



City of Brea

April 16, 1992

Barbara Arczynski
612 Maple Avenue
Brea, CA 92621

Dear Barbara:

The City of Brea and the Brea Historical Home Tour Committee would like to thank you for serving as a docent at the Home Tour on April 4.

With your support, this event has been one of the highlights of Brea's 75th Jubilee Celebration. We had approximately 300 people tour through the seven homes and two churches.

Your enthusiasm in sharing your knowledge of the homes to the people on the tour was fantastic. Through your efforts, people were able to learn more of Brea's history by visiting these historic homes. Our Committee made the comment before the tour began that the docents would be the key to the tour's success. You not only made it a success but a wonderful day for everyone involved. We heard nothing but compliments from all of the homeowners about how great the docents performed their roles.

We would like to encourage you to consider being a docent at our next home tour on October 3. We will be contacting you about this at a later date.

Thank you again for your time and commitment.

Sincerely,

Audrey and Jack Smith

Audrey and Jack Smith, Co-Chairpersons
Brea Historical Home Tour Committee

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cc: Frank Benest, City Manager
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Lisa Donnell, Senior Planner

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Tour to visit old haunts

By Brian Hall
Staff Writer

The owners of one of the houses on Saturday's Historic Home and Church Tour feel haunted by the past, literally.

Harold and Joyce Wilson inhabit the Flower Avenue home of William Shaffer, one of Brea's first mayors. But they aren't sure they're alone. The Wilsons fear they might be sharing the house with an uninvited, extra-worldly guest — a poltergeist.

"You hear little sounds, little things that go bump in the night," said Joyce Wilson.

"I've been home alone here for a month or more while Harold's been on a hunting trip. I hear noises that I rationalize, of course."

The Wilsons tell themselves that the house is simply settling. Three Wilson children, however, swear the poltergeist exists.

When they still lived at home, the children would say that things were moved from their position during the night or misplaced without anyone in the family moving them. Joyce Wilson is uncertain whether a playful ghost has been foaming the halls and rooms of the 1938 Mediterranean-styled home or whether a poltergeist was a convenient childhood scapegoat whenever something was lost.

One night, a ball of yarn mysteriously unraveled. It not only rolled down the 17 steps of the stairwell but around the entry hall, past the kitchen and through the doggy door and into the yard.

The family dog was found asleep all night, said Sandy Sarthou, a tour committee member and Shaffer house docent.

"Nobody believes the dog could have done it in that way either," said Joyce Wilson.

A poltergeist would have few places to hide during the day. One unusual feature of the house is a sun room with 120 individual panes of glass.



Staff Photo by Michael Loren

Sunny days. Harold Wilson and his dog Cindy sit in the sunroom of their home, formerly the Shaffer family home, built when Shaffer Tool Works was one of the leading businesses in Brea. The house has 302 window panes. Wilson's home will be among those open during the Brea Historical Home Tour, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 4. The tour will explore Brea's architectural beginnings by featuring seven early homes and two original churches.

The kitchen has one of the first garden windows.

"It's a beautiful home," Sarthou said.

Altogether, there are 302 panes throughout the home, a window washer bonanza.

"I've decided I'm not going to be a slave to the windows," Joyce Wilson said.

A fountain was built at City Hall Park in honor of Shaffer, the house's original owner. The fountain was later torn down.

Shaffer was an important figure in Brea's early history. He owned and ran the Shaffer Tool and Die Works, supplying equipment to oil fields such as yusher taps and other essentials to keep the wheels of industry well greased.

The tour includes six other early homes demonstrating several architectural styles — Craftsman bungalows, colonial revival and provincial revival.

The Brea Missionary Baptist Church, the log cabin and the Brea First Baptist Church, too, will be visited. The historic home and church tour runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 4, starting at City Hall Park, 401 S. Brea Blvd. Walking is suggested, but transportation will be available for the handicapped.

Tour cost is \$8. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the city's community services department, third floor, One Civic Center Circle, or at the park on the day of the tour.

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Rebecca Park Sale

General admission tickets at City Park (on Kraemer, south of

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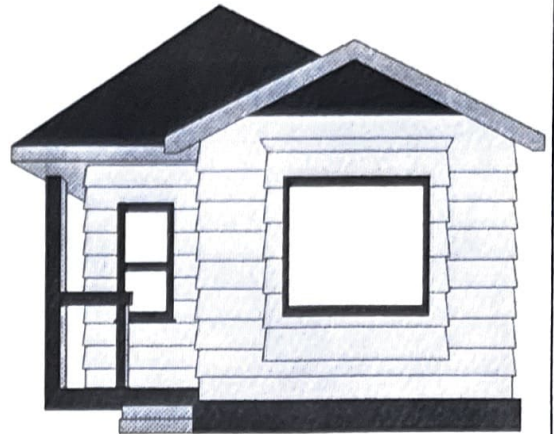
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Brea's architectural past with the...

BREA HISTORICAL HOME TOUR



Date: Saturday, April 4, 1992

Guided tours will be given of seven historical homes and two churches in Brea. Homes will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tours begin at old City Hall Park, 401 South Brea Blvd. Entertainment, old craft demonstrations, and refreshments will be available for your enjoyment.

*Tickets are available at Brea Civic Center
Community Services Department
Cost is \$8 per person*

Come and be a part of a unique and exciting experience!

Historical Home Tour Ticket Request

Number of persons _____ X \$8.00 = _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Mail tickets to:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Make check payable to: City of Brea

Mail form and check to: Historical Home Tour,
Brea Civic & Cultural Center, 1 Civic Center Circle,
Brea, CA 92621

For further information call the Jubilee Hotline at
(714) 990-7771





Brea Historical Society

401 South Brea Boulevard
P.O. Box 9764
Brea, California 92622
(714) 256-2283

April 13, 1992

To the Brea Jubilee Steering Committee
#One Civic Center Circle
Brea, CA 92621

Dear Committee Members:

On behalf of the members of the Brea Historical Society I would like to commend you once again for staging an outstanding event.

The Home Tour on April 4 was a huge success. I heard many compliments during the day concerning the planning and organization of the tour, and since then, several people have suggested this become an annual event. I'm sure they have no idea how much time and effort is involved for the success of a home tour.

Please convey my congratulations to all of the workers and planners. It was super!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharon Dean".

Sharon Dean
President

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CC: Jack and Audrey Smith

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April 15, 1992

Dear Mr. Saul,

Just a note to thank you and hard working associates for your wonderful Brea Historical Home Tour April 4, 1992.

It was an interesting selection of different homes and special collections that the owners presented, every one a gem.

The past few years has brought such chaos with redevelopment. The loss of many fine older homes has been very discouraging.

Your home tour was a smashing success, so thank you all for a delightful day.

Sincerely,
Myriol Skonberg
314 So Orange
Brea, Calif. 92621

Brea historical homes featured

A Brea Historical Home Tour will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 4. Various homes constructed between 1918 and 1938 will be featured.

The tour will begin at City Hall Park, 401 S. Brea Blvd. Tickets are \$8 per person and may be purchased at the Community Services Department at the Civic Center.

The tour is not recommended for children under age 12. For tickets or information, call the Jubilee Hotline at 990-7771.

A PEEK INTO THE WINDOW OF

BREA'S ARCHITECTURAL PAST

WITH THE . . .

Brea Historical Home Tour



TO: Residents living in
the heart of Brea's past

FROM: Jubilee Home Tour
Committee Members

What promises to be a unique and exciting experience is taking place in your neighborhood.

The Brea Historical Home Tour is scheduled for Saturday, April 4, 1992, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The walking tour through your neighborhood will take visitors into featured homes from three historical streets in Brea. The following homeowners will be sharing their intriguing homes with home tour visitors:

Dee & Carrel Powell
317 S. Madrona

Elsie Gordon
321 S. Madrona

Leon & Nery Stevens
323 S. Madrona

Randy & Adele Foster
321 S. Orange

Harold & Joyce Wilson
315 S. Flower

Dale & Barbara Moody
331 S. Flower

Catherine Seiler
412 S. Flower

The historical Missionary Baptist Church and log cabin on Ash & Walnut will also be featured on the tour.

We hope that you will not be inconvenienced in anyway on this special occasion, Saturday, April 4, 1992.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Jubilee Hotline at (714) 990-7771.

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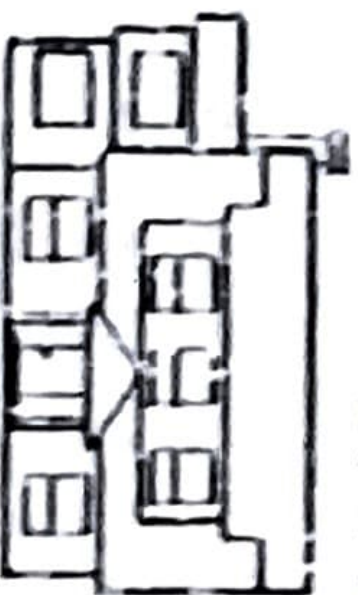
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Brea Historical Home Tour

Saturday, April 4, 1992

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

From City Hall Park
401 S. Brea Blvd.



\$8.00

Special instructions on back of ticket

HOME TOUR

April 4, 1992

10 am - 4 pm

The Home Tour is being sponsored by the City of Brea Historical Committee as a part of Brea's 75th Jubilee.

Tickets will be sold for \$8.00/person. (Tour will not be recommended for children under 12)

All ticket buyers will receive a map and brochure of the homes.

The Historical Home Tour Committee will provide each home with:

Docents dressed in period clothing.

Runners for carpet and floors or booties.

Fresh flowers from a local florist.

Antique car to be parked in driveway or front of home.

Each homeowner is more than welcome to have family or friends' serve as docents at their home.

HOME TOUR

April 4, 1992

401 S. Brea Blvd. - Old City Hall

321 S. Madrona - Elsie Gordon

323 S. Madrona - Leon & Nery Stevens

424 S. Madrona

? 311 S. Orange - Walt & Evelyn Bergman

321 S. Orange - Randy & Adele Foster

315 S. Flower - Harold & Joyce Wilson

331 S. Flower - Dale & Barbara Moody

412 S. Flower - Catherine Seiler

? Flower & Date - Baptist Church

Ash & Walnut - Missionary Baptist Church (log Cabin)

324 Copa de Oro - Keith & Cindy Meyer