Luther Burbank Home Property

The historic Burbank home property was given to the City of Santa Rosa by Burbank’s widow, Elizabeth, upon her death in 1977. Under an arrangement with the City, the site and its programs are managed by the nonprofit Luther Burbank Home & Gardens Association and staffed primarily by volunteers.

Burbank Home. This modified Greek Revival house is where Luther Burbank lived from 1884 to 1906. He had another home built across Tupper Street in 1906, but it was removed in the late 1960s for other development. After Burbank’s death in 1926, Elizabeth moved into this charming old cottage where she lived until her death in 1977. She kept original Burbank furnishings and memorabilia, while making several additions and improvements to the structure that reflect her warmth and good taste.

Carriage House. Originally a place to store carriages and horse tack, the Carriage House was renovated in 1986 as a museum. The building accommodates exhibits relating to Burbank’s life and work, the Gift Shop, and tour registration. The original cupola atop the building was replicated in 1989.

Greenhouse. Designed and built by Luther Burbank in 1889, this working greenhouse includes a replica of his office which displays many of his tools. Preservation of the mullions was completed in 2005.

Public Programs

Visitors may enjoy the Carriage House Museum and Gift Shop, free of charge, during the season from April through October, Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sunday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Docent-led tours are available for a modest fee. The tour includes information about Burbank’s life, an overview of his best-known plant developments, a look inside his Greenhouse, and a walk through the Burbank Home. Self-guided tours of the Gardens are available year-round.

Luther Burbank Home & Gardens hosts an annual Holiday Open House and gift sale the first weekend in December. Visit our website and click on “Events” for more scheduled activities.

Group tours, children’s tours, site rentals and community outreach programs are available by reservation only. For more information call (707) 524-5445, or email burbankhome@lutherburbank.org.

Luther Burbank Home & Gardens is located in downtown Santa Rosa at the corner of Santa Rosa and Sosoma Avenues.

The site is readily accessible to persons with disabilities. Restrooms, picnic tables and bike racks are located on the site.

The Luther Burbank Home & Gardens Association, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit entity, manages the site and its programs. We welcome contributions to keep this historic property open to the public. Nonprofit Tax ID 26-3008405

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I firmly believe, from what I have seen, that this is the chosen spot of all this earth as far as Nature is concerned.

— Luther Burbank, on his arrival in Santa Rosa in 1875