WE'RE SO EXCITED. We've learned that we have millions of friends and allies hiding out in our soil that collectively do more for the health of our plants than we could probably ever do. Healthy plants depend on healthy soil. It may sound funny to talk about healthy soil, but there is a complex web of beneficial lifeforms in native soils that we have been learning to encourage and feed in our cultivated gardens.

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that one teaspoon of healthy soil contains about 600 million bacteria? There can be 150 to 500 feet of fungal hyphae (the strands of cells that make up the vegetative body of a fungus), 10,000 protozoa, 20 to 30 beneficial nematodes and several thousand mites, springtails, and other microarthropods in this same teaspoon of soil. Each of these organisms has a vital role to play in the soil ecology.

The food chain in the soil starts with organic material that rains down on the soil surface from the plants above. Some of the major movers of this organic stuff down into the soil are earthworms. Nightcrawlers make permanent vertical burrows and, along with other worms that forage horizontally, can break down 3,000 to 5,000 pounds of leaves per acre per year. Not only do these soil miners recycle nutrients, but they also improve the structure of the soil by creating pores for the water and oxygen required by plant roots. Soil with only two percent organic matter has a reserve of 200 pounds of nitrogen per acre. The higher the concentration of organic matter, the higher the reserve of nitrogen.

So what's the big deal with all the rest of these little guys? By digesting the organic matter, they recycle nitrogen back into the soil where it can be picked up and used by the roots of plants. Once the organic debris is in reach of our friends they begin their feast. Some of the bacteria and fungi dine directly on the leaf litter releasing nitrogen through their waste. Protozoa and nematodes are beneficiaries of these waste products, but may also graze on the producers. Some of the microarthropods also get into the predation act and feed on fungi. Taken together, these beneficial organisms release nitrogen in a form available to plants, out-compete the disease-producing kinds, produce substances that suppress or kill their pathogenic foes, or eat them outright.

But wait, there is one more component of this amazing web of life that greatly enhances the abilities of plant roots to feed the plant. Another class of fungi, the mycorrhizal fungi, form symbiotic relationships with plants. Ectomycorrhizae colonize the outside of fine absorbing roots and benefit such woody plants as oaks, pines, and other trees and shrubs. Another group of endomycorrhizae actually live inside the roots of cacti, grasses, less woody shrubs, and others. In exchange for a good habitat in which to thrive (they die within 24 to 48 hours if not in contact with healthy roots), these fungi vastly in-

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Good compost is an essential ingredient of improved soil or compost tea. Here Lotusland’s mature compost is screened prior to use in the garden or the compost tea brewer.
Composting and reincorporating compost into the garden. Proper composting of organic waste reduces landfill requirements and provides a source of weed-free organic material that contains an enormous number of beneficial soil organisms. All compostable material from the garden is incorporated into on-site compost piles or separated for further grinding and composting at the county facility.

• Compost tea is applied to plants in areas difficult or impossible to mulch in the regular fashion. Extracts of compost in water contain as much as 80% of the beneficial organisms present in compost. Compost tea is made in a specially designed brewer for dilution and application throughout the garden.

As you can probably guess, some of our regular gardening practices do not contribute to maintenance of this soil food web. In fact some are downright detrimental to the health of our soils. Raking and blowing leaves from the soil removes the primary source of organic matter that normally would be returned to the soil. Applying inorganic fertilizers in high concentrations can kill many of these beneficial organisms. Tilling the soil also upsets this balance, killing earthworms and exposing other organisms to the sun and air. Soil that has been regularly fertilized and sprayed with pesticides will contain only 100 or so bacteria per teaspoon, only disease-causing fungi, root-feeding nematodes, no microarthropods, and very few mycorrhizae. With no reserve of organic material and no organisms to recycle it into usable plant food, it's no wonder growers feel the need to add more and more fertilizers. It is these fertilizers that become the number one pollutant of our groundwater. A small percentage of the nitrogen is taken up by the plant when it is first applied, but because there is nothing else in the soil to hold on to it, it is rapidly leached out in subsequent irrigations. So how can we break out of this deadly cycle? The first step is to increase the organic content of the soil. At Lotusland we employ several strategies to do this:

• Mulching by layering compost, wood chips, or any organic material on the soil surface. Mulching discourages weeds, reduces water loss, and increases the organic component of the soil, providing microorganisms with a source of food. Wood chips are generated from pruning at the garden and supplemented by material from local tree trimmers. "Dump mulch," partially composted green waste from the county’s green waste recycling effort, is also used.

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Most nematodes in the soil are not plant parasites. Beneficial nematodes help control disease and cycle nutrients.
Publisher and gallery owner Ellen Easton (on left) chats with garden designer Isabelle Greene, who is holding a copy of Ellen’s new book Gardens of Santa Barbara at the Lotusland booksigning and art sale on October 7th.

Parson of the arts Dellie Woodring enjoys the artwork that was featured in Gardens of Santa Barbara and offered for sale at the booksigning. The event was a fund-raising success for Lotusland and a beautiful afternoon in the garden despite overcast skies.

Authors Sharon Crawford and Eric T. Haskell were available to sign copies of Gardens of Santa Barbara. Sharon, who wrote the text, also authored Ganna Walska Lotusland—The Garden and Its Creators. Eric, a professor of French and Humanities at Scripps College, wrote the preface and regaled guests at the event with a delightful and informative presentation in the Theatre Garden.

Gardens of Santa Barbara and the original art from the book—as well as the delicious food and wine—were a great hit with the nearly 500 guests who attended the October 7th event.

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**Annual Appeal 2000**

Thank you to Friends of Lotusland who have already donated to Lotusland’s 2000 annual appeal. All members should have received a letter and brochure during November; if not, please call 969-3767, ext. 230 or use the envelope enclosed in this issue. Your support of our educational outreach programs, horticulture necessities, composting project, and assistance with improving our handicap accessibility is very much appreciated. And those of you who designate your donation to go “where it is needed most” allow us to choose which area of the garden and operations is most needy.

Please consider a tax-deductible year-end gift to Lotusland—it’s important to the garden.

—Anne Dewey
SYCAMORE CANYON ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

Debbie Shaw Landscapes installed a Pat Brodie designed planting for the Sycamore Canyon Road gate and frontage. Additionally, CalTrans built a foot bridge over the open flood channel on Sycamore Canyon Road near the corner of Ashley Road and repaired and completed the berm all along the frontage to prevent washouts as experienced in recent years. We now have a landscape that complements the neighborhood and will look better and better as it matures.

SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES PROVE BENEFICIAL

Recent soil and compost foodweb analyses of areas receiving compost, compost tea, and mulch over the past one or two years indicated great improvement in the soil foodweb structure. The lab report on one area in the Japanese garden stated, "This looks like a great soil for these plants. The roots are perfectly covered with ectomycorrhizal fungi, the fungal community is an extremely beneficial one." Reports like this one are in stark contrast to analyses from one or two years ago when the fungal biomass measurement was extremely low. Many factors, such as soil type, plant type, and existing conditions affect soil quality in different areas of the Garden. Horticultural treatments are determined by the consideration of varying factors. Feedback, especially positive feedback, in the form of analytical measurement helps us to modify and improve our sustainable cultural practices.

STATELY SENTRY FALLS

There's been one recent change to the landscape that I'm not happy to report.

The 40-foot tall Euphorbia ingens, erect form, which stood at the front of the main house in the corner by the front door, fell over one night in late October. Wet soil conditions caused by heavy rain and a top-heavy plant with poor root structure combined to cause this loss. It's so disappointing when something like this happens, but we always learn from the experience. In this case, we discovered almost no live roots on the E. ingens. We saw where large roots had been cut during foundation work on the main house 14 years ago, and we realized the importance of thinning weight out of large succulent specimens cultivated out of habitat. Sadly, this plant had been scheduled for thinning in the near future.

—Mike Iven

Agave vilmoriniana, A. attenuata, Beschorneria sp., and Furcraea roezlii, as well as Xanthorrhoea preissii and several Aloe sp., comprise the Sycamore Canyon Road frontage landscape.
JOINING THE RANKS of cycad seedlings happily growing in our nursery are a group of *Macrozamia* species from seed collected in the wild in New South Wales, Australia. All the seed was donated to Lotusland by Bruce and Suzi Ironmonger of the Cycad Center in Bonsall, California. On two different trips to Australia, the Ironmongers visited a variety of habitats on both sides of the Great Dividing Range of mountains along the eastern coast of New South Wales. *Macrozamia diplomera*, *M. polymorpha*, and *M. glaucophylla* all occur on the western side of the mountains in dry sclerophyll woodlands (eucalyptus and other dry-growing shrubs and herbs). Their ranges most likely determined by different soil types, they occurred within a few kilometers of each other, but not together in one site. All three species have underground stems so that the aspect of the plant is of a rosette of leaves emerging from ground level. *M. glaucophylla*, as its name implies, is the most striking species with gray-green to blue leaflets on slightly arching stems. *M. polymorpha* and *M. glaucophylla* are relatively rare in cultivation and were only officially described as species in 1998.

Two other species were collected on the eastern side of the mountains. *M. montana* (also a newly described species) grows in wet forests on the ridges along two rivers. It, too, has a subterranean stem from which stiff dark green leaves arise. *M. johnsonii* is known only from a small area of northern coastal New South Wales where it is locally abundant on steep slopes. The forests in this area can be dense and the soils may be rocky and poor. *M. johnsonii* has been in cultivation for some time, and there is already a handsome large specimen in the cycad garden at Lotusland.

Renovations to the Australian section of the cycad garden are under way, and these young plants will be added to the new beds when they reach a suitable size. —Virginia Hayes

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**Madame Gianna Walska**

**AN ILLUSTRATED LECTURE ON LOTUSLAND'S CREATOR**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2:00 PM**

**BORN HANNA PUACZ** in Czarist Russia in 1887, Madame Gianna Walska’s fascinating life as a woman of the world enthralled the newspaper-reading public of the time. This self-proclaimed “enemy of the average” embarked upon an operatic career as a young woman with a passion that would later manifest itself in her incredible gardens. Her teenaged elopement with a Russian Count heralded a series of six marriages, all but one of them to wealthy men, affording her a sizeable estate and the means to indulge her creative fantasies using plants as a medium. Breathtakingly beautiful, whimsical, outlandish, bold; these terms have been used to describe both Madame and the gardens she fashioned at Lotusland.

Please join us for an in-depth look at Walska’s life with this slide presentation by Lotusland historian Janet Eastman. Memorabilia from the archives will be on display for this rare occasion, and champagne and hors d’oeuvres will be served on the terrace following the presentation. Cost is $25 for Members and $30 for Nonmembers. Please use the coupon on page 11.
New to the Grounds and Maintenance Staff

**ROBERT BLAHA** is Lotusland's new Facilities and Equipment Maintenance Supervisor. The position is responsible for providing required maintenance, repairs, and/or construction of equipment and facilities at Lotusland. Robert comes to Lotusland with a vast array of experience in management and maintenance and an expressed willingness to "take on the challenge of fixing most anything." With Mike Furner, a 21-year Lotusland grounds staff member, as his assistant, Robert quickly discovered the variety of his job responsibilities and was able to put his knowledge, skills, and experience to good use. One of Robert's first jobs was arranging power supplies for 30 or so decorative topiary frames wrapped with twinkle lights for *Lotusland Celebrates*. Now that wasn't specified in the job description!

Robert is married; a native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; graduated from UCSB summa cum laude; and enjoys hiking, backpacking, and the great outdoors. "I appreciate the opportunity to work at such a special place as Lotusland. I immediately felt welcomed by the staff and enjoy the camaraderie of working as part of a team. There are so many possibilities here, and I look forward to the many challenges ahead."

**Mike Jimenez** and Jim Griswold accepted grounds staff positions and began work on the same day last March. Mike grew up in Santa Maria and came to Lotusland after three years as the nursery department manager at Orchard Supply Hardware in Goleta. Mike continues to pursue completion of the Environmental Horticulture program at SBCC. He enjoys camping, fishing, and playing music with his friends. He is responsible for the care and maintenance of Lotusland's water gardens and surrounding areas, as well as various other team responsibilities.

Jim Griswold's love of plants stems from five generations of family farmers that include orange growers in Fillmore, California. A graduate of UCSB, Jim's varied experiences include work at a private organic vegetable and ornamental garden, territory sales manager for a software company, a safety diver on a scuba dive boat, and a volunteer counselor at a camp for inner city youth. Jim's primary responsibilities at Lotusland are the Australian garden/visitor center area and the theater garden. —Mike Iven

**Give a Holiday Gift of Lotusland**

Do you know someone who should be a member of Lotusland? A relative or friend who wants to visit... this year. Someone special whose life would be enhanced by our programs, events, lectures, and volunteer opportunities?

Consider making them a Friend of Lotusland. A special gift Membership package will be sent to you or directly to the recipient, complete with literature on the garden and a gift card.

For details, call (805) 969-3767, extension 230 and speak with Amanda Jones, Membership Coordinator.

Membership fees benefit the garden and are fully tax-deductible.
LOTUSLAND HAS BEEN AWARDED a $37,000 grant from the Santa Barbara Foundation and a $5,000 grant from the Bernstein Family Fund to assist with its Elementary School Educational Outreach program. Targeting fourth grade students in Santa Barbara School District elementary schools, Lotusland's outreach curriculum connects with the framework of district guidelines for Life Science and focuses on the important role plants play in sustaining life on earth.

Specially trained docents give classroom presentations and tours of Lotusland. Seven schools currently participate in the program: Franklin, Peabody, McKinley, Roosevelt, Cleveland, and Lotusland's two neighborhood schools, Cold Spring and Montecito Union.

The Santa Barbara Foundation grant, which provides funding for three years, will help Lotusland expand the program to eventually include all fourth grade students in the Santa Barbara School District.

—Connie Buxton

MORE FOURTH-GRADES LIKE THESE WILL BE ABLE TO VISIT LOTUSLAND AS PART OF OUR EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH PROGRAM, THANKS TO GRANTS FROM THE SANTA BARBARA FOUNDATION AND THE BERNSTEIN FAMILY FUND. STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT THE IMPORTANT ROLE PLANTS PLAY IN SUSTAINING LIFE ON EARTH.

LOTUSLAND FOUNDATION RECEIVES THE GREEN AWARD

LOTUSLAND FOUNDATION was one of the recipients of a special award presented by a consortium of local environmental groups this year. The purpose of the Green Award is to recognize voluntary activities by companies and organizations in Santa Barbara County that result in cleaner air or water, less waste, less traffic, conservation of energy and natural resources, or reduced use of hazardous materials. The Green Award honors those organizations who have demonstrated exceptional commitment or innovation above and beyond their primary mission.

It was Lotusland’s effort to promote the use of sustainable gardening practices through training workshops, lectures, and tours for local school children, combined with the sustainable practices already in place in the garden, that earned the presentation of this award.
SPRINGTIME IN THE NAPA AND SONOMA VALLEYS:

A Gardener's Paradise

MAY 7-11

Our tour is filled with visits to paradisical Napa and Sonoma gardens unique in their beauty, unusual in their plant selection, and imaginative in their design and concludes with a visit to Filoli. Virginia Hayes, Lotusland's curator and staff botanist will be along as horticultural advisor.

Preliminary itineraries and reservation forms were mailed to all members during the first week in December. If you did not receive this mailing or would like more information, please contact Kathy O'Leary, tour coordinator, at (805) 967-7364.

Lotusland Admission Fee to Increase in 2001

Lotusland's admission fee will be raised from $10 to $15 per person beginning January 1, 2001. This is the first increase in admission fees since Lotusland opened to the public in 1993. Costs affiliated with Visitor Services—the computerized reservation system, confirmations, check and credit card processing, staffing for the Reservation Office, Garden Shop, Visitor Kiosk and Volunteer Services to train docents, garden maintenance—have all increased over the years, and it's time to bring the admission fees into balance with the operational costs of having more visitors in the garden.

The free admission passes that members receive as part of their benefits will now be worth $15 each, and all old passes will be valid until you use them. Because of the increase in admission fees, Level I of the Friends of Lotusland will increase from $40 to $50, but all members at this Level will be given a one-year ability to renew at $40, which will be explained in the renewal letters. Due to popular demand, we are also adding a new Level IV at $2,500 to the categories of memberships available. For more information, please call Membership Coordinator Amanda Jones at 969-3767, ext. 280.
Friends of Lotusland

We Welcome New Members Who Joined in September, October, November 2000

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Ms. Christine Amos
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Mr. & Mrs. Gregg Crawford
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Mr. Don Henley

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Mr. & Mrs. John H. Sieter

Members Who Have Increased Their Level of Support
September, October, November 2000

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GARDEN BENEFACCTOR
Mrs. Edward R. Valentine
Madame Ganna Walska
An Illustrated Lecture on Lotusland’s Creator
With LOTUSLAND HISTORIAN JANET EASTMAN
Saturday, March 17, 2001
2:00 PM
$25.00/members
$30.00/nonmembers

Number of people attending

Total enclosed $_______

Ganna Walska Lotusland Registration Form
PAYMENT METHOD:
☐ Check enclosed  ☐ VISA  ☐ MasterCard
Expiration date __________ Card number __________________
Member name ___________________________ Address ____________________________
Phone ___________________________ Signature ____________________________

Fees are refundable only if cancellation is received one week before class or lecture.
If minimum enrollment is not reached, classes and lectures may be canceled.
No phone reservations, please.

Mail to: Ganna Walska Lotusland, Attn: Member Events,
695 Ashley Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93108

2001 Member Events

MANY LOTUSLAND EVENTS are open to non-members,
so let your friends and neighbors know about the great activities we offer.
And once again this year, we are offering several opportunities to bring children to the garden.
Kids and grandkids are welcome at many events, and Family Tour days are scheduled twice every month (see the last item in the listing).
We hope you will enjoy the year 2001 at Lotusland.

Saturday, January 13
Self-guided Tours for All Members
1:00–4:30 PM
MEMBERS $15 or use admission passes. Call 969-9990 for reservations 9 AM–noon.

Saturday, March 17
Madame Ganna Walska
2:00 PM
Illustrated lecture by Lotusland historian Janet Eastman, followed by champagne on the terrace.
MEMBERS $25; NONMEMBERS $30.
Use the coupon on page 11 to sign up.

Saturday, April 14
Private Gardens with Curator
Virginia Hayes
9:00 AM–4:00 PM
Private gardens tour with Lotusland’s Curator of Collections. Includes lunch.
MEMBERS $85; NONMEMBERS $95.
Use the coupon in the Spring newsletter to sign up.

Saturday, April 23
Members’ Family Day
10:00 AM–4:00 PM
Don’t miss the fun! This year... educational activities for the whole family, picnic lunch on the lawn, music, entertainment and room for more guests! Free to members to thank you for your support of the garden! Use the coupon in the Spring newsletter to sign up.

Lotusland Gratefully Acknowledges Donations
September, October, November 2000

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Mrs. Patricia A. Brooks
Ms. Janet Brown
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The Santa Barbara Foundation
in support of Educational Outreach

GARDEN SHOP
Mr. & Mrs. Norman Hillemann
2001 Member Events

May 7-11
Springtime in the Napa and Sonoma Valleys: A Gardener’s Paradise
Contact tour coordinator Kathy O’Leary at (805) 967-7264.

Sunday, May 20
Topiary Garden Ribbon Cutting
4:00 PM
Madame Walska’s topiary zoo will be officially opened and dedicated in honor of Carol Valentine. Cocktails and hors d’oeuvres. By invitation only to donors of the Topiary Garden Campaign.

Saturday, June 23
Water Gardens with Virginia Hayes
10:00 AM–4:00 PM
Explore private water gardens with Lotusland’s Curator of Collections. Includes lunch.
MEMBERS $25; NONMEMBERS $95. Use the coupon in the Summer newsletter to sign up.

Sunday, July 29
Lotusland Celebrates
4:00–8:00 PM
Join us for Lotusland’s premier fund-raising event—a not to miss! Invitations will be mailed to all members in June.

Saturday, August 11
Self-guided Tours for All Members
9:30 AM–NOON
MEMBERS $15 or use admission pass. Call 969-9990 for reservations 9 AM–noon.

Thursday, August 16
Docent Tea
2:00 PM
Become a Lotusland Docent! Encourage friends to join you in learning about our highly regarded docent training program. It’s a botanical and historical education. Call 969-3767, ext. 227 for more information and to sign up.

Saturday, August 25
LotusFest
10:00 AM–4:00 PM
The 2nd annual festival to honor the lotus at the peak of their bloom. Entertainment, crafts, food. ADULT MEMBERS $25; KIDS UNDER TEN $15; KIDS UNDER TWO free; ADULT NONMEMBERS $30. Use the coupon in the Summer newsletter to sign up.

Thursday, November 8
Illustrated lecture by British Horticulturist Maggie Lamb
2:00 PM
Maggie Lamb has traveled the world over learning about and photographing gardens, both famous and obscure. A celebrated and sought-after speaker in her native England, she will present one of the award-winning, highly entertaining lectures that have made her a must-see for English gardeners in the know. Followed by tea on the terrace.
MEMBERS $25; NONMEMBERS $35. Use the coupon in the Fall newsletter to sign up.

Saturday, December 1
Holiday Shopping and Self-guided Tours for All Members
1:00–4:30 PM
MEMBERS $15 or free admission pass; NONMEMBERS $20. Beginning October 1, call 969-9990 for reservations 9 AM–noon.

FAMILY TOURS
Remember, family tours for all ages are offered the first Thursday morning of each month at 10:00 AM and the third Thursday afternoon of each month at 1:30 PM. Family tours are kid and parent friendly and are separate from regular adult tours.
ADULT MEMBERS $15 or use admission passes; CHILDREN UNDER TEN $10; CHILDREN UNDER TWO free. Call 969-9990 for reservations 9 AM–noon.