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FLORAL PARK ANNOUNCES 18th ANNUAL HOME & GARDEN TOUR

SANTA ANA, CA, February 25, 2010 — The Floral Park Neighborhood, located in historic North Santa Ana, will be hosting its 18th annual Home and Garden Tour, April 24-25, 2010. Floral Park was discovered by over 2500 people who attended last year's event.

Located in the northern tip of Santa Ana, Floral Park and its homes have been featured in publications such as *The Orange County Register*, *Orange County Home*, *Orange Coast*, *Mary Engelbreit's Home Companion*, *Southern California Home and Outdoor*, *The LA Times* and *OC Metro*. Floral Park was named "Best Neighborhood" in the Orange County Register's 14th Annual People's Choice Best of Orange County and Neighborhood of the Year in 2005 by Neighborhoods USA (NUSA), primarily as a result of the annual Home and Garden Tour and its example of what a volunteer effort can bring to building a community.

In the early 1920s, during one of California's building booms, developers began constructing homes in a wide variety of styles influenced by European architecture brought home by returning soldiers from World War I, as well as the international influences of Hollywood movies. The Floral Park area became a cornucopia of building styles to include Beverly Hills Bungalow, Hacienda, Spanish Eclectic, Mediterranean Villa, Mission, Farmhouse, English Tudor, French Normandy, Colonial, Federal, Georgian, Cape Cod, California Ranch, Storybook and Art Deco, all within a few blocks of one other.

The tree-lined streets of the neighborhood capture the spirit of a simpler time from a bygone era. Once blanketed by orange, avocado and walnut groves, a few original farmhouses can still be seen throughout Floral Park and the sweet smell of orange blossoms still fill the air. Whether

experiencing a stroll through the beautiful vintage homes and gardens, searching for treasures at the antique and collectibles sale, viewing the classic automobile display, or enjoying a snack at the food and drink concessions, attendees will surely leave the Floral Park Home & Garden Tour with nostalgic memories of a day well spent.

Comfortable walking shoes are recommended. (No high-heel shoes will be permitted in homes.)

Tickets can be purchased in advance before April 16 for \$25 by mail or online at www.floral-park.com. Tickets are also available for \$30 on April 24 and 25 at the ticket booth located at Flower St. & North Park Blvd. in Santa Ana. For more information please visit www.floral-park.com or call 714-648-0904.

(Presented by the Floral Park Neighborhood Association. In addition to providing funding for this and future Home & Garden Tours, proceeds from the Tour benefit local charities, scholarships, and various neighborhood beautification projects.)