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News Release

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Special Mothers Day Activities Planned at Fullerton Arboretum Mother's Day Fairy Garden Basket Class and "Victorian Step Back in Time-Wind the Maypole" Saturday, May 9

(Fullerton, CA) – The Fullerton Arboretum will be offering two special Mother's Day activities on Saturday, May 9, 2009. Bring a picnic lunch plus your children or friends and plan to spend the day and attend both events. In the morning, a special "Mother's Day Fairy Garden Baskets" class will be held. From 9:00 am –10:00 am you will be able to purchase plants in the Potting Shed; from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm the class takes place in the Pavilion Classrooms. The cost is \$35/members or \$40/non-members and includes basket, soil, rock, and all other supplies except plants. Prepaid registration required by Mon, May 4.

Mothers--bring your adult daughter or son. Adult children--bring your mother or friends. Share in the experience of making individual fairy garden baskets! In this class you will design and create a lovely garden with small plants, pretty rocks, and tiny decorations. Instructor Jan Brider will also show several examples of the limitless variety and impromptu intrigue you can create after the class at home with your own personal additions!

Later in the afternoon, the Victorian Society, one of the docent support groups for the Fullerton Arboretum, is offering a unique educational and entertainment opportunity for visitors of all ages. Guests, including children and grandchildren, are invited to participate in a “Winding the Maypole” activity at the historic 1894 Heritage House on the grounds of the Fullerton Arboretum on May 9. The program will be repeated between 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm. Admission is free to the public, although donations are accepted to support the Heritage House.

Dancers in Victorian costume will demonstrate the Maypole dance and then invite the audience to participate. Another aspect of the event is a knowledgeable speaker talking about the history of the Maypole. The 1894 Heritage House will be open for walk-through tours with costumed docents in each room. Rarely viewed Victorian clothes from the Heritage House collection will be on display.

Come join us and have a wonderful time at this historical friendly activity. Visitors interested in becoming docents or learning more about the Victorian Society will have the opportunity of talking about volunteer opportunities within the Victorian Society during this event. Lemonade and popcorn will be served.

Established in 1979, the Fullerton Arboretum has served the community as a premier resource for ecological, horticultural and historical education. The Arboretum is the largest botanical garden in Orange County. Encompassing 26 lush acres, The Fullerton Arboretum has assembled a permanent collection of over 4,000 unique and unusual plant species from around the world. With its ponds, streams and wildlife, the Fullerton Arboretum offers a tranquil retreat from a fast-paced urban life. The Fullerton Arboretum is open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Check our website at www.fullertonarboretum.org for more information or call (714) 278-3407.

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