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### **FLORAL PARK ANNOUNCES 20<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL HOME & GARDEN TOUR**

SANTA ANA, CA, February 1, 2012 - The Floral Park Neighborhood Association (FPNA), located in historic North Santa Ana, will be celebrating its 20th annual Home & Garden Tour on April 28-29, 2012. The event will spotlight the FPNA's ongoing efforts to promote restoration and preservation of the neighborhood's unique homes, and the many people who have supported those efforts. Ninety-seven neighborhood homes are now listed in the Santa Ana Register of Historic Properties. Since the first Home & Garden Tour in 1993, over 187 homes and gardens in Floral Park have opened their doors to visitors from the United States and Europe.

Located in the northern tip of Santa Ana, Floral Park and its homes have been featured in publications such as *The Orange County Register*, *Orange County Home*, *Orange Coast*, *Mary Engelbreit's Home Companion*, *Southern California Home and Outdoor*, *The LA Times*, and *OC Metro*. Floral Park was named "Best Neighborhood" in the Orange County Register's 14<sup>th</sup> Annual People's Choice Best of Orange County, and Neighborhood of the Year in 2005 by Neighborhoods USA (NUSA), primarily as a result of the annual Home and Garden Tour and its example of what a volunteer effort can bring to building a community.

In the early 1920s, during one of California's building booms, developers began constructing homes in a wide variety of styles influenced by European architecture brought home by returning soldiers from World War I, as well as the international influences of Hollywood movies. The twenty square block area of Floral Park area became an eclectic collection of building styles including Beverly Hills Bungalow, Hacienda, Spanish Eclectic, Mediterranean Villa, Mission, Farmhouse, English Tudor, French Normandy, Colonial, Federal, Georgian, Cape Cod, California Ranch, Storybook, and Art Deco.

The tree-lined streets of the neighborhood capture the spirit of a simpler time from a bygone era. Once blanketed by orange, avocado, and walnut groves, a few original farmhouses can still be seen throughout Floral Park, and the sweet smell of orange blossoms still fills the air. Whether experiencing a stroll through the beautiful vintage homes and gardens, searching for antiques and collectibles on our Street of Treasures, viewing the classic automobile display, or enjoying a snack at the food and drink concessions, attendees will surely leave the Floral Park Home & Garden Tour with nostalgic memories of a day well spent.

Comfortable walking shoes are recommended. (No high-heel shoes will be permitted in homes.)

Tickets can be purchased in advance before April 20 for \$25 by mail or online at [www.floral-park.com](http://www.floral-park.com). Tickets are also available for \$30 on April 28 and 29 at ticket booths located at Flower Street & North Park Blvd. and North Park Blvd. & Benton Way in Santa Ana. For more information please visit [www.floral-park.com](http://www.floral-park.com) or call (714) 835-5729.

*(Presented by the Floral Park Neighborhood Association, a 501(c)(3) organization. In addition to providing funding for this and future Home & Garden Tours, proceeds from the Tour benefit local charities, scholarships, and various neighborhood beautification projects.)*