

# 2018 HOMES OF DISTINCTION



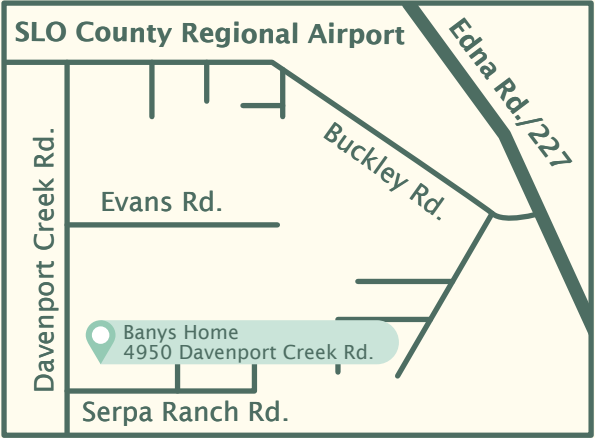
Sunday

September 16, 2018

11:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

A one-day opportunity to view 5 beautiful and unique homes for the benefit of Rotary Club of San Luis Obispo Charities

Please wear flat, comfortable shoes. High or spike heels will not be allowed in homes. Walking is required. NO food or drink will be allowed in homes. NO photography of homes without permission.





## The Lewis Home • 1134 Marsh St., San Luis Obispo

Classic East Coast American architecture is captured in one of San Luis Obispo's newest and most innovative urban creations, the Marsh Street Brownstones. Located in the heart of downtown SLO, this is the home of longtime residents Donna and Kevin Lewis.

Brownstones derive the name from the original sandstone material used to build row houses scattered throughout Manhattan Island from the Lower East Side to Washington Heights in New York City. The distinctive Italianate -style has been truthfully recreated to enhance our city's unique character.

As the first buyers in the Marsh Street development the Lewis' have applied their unique styling to the interior elements of this three-bedroom, three bath, four level home. Entering through a tall front stoop, visitors will find a

spacious open design on the second level. The elegant main living area combines a living room with a formal dining room and kitchen. An island ideal for cooking and entertaining highlights the bright and airy kitchen area. Third floor bedrooms each have private baths and expansive storage areas. The fourth level offers a rooftop deck with an outdoor kitchen, a cozy firepit and a 360-degree view of the city and surrounding mountains. And, while the style may be classic 19th Century, the technology is strictly state-of-the-art with a Control 4 home automation system, touch screen security and pet immune motion detectors.

While the Lewis' home provides an array of unique amenities, they love the convenience of living downtown, walking distance to their work and surrounded by friends.



## The Barbieri Home • 772 Mill St., San Luis Obispo

Leo Logsond, a chef from Santa Barbara, was the builder and original resident of this 1924 home, with current residents Ron and Maureen Barbieri being only the third in line of ownership of this classic downtown San Luis Obispo residence. The two-story home sits in the heart of the historic Mission Gardens area of the city, with the property's rear border where the original garden wall stood.

The Barbieri home is a Craftsman style that is defined by its low-pitched gabled roofs with broad eaves, and a large front porch with exposed wooden structural elements. Craftsman style architecture is a product of the Arts and Crafts movement of the later part of the 19th Century. Arts and Crafts style, also known as Mission style, is a very fitting description for this charming home located in the shadow of Mission San Luis Obispo de Tolosa.

The home was remodeled in 1995 by longtime local residents Vic and Randi Montgomery, with the Barbieris expanding the footprint in 1998 to 2,300 sq. ft. and adding a 750 sq. ft. Granny unit over the garage. The home exemplifies the warm and inviting feel of "Mission Style" with beautiful interior wood features and accents that typify the traditional stylings. The backyard has been imagined creating a friendly and intimate seating area enhanced by a freestanding fireplace, a private spa and Koi Pond.

With the many outstanding features this home embodies, the Barbieris note its proximity to downtown as being one of its most attractive qualities.





## The Banys Home • 4950 Davenport Creek Rd., San Luis Obispo

Evoking the spirit and romance of old Mexico, the Banys family home in San Luis Obispo combines the best of colonial style with twentieth-century architecture embodying the best characteristics of a modern-day Hacienda. The 4,110 sq. ft. home sits on 10 acres of rolling hills at the entryway to the Edna Valley creating the ideal setting for the home of Bambi and Chris Banys and their family.

The four-bedroom, 4-bathroom home defines contemporary luxury with a warm elegance and smart home features. A chef's kitchen juxtapositions a working old-world wood burning stove with modern appliances and spacious work areas. Surrounding the home is bright, colorful landscaping that features a fountain, a rock waterfall and pond, and native plants, most of which were grown from volunteer plants on the property.

The home is custom built from top to bottom featuring high ceilings, breathtaking views, and hand carved wood features inside and out. Custom woodwork was imported from Mexico along with artisan-built cabinetry from Arizona. Extensive use of recycled wood is evident throughout the home, with grape stakes from nearby vineyards used in the ceiling of the circular staircase and in outside detail.

This is a must-see property that captures the best aspects of our region's Mexican heritage and the SLO Life.



## The Palmer Home • 646 Lawrence Dr., San Luis Obispo

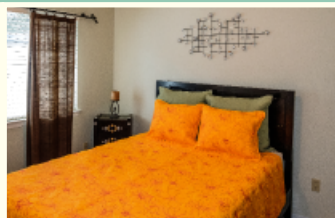
Lawrence Drive is a long, lovely street located in Midtown SLO that is lined with a variety of pre-WWII-built homes creating the perfect family friendly neighborhood. One of the most charming homes is a 1928 Craftsman owned by Melissa and Sue Palmer. Daughter Melissa lives in the front 3 bedroom, 2-bath 1,535 sq. ft. home charmingly appointed in traditional style furnishings with a modern flare, inspired by Luna Rustica of San Luis Obispo.

In the back of this surprisingly large lot, Mom Sue (who is an interior decorator by trade) has created her own "Tiny Home" California Bungalow, a 500 sq. ft. one-bedroom, one-bath abode designed by local architect Jim Dummit. Known as an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU), it features a painters studio, vaulted ceiling with

exposed beams, a walk-through closet and open floor plan.

Both homes highlight hardwood flooring throughout and take advantage of gobs of natural light, and are powered by Tesla Solar. The landscaping was designed personally by Melissa and Sue with a back yard converted into a private retreat with a large deck and lots of privacy.

The Palmer home - a truly great home in an exceptional SLO neighborhood.





## Cullen Home • 1445 Broad Street, San Luis Obispo

In the heart of San Luis Obispo's Old Town district sits the Cullen Home, built in 1895, just one year after completion of the Southern Pacific Railroad connection to San Francisco. This Victorian style home exhibits classic features including steeply pitched roofs of irregular shapes, textured shingles, and an asymmetrical porch that extends along the front side of the house.

The Cullens, who moved to San Luis Obispo from Boston, have incorporated an East Coast style to the interior that compliments the classic Victorian design. They chose to relocate the dining room to the front of the house to provide a warm and comfortable setting for family and friends. The kitchen was updated in 2016, adding marble countertops, new appliances and a farmhouse sink.



The Falkenstein family who owned and operated the San Luis Obispo Music Store, purveyors of pianos and other musical instruments, built the house. It has been renovated many times over the years, reconfiguring the upstairs, which may have been three smaller bedrooms into a 2 bedroom, 2-bath floor plan. The woodwork, including pocket doors and trim are original, although painted white by previous owners.

Cullen Construction and Green Goods helped with renovations and Sharon Castle was instrumental in planning and planting the "Cottage Style" garden.



## Tickets and information:

Tickets for self-guided tour are \$25 per person (one ticket grants access to all five homes).

## Purchase Online:

Tickets may be purchased online at [www.slorotary.org](http://www.slorotary.org)

## Purchase In Person:

Tickets are available at the following locations:  
San Luis Obispo, Atascadero, Arroyo Grande  
and Grover Beach Chambers of Commerce

## Purchase at Homes:

Tickets may be purchased at any of the 5 homes only the day of the homes tour.

## For Additional information:

Call 805-235-5296 or email [chenda@taylorsyfan.com](mailto:chenda@taylorsyfan.com)

## Thank you!

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Rotary brings together a global network of volunteer leaders who dedicate their time, talent and financial resources to provide humanitarian service and help build peace and goodwill.

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