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**FEATURED:** Richard Neutra's 1959 Ohara Residence in Silver Lake was restored in 2003 by Bonura Building.

## DATEBOOK

# See what's new, and new again, on tours

**T**HE organizer of CA Boom, the annual springtime exposition catering to fans of modern design, is launching a fall endeavor: a series of modern home tours. The first destination is Silver Lake, where participants Saturday will see innovative new residential construction as well as a renovation of Richard Neutra's Ohara Residence and the landmark Neutra VDL Research House II. Other tours cover West Hollywood and Laurel Canyon (Sept. 30), Hollywood Hills and Los Feliz (Oct. 21) and Echo Park and Mt. Washington (Nov. 11). Each installment in the series will cover five to seven projects — a mix of recently completed, nontraditional structures and contemporary renovations of 1960s homes. Shuttle service is included. Participants buy tickets for timed departures from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and projects remain open until 4:30 p.m. Admission is \$75 or \$85 per day; \$245 for the four-tour series. For more information, call (310) 394-8600 or go to [www.caboomshow.com](http://www.caboomshow.com).

### TODAY

**Design house:** The Design Showcase House and Gardens in Santa Barbara that benefits the nonprofit Child Abuse Listening & Mediation, or CALM, is open. Professionals decorated and modernized a 1922 house known as Las Tapias that was built by George Washington Smith 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays, noon to 4 p.m. Sundays, through Oct. 1 \$30. Related events include brunches with interior designers, guided tours led by landscape architects and a trunk show, call for schedule and prices (805) 965-2376

### SATURDAY

**Pottery exhibition:** "Color Counts: Gladding McBean Commercial Pottery 1930-1950" opens. Exhibit focuses on the colorful pottery, dinnerware and art from the

1930s through the '50s. Runs through Nov. 4. American Museum of Ceramic Art, 340 S. Garey Ave., Pomona \$3 (909) 865-3146, [www.ceramicmuseum.org](http://www.ceramicmuseum.org)

**Arts & Crafts auction:** Previews open on more than 1,000 lots of pottery, lighting, tile, furniture and art glass that are part of the Craftsman Auction at Rago Arts and Auction Center in Lambertville, N.J. Previews run through Sept. 15; catalog is available at [www.ragoarts.com](http://www.ragoarts.com). Auction will be held Sept. 16-17, bids will be accepted by telephone and live online at [www.ebayliveauctions.com](http://www.ebayliveauctions.com). (609) 397-9374

**Landscape photography:** Warren Mar leads the first of four classes on photography. Open to all skill levels. 2 to 5 p.m. Saturdays through Sept. 30. Descanso Gardens, 1418 Descanso Drive, La Cañada Flintridge \$75 members, \$85 nonmembers. Registration: (818) 949-7980

### WEDNESDAY

**Landscape class:** "Landscapes, Environments and Design" is a 14-week design course led by designer/architect Jean Lem Di Sabatino, architect Peter Di Sabatino and staff members at the Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens. 7 to 10 p.m. Wednesdays through Dec. 13. \$510 to \$680. Art Center College of Design South Campus, 950 S. Raymond Ave., Pasadena. Registration. (626) 396-2319, [www.artcenter.edu/atnight](http://www.artcenter.edu/atnight).

### SEPT. 14

**Native plants:** Bart O'Brien, coauthor of "California Native Plants for the Garden," will discuss choices for home landscapes 2:30 p.m. A plant sale will follow the talk. Friends' Hall, Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino. Free with general admission of \$6 to \$15. (626) 405-2100

### SEPT. 15

**M&A installation:** "Bubbles," the newest installation from the landscape and architecture research group Materials & Applications, opens with an event from 6 to 10 p.m. Large air bags inflate and deflate as they are bumped by visitors. Event coincides with Art Crawl, a series of gallery openings staged throughout Silver Lake, Echo Park and Los Feliz. Free. 1619 Silver Lake Blvd., Los Angeles (323) 913-0915, [www.emanate.org](http://www.emanate.org)

**Descanso at night:** Docent Jim Jackson will lead the final night walk of the season at Descanso Gardens, covering history and wildlife. 7:15 p.m. Participants should be 12 or older. Wear sensible shoes and bring a jacket and flashlight. 1418 Descanso Drive, La Cañada Flintridge. Members \$10, nonmembers \$15. (818) 949-7980

### SEPT. 16

**Cattleya orchids:** Learn how to grow these orchids in a workshop led by expert Doug Conkin. 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino. Members \$40, nonmembers \$50. Registration (626) 405-2128.

**Children's workshop:** Kids will learn the hidden meanings of flora in "The Secret Life of Plants in Chinese Art." Includes a walk through the exhibit "Chrysanthemums on the Eastern Hedge," a visit to the Chinese Garden lake and time to make botanically themed art. 9 to 11:30 a.m. For ages 7 and older, with accompanying adult. Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino. Members \$20, nonmembers \$25. Registration: (626) 405-2128

### OCT. 1

**Architecture tour:** The MAK Center for Art and Architecture hosts a self-driving tour of Modernist residences in the Hollywood Hills, including homes by Pierre Koenig, Irving Gill, Frank Lloyd Wright, R.M. Schindler and John Lautner. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. General admission, \$80, students and MAK members, \$65. Surcharge for shuttle service, \$40; box lunches available for \$15. Advance purchase of tickets is recommended. (323) 651-1510, [www.makcenter.org](http://www.makcenter.org).

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