to the arts of the gifted craftswomen of Santa Cruz.

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