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Heritage House at Fullerton Arboretum to Participate in Heritage Preservation's Conservation Assessment Program

(Fullerton, CA) – Heritage Preservation is pleased to announce the Heritage House at the Fullerton Arboretum has been chosen to participate in the 2009 Conservation Assessment Program (CAP). Heritage House joins the 2,500 museums that have participated in CAPs since the program began in 1990. Heritage Preservation's CAP is supported through a cooperative agreement with the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services. CAP assists museums by providing funds for professional conservation (and preservation) specialists to identify the conservation needs of their collections (and historic buildings) and recommend ways to correctly improve collections (and building) conditions. Heritage Preservation's President, Lawrence L. Reger, praised the Fullerton Arboretum for "making the vital work of caring for collections and sites a priority at their institution and helping ensure that they are available to present and future generations."

CAP provides a general conservation assessment of the museum's collections (and historic buildings or landscapes). Professional conservator(s) will spend two days surveying

the site and three days writing (a) comprehensive report(s) that will identify conservation priorities. The on-site consultation will enable the Heritage House to evaluate its current collections care policies, procedures, and environmental conditions. The assessment report(s) will help the museum make appropriate improvements for the immediate, mid-range, and long-range care of their collections (and historic structures).

The Heritage House expects to meet three goals from this program; to develop a long-range preservation/conservation plan for all collections from participating in CAP, improve the preservation/conservation of the building, and increase staff and volunteer awareness of collections preservation concerns.

Heritage House, the 1894 home of Fullerton's pioneer Dr. Clark, is located on the grounds of the Fullerton Arboretum and specializes in Victorian era home and personal furnishings. It is open from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm Saturday and Sunday and by appointment for special tours. The Heritage House is currently showing an exhibition on Victorian era home furnishings, clothing and equipment used by doctors of this time period.

Heritage Preservation is the national organization dedicated to preserving our nation's heritage. Its members include museums, libraries, archives, historic preservation organizations, historical societies, conservation organizations, individual professionals, and other groups concerned with saving the past for the future. To learn more about Heritage Preservation, please visit www.heritagepreservation.org.

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