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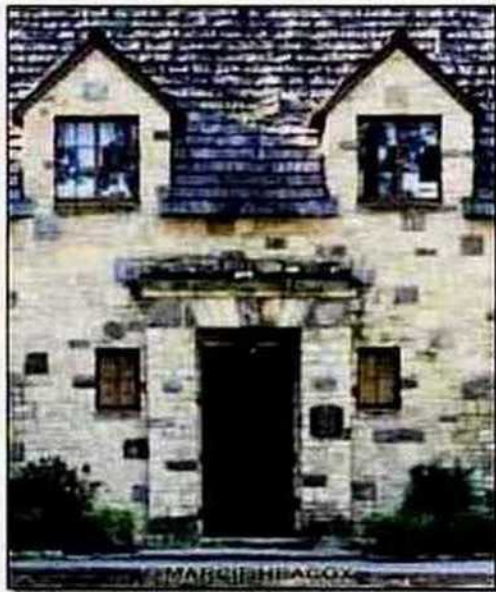
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NORTHRIDGE • PORTER RANCH • CHATSWORTH • GRANADA HILLS

Oakridge Estate Park to Open December 10th *November Historic Tours a Huge Success*

The Oakridge Estate Park opening ceremony will be held at 10 am on December 10th. The community is invited to attend.

Over 100 guests recently toured the 80-year-old historic "house on the hill" in Northridge. The two story English Tudor style residence with four fireplaces, five bedrooms, eight bathrooms, a three car garage,



Entrance to Oakridge Estate
Photo by Marcie Heacox 2014

tennis court and long pool was built in 1937 for famous Hollywood movie star Barbara Stanwyck. The Marwyck Ranch home was designed by renown "architect of the stars" Paul Revere Williams. Several years following Stanwyck's marriage to actor Richard Taylor the home was purchased by comedian Jack Oakie. He and his wife Victoria Horne Oakie resided in the home for over six decades. The Marwyck companion "house on the

hill" was built, also in 1937, for Marion and Zeppo Marx who were partners with Stanwyck and Harry S. Hart in the finest Thoroughbred breeding and training facility west of the Mississippi. Marwyck Ranch, a combination of both owners' surnames, was a state of the art Thoroughbred stud farm.

In 1943 Marwyck became Northridge Farms when purchased by J.H. Ryan whose breeding and

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training expertise produced many famous race horses who ran at Hollywood Park, Del Mar, Santa Anita, Tanforan and Bay Meadows for over two decades. Many local residents still remember the 6 furlong (3/4 mile) Marwyck training track that was located on Reseda and Lassen Streets until the mid 1960's.

Oakridge Estate house tours will be offered at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Saturday, December 15th. If tour demand is great, a Sunday tour may be added. Tours fill quickly so please make your reservation online via the Friends of Oakridge website. On-site parking is limited so kindly consider carpooling. The tour fee is \$15.00 per person for a 90-minute docent led tour of the house and grounds. If the park has opened by the 15th, why not pack a lunch and enjoy a stroll in the

park following the tour?

The new eight acre Oakridge Estate Park, directly adjacent to the residence, is schedule to open to the public in December. The entrance to the park is on south side of Devonshire Street directly across from the Little League fields between Reseda Boulevard and Wilbur Street. Both Council District 12 and the Department of Recreation and Parks will be advertising the opening date, time and parking information. How marvelous to have a new park in Northridge!

Please visit the Friends of Oakridge website for tour reservations and the park opening date. Add your email address for future event early notification at www.theoakridgeestate.org. If you have questions, you can also reach Friends of Oakridge at info@theoakridgeestate.org or call 818 739-0292. We hope you will soon visit this iconic Los Angeles historic treasure!