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30TH ANNUAL CSL HOUSE TOUR Multi-generational house re-imagined



Photo by Treve Johnson

Vibrant textiles brighten this re-imagined traditional home.

HEART OF THE HOME TOUR

Join the Children's Support League's 30th Annual Heart of the Home Celebration on April 27 and 28, and enjoy five homes in Piedmont and Oakland that inspire family living.

This Piedmont Centennial House, designed in 1904, has gone through multiple remodels in the last century, at least one of which changed it from its original neo-Spanish style to its current external appearance. The current

homeowner grew up in this house, and purchased it from his mother in 2016. A recent remodel once again reimagined the home while paying homage to its good bones and great character.

This remodel expanded the kitchen, added a new master bedroom upstairs and a basement man-cave downstairs, and reconfigured the front entry, winning the 2018 Piedmont Award for Excellence in Front Entry Renovation. Décor consisting of family heirlooms, mid-century modern purchases, vibrant textiles, and thoughtful design enhancements seamlessly bridge the 114 years of this home's history and owner-

ship.

The phenomenal kitchen, truly the Heart of this Home, is now 700 square feet of casual dining and integrated family space that offers a chef's kitchen, the separate glitz and glam of a custom wet bar, and sliding window walls that open to reveal an amazing indoor-outdoor entertaining space. The renovation added a fantastic back terrace and landscaped yard with multiple sitting and eating areas, a fire pit, built-in barbecue, and outdoor theater.

The homeowner, an executive with Stella and Dot, is hosting an extravagant Stella and Dot pop-up at the home during the tour to satisfy any shopper's wants. You can also shop for one-of-a-kind treasures at a pop-up boutique at the Piedmont Community Center.

To purchase tickets to CSL's 30th anniversary tour, see the website: childrensupportleague.org. Tickets are also available at several local East Bay stores -- a list can be found on the website. The Tour homes are open Friday and Saturday, April 27 and 28 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lunch prepared by GrilledCheezGuy and Southern Comfort Kitchen will be available at the Piedmont Community Center from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. both days.



CHILDREN'S SUPPORT LEAGUE
of the East Bay

Used ipods, ipads, iPhones wanted for Seniors Music & Memory project underway at Bayside Park

The Piedmont Community Service Crew is helping to launch a Music and Memory Program at Bayside Park Senior Living community in Emeryville and is in need of used ipods, iPhones, ipads, and chargers.

Inspired by the movie *Alive Inside*, the Music and Memory program strives to help people in residential care facilities that suffer from a wide range of cognitive and physical challenges to find renewed meaning and connection in their lives through music. The ipods will allow the seniors to create their own playlists of music which will help them reconnect with music they remember.

Crew members are looking for up to 100 iTunes and compatible music players.

For details on how to donate, please contact Piedmont Scout Nathan Chin at nathanchin@gmail.com.

Join the VIP Celebration at CSL's 30th Home Tour

There are many reasons to buy a VIP ticket to the Children's Support League's 30th Anniversary Heart of the Home Tour the weekend of April 27-28. VIP guests will see two homes open only to VIP ticket holders.

The tour for VIP guests begins on Wednesday evening, April 25, with a 30th anniversary Kickoff Gala at a luxurious Italianate estate designed by Newson and Newsom with catering by Barbara Llewellyn and music by the Make Jazz Quartet.

Friday morning VIP guests will enjoy breakfast in the beautiful garden of a sleek and stunning remodeled home. The breakfast speaker will be Lori Fogarty, the award-winning Director and CEO of the Oakland Museum of California, who will talk about the role of the museum in the community and how it reaches out to children.

After breakfast guests can visit the other five homes on the Tour. Tour hours on both Friday and Saturday are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

All the homes this year are distinctive and reflect each family's personal style. All have been refreshed and remodeled with careful attention to detail, the best craftsmanship, and all the most modern conveniences. Enjoy lunch at the Piedmont Community Center and the pop-up boutique offering local craft foods and other gifts perfect for favorite teachers and Mother's Day.

VIP tickets are \$150 and are available online at ChildrenSupportLeague.org. Children's Support League is an all-volunteer organization that donates the proceeds of the tour to non-profits helping at-risk children in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties.

Cancer League's Spring Soiree at Claremont on April 25

Tickets are now available for the Cancer League's Spring Soiree on Wednesday, April 25, from 6-9 p.m. at the Claremont Country Club.

This year's Platinum Sponsor of the event is The Grubb Co.

Guests will "Sip and Shop for Survivorship" and have access to more than 15 vendors from around the country, with a portion of all sales dedicated to The

Cancer League. New York Times best-selling author and Piedmont resident Kelly Corrigan will sign purchased books for guests.

The money raised will be donated to accredited non-profit organizations dedicated to the fight against cancer.

Tickets are available at thecancerleagueinc.org under the heading "Spring Soiree 2018."

Garden Club of America flower show in SF April 28-29

The Piedmont Garden Club invites the public to attend the "Wonders of the World" Flower Show at the Hyatt Regency in Embarcadero Center in San Francisco the weekend of April 28-29.

The Garden Club of America show will be in the large atrium on the third floor of the hotel, and is free and open to the public. It will be open Saturday, April 28 from 6:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Sunday from 6:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Themed "Wonders of the West", the show will highlight the wonders of the skies, forests, deserts and waters. Competitions will feature five floral design classes, including a Challenge Class of highly skilled, invitation-only designers. Each entrant in the Challenge Class will create a unique design using identical plant materials assigned to the class.

The horticulture division will showcase a wide array of plants and spring flowers grown in local gardens.

The botanical arts division will feature pieces of jewelry hand-crafted entirely from dried plant material. The exquisite intricacy of these works of art are only achieved with much practice and dedication.

In the photography division, photographs of fine-art quality will be on display, including color landscapes and close-ups, il-

lustrations of black and white patterns in nature, and creatively manipulated images.

In addition, a conservation exhibit will provide an in-depth look at Western watersheds, emphasizing environmental concerns and demonstrating conservation practices.

The Piedmont Garden Club has 76 members who will be working as volunteers at the show, among the over 450 volunteers from the 17 clubs in Garden Club of America's Zone XII, including clubs from California, Colorado, Arizona, Washington, Oregon, and Hawaii. Anne Marie Lamarche, assisted by Sharon Hom, will be in charge of organizing the volunteers from Piedmont.

The flower show will be chaired by Gail Emmons and Janet Riley of the Orinda Garden Club. The Garden Club of America is a national non-profit organization composed of 200 clubs with 18,000 members who devote their energy and expertise to projects in their communities and across the country, including conservation, advocacy for the environment, scholarships and fellowships, and programs in horticulture, floral design and photography.

The last time San Francisco hosted the meeting was 1985.

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