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Hare Tales of THE BUNNY MUSEUM

The Private Home of Candace Frazee & Steve Lubanski
Open Since 1998

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A Living Museum

New visitors to this one-of-a-kind museum are surprised to find it is a *home*.

How can a museum be a home? Well, all museums start with private collections. In homes. And some homes become museums after the residents have passed on. Candace and Steve are doing something unique. They are sharing their rare bunny collection with people before they are, well...old. Many world-class collections only become available to the public when they are sold or displayed after the owner has deceased. So when you visit The Bunny Museum you are seeing a rare treat—a museum in the making.

Visitors can't help noticing (and tell the owners) they are running out of room in their 1,700 square foot, 1928 home. Candace and Steve have known that for 4 years! So, they have decided to move from Jefferson Drive, "the first location" of the museum to a bigger place. In the future. And yes, still in Pasadena—where Steve was raised. The Bunny Museum

will become a bunny heaven—an area big enough to house a home, a garden, a playground, a gift shop, a coffee shop, a restaurant, a rescue sanctuary, and a veterinary office. All will be bunny related (bunny shaped parking lot!). The restaurant will be vegetarian. The museum still free.

But, hopping back to the first location...Every once in awhile, a new visitor will ask if Candace and Steve live there or do they just come by to give tours? Some take quite a bit of convincing that the couple do actually live *in* The Bunny Museum.

Here's how a tour goes:

A person calls the museum to book an appointment. (Some email, but are then advised to confirm their appointment by phone.) Candace assigns an appointment time convenient to both the caller and Candace and Steve.

At the exact time booked, the tour starts. No one is allowed to enter the museum before their set appointment. Since opening up their home as a museum, Candace and Steve have been living their life around appointments, in hour increments. Visits are made around

their activities. Can you imagine doing that at your home? Candace and Steve have allowed strangers to walk around their home for 8 years now! What a gift!

Candace used to fret about cleaning the house and getting dolled up for visitors. Not that she doesn't still do that, but she has relaxed more in the last few years, since, well, the public has been "the public".

"It's been real frustrating rushing around getting ready vacuuming and finishing the dishes only then to wait for over an hour before realizing the tour is not going to show up," said Candace. Several booked tours a month, just don't show up, she says. That's rude. Candace and Steve would prefer that people cancel their tours, than not show up, because they understand things happen. Candace has even had to call people and cancel appointments because of dental and death emergencies.

So when you visit The Bunny Museum you may find Candace doing dishes, dusting, cooking, or changing a litter box. She's decided if its a living museum, you might as well see it in action. Their openness is a rarity.

THE BUNNY MUSEUM is now listed as a museum to study in middle school, high school, and college curriculums.

Robbie-Rah Passed Away: Sunday, 20 February 2005 at the age of 9. He is missed! And will be freeze dried.

Annie Interviewed For First Time: "The-mother-of-my-children" as Candace calls her—a much sought after interview—finally agreed to face a TV camera on 30 March 2005 for the *Voice of America* TV show which aired in Asia, 11 April 2005. She giggled through it.

Five Bunnies Move Into Gift Shop: Steve and Candace missed their 7 bunny pets at home when they were at their work. So, they rescued 5 bunnies destined for termination and gave them a luxurious caged parlour in their BICYCLES & BUNNIES GIFT SHOP, 27 June 2005. *Open, Road, Bicycle, Shop, and Incorporated* delight the customers—young and old—with their beauty and humour.

Too Late With Adam Carolla: Adam's TV interview with Candace aired 22 September 2005 on Comedy Central. It was a unique one because it included Candace and Steve's Godchildren: Tiffany, Stephanie, and Jonathan—the first baby born at Garfield Medical Center in 1999. Adam was so funny in his observations that Candace's stomach hurt from laughing!

12th Wedding Anniversary: Candace and Steve will be celebrating their Silk Year, 21 May 2006! Hunting now for silk bunnies!