One Woman's Home...

Is another's castle!

By Wendy Scheck



Jim and Lynne Collins' home near Rancho Laguna Park

id you ever dream of living in a castle? The Moraga Women's Society Holiday Homes Tour will walk you through your fantasy with a tour of the Collin's 7800 square foot hillside home complete with stables and five bedrooms, each with its own bath and exquisite French Doors.

Or perhaps you have more modest aspirations of remodeling your typical Moraga rancher into a unique "statement" home. Be inspired by the Irving's remodeled classic Campolindo area home which now features elegant crown molding, bay windows, raised ceilings and marble features to add drama and style throughout the home, or the Chamberlain's Corliss Drive home that demonstrates the open space that can be created when you remodel, add 1200 square feet and turn the former dining room, family room, kitchen and dinette into a Great Room.

For innovative decorating ideas, look no further than Sue Olsen's Country Club Craftsman style home that features natural light and a color theme of green, black, ochre and red color after her own travels to Asia inspired a complete transformation.

All together, you will have the opportunity to tour four unique homes as well as the newly remodeled Moraga Barn which features sustainable technologies.

The Moraga Women's Society is an organization founded 40 years ago to provide community service and funding for the betterment of the community

Proceeds from the tour will be donated to various community organizations, including schools. Parks Recreation, the library and other local foundations.

The Holiday Homes Tour will take place on Friday, December 7th from 10:00-4:00. Tickets are available for purchase at King Florist in the Rheem Shopping Center, St. Mary's Florist in the Moraga Center, or by calling Nancy at 376-3187.

Lunch will be available for \$10.00 at the Holy Trinity Cultural Center at 1700 School Street from 11:30 am to 3:00pm. The gourmet box lunch must be pre-ordered.

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