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## OXNARD AUTUMN HOME TOUR SHOWCASES CLASSIC NEIGHBORHOOD OXNARD, CALIFORNIA: September 26, 2010

(Oxnard, CA) – On Sunday, September 26, from 10am to 5pm, the 14th annual **Oxnard Autumn Historic Home Tour** will feature five homes and four gardens in the historic heart of Oxnard, just a short stroll from Centennial Plaza and less than 3 miles from the Channel Islands Harbor. This fundraising event benefits the *Fifth Street Beautification Project*, an ongoing, community-based effort to re-landscape 5th Street between H Street and C Street, one of Oxnard's primary thoroughfares and the main entry to the Henry T. Oxnard Historic District.

Unlike the average American neighborhood, whose homeowners, on average, move every 7 years, the residents here stay much longer. More than a few homes are owned by families who have lived in the neighborhood for generations. Additionally, many residents are the descendants of some of Oxnard and Ventura County's founding families. This sense of history and tradition isn't limited to the day of the Autumn Home Tour - this neighborhood welcomes visitors during the holidays for its patriotic flag displays, July's Salsa Dash, the Santa-to-the-Sea race, Halloween and "Christmas Tree Lane."

The home of Harris Berger and Mike Quick is featured on this year's tour. Well known in the community for their philanthropic work, Quick and Berger have restored their Colonial Revival bungalow with immaculate attention to detail. Their restorations and improvements highlight their extensive art collection, and provide gracious space for entertaining.

Join us for a self-guided walking and trolley tour of historic homes, demonstrations of bonsai and woodworking, raffle, vintage cars and tractors and Marketplace of artisanal and local products. Complimentary refreshments are included in the ticket price and lunch is available for purchase. Package Tours, including wine tasting, are also available.

The Autumn Historic Home Tour starts at the Carnegie Art Museum at 424 South C Street and at the Home Tour Marketplace at 427 South F Street in Oxnard at 10am and continues until 5pm. Ample parking is available in the neighborhood, as is a trolley shuttle service. Tickets are partially tax deductible, \$15 when purchased in advance and \$20 on Tour day. For ticket information, please visit [www.OxnardHistoricDistrict.com](http://www.OxnardHistoricDistrict.com) or call 805.483.7960.