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***The Junior League of Oakland-East Bay, Inc. Hosts  
Second Annual Artful Living Home Tour Benefiting Children at Risk***

***Event Features a Holiday Tour of Five Distinctive Homes in Alamo, Diablo and Danville and  
Provides Inspiration for Artful Decorating***

***League to Reveal Details of “Bonus” Sixth Home on Tour***

**LAFAYETTE, CA. – Nov. 8, 2005** –The Junior League of Oakland-East Bay, Inc. (JLOEB) is proud to announce its Second Annual *Artful Living Home Tour*. In partnership with *Diablo Magazine*, the JLOEB will offer a special holiday themed tour of five beautiful homes in Alamo, Diablo and Danville. Proceeds from the Tour benefit JLOEB’s community projects, which focus on *Children at Risk*, including the award-winning *Super Stars Literacy Project* at Hoover Elementary School in West Oakland.

*Artful Living Home Tour 2005* begins Friday, December 2nd and continues through Saturday, December 3rd, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. Tickets for the *Artful Living Home Tour 2005* are \$35 per person in advance and \$40 on the days of the event. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.jloeb.org](http://www.jloeb.org); by contacting the League office at 925.284.3740; or by visiting one of the following Empire Realty Associates locations: 380 Diablo Road in Danville, or 1614 Mt. Diablo Boulevard in Walnut Creek.

“What is truly inspiring about the *Artful Living Home Tour* is that every year people can visit different cities and experience how homeowners are integrating art and architecture.” said Dinah MacFarlane, *Artful Living Home Tour* Co-Chair, JLOEB. “As visitors drive through the neighborhoods on the Tour, we hope to inspire them as well as help them discover the common thread that ties these communities together.” This year the tour represents an eclectic selection of architectural styles, and will surprise guests with festive holiday décor, as well as with a special bonus home which will be revealed during the actual tour.

Prior to unveiling the architecturally rich and diverse line-up of homes, the JLOEB will host the *Artful Living Home Tour* Kick-off Party on Thursday, December 1st from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Temple Isaiah, 3800 Mt. Diablo Boulevard in Lafayette. **KTVU Weekend News anchor, Sara Sidner**, will open the event, and all proceeds benefit JLOEB’s community programs serving *Children at Risk*. Guests will enjoy live music and a silent auction, indulge in fantastic wines, feast on hors d’oeuvres and fine desserts prepared by **Barbara Llewellyn Catering**, and mingle with the homeowners, architects and designers amidst special holiday décor. Tickets for this pre-tour event are \$45 per person in advance or \$50 at the door and include all food and beverages.

The Tour event requires both walking shoes and driving, but is worth the price of admission as it represents a truly diverse selection of architectural styles. The featured homes include: an inviting residence which harmoniously blends craftsman detailing and farmhouse warmth; a recently completed New England-style home showcasing classic East Coast sensibilities; a charming French country home with custom touches ranging from a hand-blown glass sink, a 1920’s fireplace mantel once housed in a San Francisco mansion, and vineyard view; a hidden treasure steeped in tradition with an outdoor setting that can only be rivaled by Versailles; and a custom-built chateau combining Asian & French décor, which underscores the owners’ well-traveled life. All details about the bonus sixth home will be unveiled during the tour.

**Women Building Better Communities**

The Junior League of Oakland-East Bay, Inc. is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. The JLOEB offers women the opportunity to implement change in the community in three major ways: projects, grants and outreach. The common thread in the JLOEB community work is the League's dedicated mission focusing on *Children at Risk*. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable. **To learn more, support League projects or become a member, please visit our website at [www.jloeb.org](http://www.jloeb.org).**

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