Estudillo Mansion

The 1885 Francisco Estudillo Mansion is the most historic building in the San Jacinto Valley, and perhaps one of the most significant in all of Riverside County. The Estudillo Mansion’s history links our valleys’ past, from the Spanish rule Mission Era in California, to the Mexican California Era, through the settlement of the San Jacinto Valley by American and European settlers. Hemet and San Jacinto are situated on the 35,000 acre Rancho San Jacinto Viejo (Old San Jacinto) land granted to the Estudillo family in 1842. Francisco built his stately brick home in 1885, the carriage house followed. He sold 3,000 acres to the original Hemet Valley Water Company in 1886. The following year he sold the remaining 1,000 acres in the valley, keeping the six-acre triangle which surrounds the Mansion to this day.

Francisco left the Mansion permanently in 1901. Following a succession of owners, San Jacinto grocer Louis D. Miller bought the Mansion property in 1928, restoring the house and grounds to its former elegance.

Later owners included Mr. & Mrs. Norman MacLeod and Bernice Elliott, both who cared lovingly for the Mansion. The last family had to move out when the Mansion was seriously damaged in the 1992 Landers earthquake. Riverside County purchased the mansion for the purpose of restoration and preservation in 1994. The ownership was transferred to the City of San Jacinto in 1998, due to the county’s budget restraints.

The City of San Jacinto completed the seismic retrofit of the Mansion in April 2000. The Francisco Estudillo Mansion Interior Restoration Project was completed in 2008 and supported in part by a Save America’s Treasures grant, by the National Park Service and the Department of the Interior. The Mansion’s exterior restoration project included the addition of a pervious concrete parking lot, a water conservation education garden, and water wise landscape improvements.

The Mansion business plan includes use for weddings, receptions, private parties, and historical reenactments. Future plans include a historical village, offering hands on living history activities, to learn about our rich local history. We welcome you to this historic site and hope that you will return often to share in this amazing community resource.
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