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The Season When More Is Just Great, Thank You!

Holiday Home Tours In Santa Rosa, Sacramento, And Ojai | Dear Reader...The Smithsonian—Yes, That One—Announces Our Country’s Design Stars At The Cooper-Hewitt In New York...Completely And Utterly Spectacular | ...In Beverly Hills The UNICEF Snowflake Of 12,000 Baccarat Crystals Will Float Above Wilshire And Rodeo. There Are Worse Places To Float.

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How To Get Noticed: The UNICEF Snowflake Uses 12,000 Baccarat Crystals

This smashing decoration debuted in 2005 above the intersection of Rodeo & Wilshire (read Beverly Wilshire Four Seasons) and it returns to Beverly Hills for the city’s lighting ceremony Saturday, November 18th. All it required was 12,000 Baccarat crystals and the talent of designer Ingo Maurer. Other events benefiting UNICEF surround the lighting of the snowflake. UNICEF works to create a better world for children. www.unicefusa.org



Reason enough to visit this tour is the fact that CALIFORNIA HOMES is a media sponsor and it is owned by Julie and Marc Whitman. This is the 10th Ojai Holiday Home Look In, November 18 & 19. The holiday decorating extravaganza benefits the Ojai Music Festival and its education program. This is a stellar group of houses to have on a tour. Beyond the Whitman’s is Hacienda Alegre (a California 13,000 square foot adobe style home atop Saddle

Mountain with a view of the valley and Lake Casitas), Martin-Borders House (a large bungalow clearly owned by an artist), Walker House, adapted from a house designed by the famed Rodney Walker in the mid-forties to showcase mid-century modern design and architectural trends, and the eye-popper in the photo, the Whitman Residence. This house literally grew out of it’s site—a remote canyon in Ojai—explains owner and architect Marc Whitman, AIA. The Ojai Music Festival has attracted leading artists since 1947. Thomas W. Morris is the artistic director. Its music directors are all bold face: Emerson String Quartet, Sir Simon Rattle, Esa-Pekka Salonen...you’d agree, wouldn’t you, that these are bold face. 805.646.2094 or www.ojaifestival.org