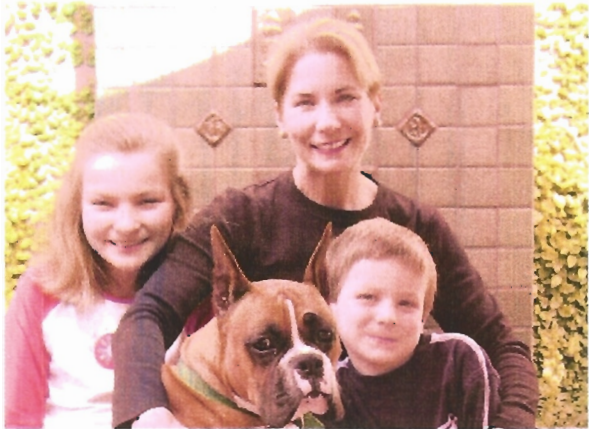


Historic Charm, A Modern Touch

San Diegans have a rare opportunity to savor their past when the Burlingame Club hosts the annual Burlingame Historic District Home and Garden Tour, officially opening five classic homes for strolling, including an original Moorish/Spanish Revival style, one of the first Benbough homes, a 1924 Craftsman bungalow, and a two-story home of Prairie influence. Touring is available from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 17, with tickets sold that day at the home of Betty and Steve Ball, 2463 Dulzura Ave. Please stop by.

Visitors also will be treated to a "bonus" house, Burlingame Historic District House 526-63, built in 1921, a simple Craftsman bungalow with a stunning interior at 3036 Laurel St. This is the home of David and Carol White, and you can credit her for most of what you see. (Credit David for the built-in stereo speakers.) This bonus house is part of the tour's "Meet The Designer" program. Carol is going to be available at the site.

Carol White is a 20-year veteran of interior design, at heart, a preservationist with a contemporary touch. "I love older homes and preserving that charm," she says, "and I realize they need to be modernized and improved."



Balancing the old and the new, and helping clients make choices from an array of alternatives, are much of what Carol White Interior Design is all about. Initial consultations are complimentary, of course, and professional services thereafter are charged hourly or based on goods and furnishings purchased.

Carol White suggests that an interior designer may be consulted whether the homeowner is planning a single-room remodel or an entire home revival. Clients and their needs vary. "Maybe you don't need a designer to help you choose everything from start to finish, but you need some professional help in visualizing what things are going to look like," she says. "With a designer, you can develop a long-term plan, and then slowly work on the project as time and funds permit. You don't have to do everything at once. It can get costly. Sometimes it's better just to get an overall plan so you know where you're going."

With a bachelor's degree in environmental design from SDSU, Carol Swanson White, a native San Diegan, has lived in Burlingame for 18 years, all in the Laurel Street bungalow. She and David, an investment adviser, have two frisky children and one adorable boxer, Montezuma. That's "Monte" in the picture.

Founded in the early 1900s, the Burlingame Club is San Diego's oldest social club. Some 35 women of the neighborhood, nestled between North Park and South Park, east of 30th Street, meet about nine times a year to plan their activities, which mostly involve raising and disbursing funds for charitable purposes.

"We don't have old mansions or big estates," says Carol White, "but we do have all these unique, older Craftsman homes together in this neighborhood. I'm excited about the improvement of Downtown and how Golden Hill and South Park complete the revitalization. This tour brings most of our revenue for the philanthropies. We don't raise huge amounts of money, but we do help various families in need."

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