

Meanwhile, the gates to Leu Gardens are open daily for visitors.

The gardens are always worth visiting and revisiting, and this week the Leu House Museum on the grounds added some priceless trappings, thanks to the generosity of Leu heirs.

Built in 1888, with additions and improvements made over the years, the two-story, eight-room Leu house was furnished in 1980 by the Orange County Historical Society and maintained by that organization until it turned it back to the city three years later.

Patty Edwards, curator of Leu House Museum, said she's inclined to believe that more out-of-towners visit the Leu showpieces than locals. "We're the best kept secret in town," she said.



Edwards

Tickets to tour the gardens and museum, available at the gate, are \$3 for adults. The gardens are open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Museum hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Leu Gardens has 40 volunteer tour guides standing by — in case you would like to visit before the snow sets in.

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