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EXPERIENCE THE SPIRIT OF A TRADITIONAL VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS

VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE AT THE HERITAGE HOUSE

Riverside, CA –Step back in time and experience the spirit of a traditional Victorian Christmas one would have seen in the 1890s. Riverside Metropolitan Museum’s Heritage House will host its Victorian Christmas Open House on Sunday, December 14, 2008 from 11 am to 4 pm. This family-friendly celebration features Father Christmas; a unique range of musical entertainment which includes caroling, autoharps, dulcimers, bagpipes, and a barbershop quartet; home-baked sweets; and hot-mulled cider. Fresh-cut greens, handmade wreaths, and mistletoe will adorn the home and one can enjoy making holiday ornaments and decoupage a Christmas keepsake box.

Heritage House is located at 8193 Magnolia Ave. in Riverside. Free parking is available at the YWCA. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call (951) 826-5273 or visit www.riversideca.gov/museum.

Located on historic Magnolia Avenue, the Heritage House is a restored Queen Anne Victorian home. The house was originally built for Mrs. Catharine Bettner in 1891 and represents a typical orange grower’s home when the Riverside citrus industry boomed. The detailed exterior of the house reflects the craftsmanship of the late nineteenth century while the interior is furnished with period pieces, offering visitors a glimpse at an earlier lifestyle. The Heritage House is open for tours Fridays from 12 pm – 3 pm, Saturdays, 12 pm – 3:30 pm, Sundays 12 pm – 3:30 pm.

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Calendar Editors Please Note:

What: Victorian Christmas Open House

Where: Riverside Metropolitan Museum's Heritage House

When: Sunday, December 14, 2008, 11:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Cost: Free

Public Information: Riverside Metropolitan Museum's Heritage House, 8193 Magnolia Ave., Riverside, CA 92504, (951) 826-5273, www.riversideca.gov/museum, Open Friday 12 – 3 pm; Saturday and Sunday 12 – 3:30 pm; closed July and August. School and Group Tours are available upon request.