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**Visit Rancho Los Cerritos for Your Holiday Cheer**

**LONG BEACH, CALIF.** (November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020) – Rancho Los Cerritos remains open in December with holiday decorations adorning its historic 176-year-old historic adobe home and grounds. “Decorating the Rancho with the help of our amazing volunteers, allows the Rancho to share this holiday tradition with this community. As always I hope that the Rancho grounds can bring you a treasured respite seasoned with some holiday cheer.,” says horticulturist Marie Barnidge McIntyre, who oversees the holiday decorating each year. Rancho Los Cerritos has remained open since June 2<sup>nd</sup>, with Covid-19 regulations in place, to provide a safe place of respite and relaxation for the community thanks to partners like Port of Long Beach.



Rancho Los Cerritos would like to thank the Port of Long Beach for sponsoring the December decorations and virtual activities. Decorations emulate those used by the inhabitants of the adobe home during the 19th century. Fresh evergreen wreaths, garlands, and ribbons adorn the site. A nacimiento or nativity, piñata and papel picado can be seen from the window of the mayordomo’s room. Before Rancho Los Cerritos became a historic site, it hosted many people who celebrated various winter holidays and traditions such as Las

Posadas, Hanukkah, Christmas, and New Year's. The Rancho hopes to continue that tradition of hospitality today and help visitors celebrate safely this year.

Thanks to the long-standing partnership with the Port of Long Beach the Rancho can bring holiday cheer to visitors. The Rancho gardens are open Wednesday through Friday from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm, Saturday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, and Sunday from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Visitors can take a self-guided tour, go on a scavenger hunt, smell the flowers, or just get away for a



while. The site is open and freely accessible to all thanks to continuous donations. Contact information must be provided when you check-in for contact tracing purposes and masks must be worn at all times. Virtual activities such as exhibits, tours, and history videos are available online. The Rancho encourages families to visit either in-person or online to capture holiday memories.



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**Holiday Activity Schedule**

Visit Wednesday-Friday 1:00-5:00 pm, Saturday 9:00 am-5:00 pm, and Sunday 1:00-5:00 pm  
Family scavenger hunt and self-guided tour cards are available in front of the Visitor Center.  
RSVP: <https://www.rancholoscerritos.org/reserve/>.

Virtual Storytime Tuesdays at 11:00 am

Curator Sarah Wolk FitzGerald and volunteers have collected the best young children's books from diverse authors for you to enjoy. Sign-up to watch:  
<https://www.rancholoscerritos.org/storytime/>.

Virtual Creation Station first Saturdays at 1:00 pm

Alana Reese, Public Programs & Outreach Coordinator, will show you how to make arts and crafts inspired by the history and nature found at Rancho Los Cerritos. Facebook Live at 1:00 pm <https://www.facebook.com/rancholosc/> and YouTube Premiere at 1:00 pm [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC56Sfia8\\_j7rT\\_Z5a-X24qA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC56Sfia8_j7rT_Z5a-X24qA). You can chat live with RLC staff if you need help on your projects.

Storytime Bilingüe 12/19 9:00 am

Leamos! Alana estará leyendo cuentos y cantando canciones contigo en español e inglés.  
Registre: <https://www.rancholoscerritos.org/upcoming-event/virtual-storytime-bilingue/>.  
Let's read! Alana will be reading stories and singing songs for this bilingual Storytime. Register: <https://www.rancholoscerritos.org/upcoming-event/virtual-storytime-bilingue/>.

Outdoor Market Saturdays 9:00 am–5:00 pm and Sundays 1:00 –5:00 pm

Check out hand-made jewelry, soaps, and wood products made from Rancho plants. Find unique gifts like ornaments, felted sheep, and pomanders. Contactless payment available. Online ordering: <https://rancho-los-cerritos-museum-shop.square.site/>.

**About Rancho Los Cerritos**

Rancho Los Cerritos is the only historic site designated as a local, state, and national historic landmark in Long Beach, California. It is operated by the Rancho Los Cerritos Foundation in a public/private partnership with the City of Long Beach. The site echoes with the rich history of Indigenous, Spanish, Mexican and American California. The 5-acre site contains beautifully preserved historic gardens which are open Wednesday through Sunday for visitors to enjoy.

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