

Welcome to La Casa Nichita

(The house of the little sweetheart)

La Casa Nichita was the home (Circa 1907) of Fernand and Henrietta Lungren. Mr. Lungren was an early American Artist known as the Pioneer of Painting the American Desert. Mr. Lungren was born on November 13th, 1857. Henrietta Whipple was born May 18th 1872. They met in New York and married June 15th, 1898.

While visiting in Santa Barbara in the spring of 1906, they fell in love with the beauty of the area and decided to build a studio-home in historic Mission Canyon. They purchased a site in the "Pedregosa Tract" (the place of the stones) and built their home with native material, adobe. In this home they spent many happy years.

Mr. Lungren's fondest wish was that this home would act as a lasting memorial to his beloved wife.

La Casa Nichita is a beautiful 7,000 square foot rustic home tucked away on a little more than two acres. The gardens are filled with rocks, boulders, flowers, paths and giant oak trees.

