



Rancho Los Alamitos

A place to understand the unfolding of Southern California

For more than 1,500 years, the land has been continuously occupied and used by generations of people, beginning with the Tongva for whom it was Puvungna, a place of gathering, an important ceremonial and trading center. For the Spanish colonists, it was the second and largest land grant, and forecasting western expansion, the land was owned by prominent businessman, Abel Stearns, and then by the entrepreneurial Bixby family who gifted it to the people of the region, to be experienced and enjoyed by everyone.

Today, Rancho Los Alamitos is a 7.5 acre fragment of land, with a ranch house c.1800, four acres of nationally recognized gardens, and a barnyard area recalling Southern California's great ranching heritage. It is a place that speaks to change over time, resilience, and the relationship between people and place, culture and environment. It is an extraordinary and revealing story but one that also looks forward to new layers of history in the making.

"It was a feeling of life that had been lived here before...a thousand human influences...the continuity of life, that was the secret."

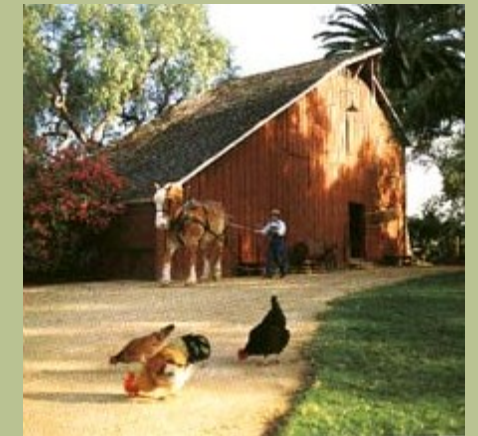
- Florence Bixby, 1936

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