

Holiday Magic at Bembridge House



By Donna Sievers

Bembridge House is an amazing 116-year-old Queen Anne Victorian home right here in Long Beach. Located at 953 Park Circle Drive (Magnolia and 10th), the 1906 home is a registered landmark and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Each year, the house is decorated to the hilt for the holidays by residents of historic neighborhoods in Long Beach, including the Bluff Heights Neighborhood Association.

This year’s theme, “Woodlands Wildlife During Winter Holidays,” brings the holiday season to life. Woodland animals and holiday trees were made by the Richardson and Edward families with help from Shonnie Spina, myself, and Leila Samson. The holiday festivities celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa; we hope to see you at one of these tours!

Holiday tours are as follows:

December 2	6:00-7:30 PM Tickets \$20 (adults only)
December 3	1:00-3:30 PM Tickets \$15 (children are free with an adult)
December 4	1:00-3:30 PM Tickets \$15 (children are free with an adult)
December 6	1:00-3:30 PM Tickets \$15 (children are free with an adult)
December 13	1:00-3:30 PM Tickets \$15 (children are free with an adult)

Purchase tickets at lbheritage.org. Advance purchase is required as tours are limited (scroll down to “Tickets On Sale Now”). Parking is available in the lot behind 927 Daisy Avenue.

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