



SAM AND ALFREDA MALOOF FOUNDATION FOR ARTS AND CRAFTS

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SAM AND ALFREDA MALOOF COMPOUND LISTED ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

Alta Loma, CA – A treasured Southern California landmark, once slated to be destroyed by construction of the 210 Freeway, was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on November 9, 2010. The Sam and Alfreda Maloof Compound, located in San Bernardino County, was honored to be placed on the nation's official list of cultural resources worthy of preservation and as a result has also been included in the California Register of Historical Resources. The Sam and Alfreda Maloof Foundation for Arts and Crafts, which owns and oversees the property, is planning a gala event on June 4, 2011 to celebrate the historical designation.

Sam Maloof (1916-2009), a Southern California native born of Lebanese immigrant parents, built the compound over the course of 60 years and was an internationally renowned woodworker with hand-crafted furniture displayed in the Smithsonian and many other museums. More than one hundred examples of his work are on exhibition in the compound's Historic Residence Museum, along with his and his first wife Alfreda's collections of regional ceramics, textiles, crafts, and fine arts. The compound also houses Maloof's original furniture workshop, distinctive wood storage buildings, and former guesthouse. These buildings, along with the more recent Jacob's Education Center and Hanna Archival Conservatory, also designed by Maloof, are set within the 5.5-acre drought tolerant Maloof Discovery Garden created in 2003 by his second wife Beverly.

In 2001 the Maloof Compound was moved out of the path of the 210 Freeway and reconstructed in its present location on Carnelian Street and Hidden Farm Lane. Dr. Anthea Hartig, Director of the Western Region of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, lauded the relocation of the historic compound "as one of the most successful historic transportation-related preservation projects in the Nation, and by far the most collaborative and meaningful".

The public is invited to tour the historic home, view scheduled exhibitions at the Jacob's Education Center, and enjoy the surrounding garden every Thursday and Saturday throughout the year. Details at www.malooffoundation.org.

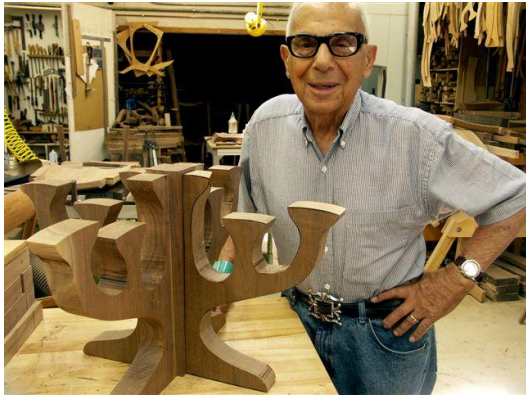
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