

## Casa Romantica Hacienda Tour ~ Saturday July 13, 2019



Casa Romantica Cultural Center and Gardens is located on 2.5 acres in the Ole Hanson home, a registered historic landmark and legacy of the founder of San Clemente.

The founder of San Clemente, Ole Hanson, built this Spanish Colonial Revival home as his representation of the California dream in 1927, and patterned the development of the rest of the city after this property. Read more about the historic home and gardens [here](#).

The property passed through many hands throughout the twentieth century. In the late 1980s, a group of forward-thinking individuals who saw what Casa Romantica could become took responsibility for its future.

It was registered as a historic landmark, restored to its original beauty through a major capital campaign, and transformed into a cultural arts center as well as an architectural and botanical destination in 2002.

Nearly twenty years later, this vibrant institution holds nearly 100 multi-cultural events every year, hosts a variety of educational programs, maintains 2.5 acres of diversified water-wise coastal flora from all over the world, and welcomes over 35,000 visitors annually.

The Packard Club of San Diego joins with the Earl C. Anthony Region in Los Angeles for a tour of Ole Hansen's beautiful historic hacienda on the bluff at San Clemente. A dedicated docent will guide us through the mansion. Afterward we will have lunch at Sundried Tomato American Bistro.

San Diego and North County tour participants will meet at Vista Park and Ride (NW Intersection of 78 and I-5) on **Saturday July 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 for 9:15 departure** caravan style for San Clemente, with an anticipated arrival of 10 am.

**Casa Romantica** is located at 415 Avenida Granada, San Clemente 92672. Exit I-5 at Avenida Presidio. Drive west one block to El Camino Real, turn north 2 blocks to Ave. Del Mar and turn left (west), one mile, and follow signs. The tour timetable is 10:00 to 11:30, the docent portion being approx. 45 minutes, the remainder being free time to explore the facility.

**Admission for members and associate members is FREE! Guests pay \$5.**

**Lunch:** Sundried Tomato Bistro is located at 821 Via Suerte. Backtrack to I-5 and turn north 2 ¾ miles to Ave. Vista Hermosa, turn right (east) one mile to the restaurant. Lunch is open seating/individual menu style, set for 12:00 noon. Guests are welcome! See their [MENU](#) .

**RSVP:** [packard1934@sbcglobal.net](mailto:packard1934@sbcglobal.net) or phone 760-740-9188. Or register on-line [HERE](#).

**This is the first joint tour with the Earl C. Anthony region,  
so let's have a good turnout with our Packards.**