

Expanded Colorful Website to Launch Soon

Friends of Oakridge was formed to preserve and promote the Oakridge Estate after the historic-cultural landmark was purchased in 2009 by the City of Los Angeles. Soon after, the question became: How should Friends effectively share the diverse and fascinating story of the mysterious structure at the top of the knoll hidden behind large pines and overgrown bushes? For decades thousands of people traveling east and west on Devonshire Street were curious and wondered . . . what lies at the end of the driveway behind the spiked, wooden gate with the No Trespassing sign?

Fast forward to May of 2011 when volunteer photographers Joe, Pat, Melissa, Bob and historic consultants were allowed access to the 9.5 acre property. The “visual” story of Oakridge began to emerge. The images of the interior/exterior of the residence, grounds, swimming pool, incinerator, tennis court, old citrus grove, original split rail fences and barn foundation began to speak to us through the camera lenses.

A “visual” website was needed to capture our readers and effectively tell the Oakridge Estate story!

In late 2011, the complex process of building a photo-filled website began: select a domain name, design a logo, collect vintage photographs, research architects and residents of Marwyck/Oakridge, organize information, select tabs and start writing the historic information for the public to absorb and enjoy. Friends of Oakridge wishes to thank those individuals who contributed time and energy to the website: Joe, Wendy, Pat, Glen, Penny, Tap, Dave and Dennis. By 2012, the “visual” Oakridge Estate website was launched. The community outreach program was up and running! As historic information and images continued to be collected the website was periodically updated, in piece-meal fashion, until the platform was bursting at the seams.

By 2017, website design and technology had exploded. Websites now have video capabilities and stunning graphics! The Friends of Oakridge website had outgrown its original platform as historic information was accumulated. Using the 2011 website as a foundation, several dedicated volunteers have spent hundreds of hours transferring, expanding, adding facts, filmologies, video links and images. The expanded website features include: a user friendly mobile format, improved navigation and room to EXPAND.

Please watch for the updated website at the same site address - www.theoakridgeestate.org. Your feedback is welcomed on the site’s Contact Us page or email comments to info@theoakridgeestate.org.

