Madame Ganna Walska: An Eclectic Collector

BY DEANNA HATCH

If you've had a docent tour at Lotusland, you've no doubt heard about the "million dollar garden," Lotusland's world-class cycad garden with approximately 500 rare and valuable cycads representing more than 170 species. In 1971, just before work began to prepare the site for the cycads, Madame Ganna Walska sold most of her enormous — and world-class — jewelry collection for almost a million dollars.

Madame Walska's niece, Hania Tallmadge, says her aunt's passion for jewelry started in Russia with Fabergé and continued on to Paris and then New York. Although Hania agrees that the proceeds from the sale most likely helped to purchase the rare cycads, there was an additional reason for the sale. Madame Walska had tired of the chore of retrieving and then returning her jewelry, kept in her safe deposit box at Security Bank in downtown Santa Barbara, every time she wanted to wear it. She did have paste copies of some pieces. Hania says "The copies were so good that it was very difficult to tell the difference between them and the real thing. One day she had to take a piece of jewelry and the paste copy to Cartier to find out which was real. After that, she never wore her paste copies again."

According to an article in the *Los Angeles Times* by Mary Lou Loper, Ward Landrigan — who at the time headed Sotheby, Parke-Bernet, Los Angeles — persuaded Madame Walska to sell 146 pieces of her collection, but it took three years for her to decide. Mary Vandegrift from Parke-Bernet urged Madame Walska to allow them to include a paragraph about her in the auction catalogue because "your jewels reflect Continued on page 2"
Mission Statement

To preserve and enhance the spectacular collections of exotic plants on the Montecito estate of the late Madame Ganna Walska and, through interpretation of these collections, to foster increased knowledge and appreciation of the importance of plants and the need for their conservation.

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such individual taste and have such interesting associations, it seems only right to share some of the background with the reader.

The auction catalogue—a collector’s item in itself—is titled “The Important Jewelry Collection of Madame Ganna Walska.” The introduction follows:

Mme. Ganna Walska, the well-known opera and concert singer of two continents during the 1920’s through 1940’s, acquired her precious jewels over a period of many years.

Long before the present popularity of large jewels, Mme. Walska designed and collected for herself huge necklaces, brooches and bracelets, not popular then but very much in fashion now.

The collection, rich in colored stones, offers in addition to the numerous fine jewels of distinction and highest quality, such exquisite pieces as a butterfly of carved diamond wings en tremblant; a rare collection of Indian jewelry featuring several magnificent necklaces, some with matching sets of earrings, and the great Mogul carved emerald.

The collection included belts, shoe buckles and handbags encrusted with gems, and a parasol with a Fabergé gold, gray enamel, and diamond vanity
handle. The handle opened, and inside were a mirror and compartments for powder and lipstick. Just one of many, many fabulous pieces was a sapphire, diamond, and emerald pendant with a sapphire weighing 28 carats and set with two emeralds weighing six carats, one emerald rondel, three pear-shaped sapphires weighing 135 carats, seven large fancy-shaped diamonds, five baguette diamonds, fifty-four square-cut diamonds, and sixty round diamonds with a total weight of 8.15 carats.

A great many of the estimates at the sale were doubled. Loper said that Ralph Esmerian, a "very wealthy dealer and collector," bought more than $300,000 worth of jewelry, including an emerald clasp that once belonged to Catherine the Great for $125,000 and a 95-carat yellow briolet diamond pendant for $55,000. New York jeweler Harry Winston bought an Indian carved emerald pendant for $54,000.

Madame Walska's passion for collecting jewels led her to leaving a fabulous collection of rare, virtually irreplaceable cycads for generations of garden lovers who visit Lotusland from around the world. Landscape designer Charles Glass, who helped create the cycad garden, said to Madame Walska "...his will be one of the greatest achievements of our lives."

**Fabulous Mish Brooch to be Auctioned**

Anna Walska would surely have found a kindred spirit in famed jewelry designer—and avid gardener—Mish Tworowski. Mish has generously donated a piece of his jewelry to our annual fundraiser in both 2005 and 2006, but this is the first year he created a piece specifically for the garden. Mish says his intention was "to combine the spirit of Madame Walska's style with the beauty of a lotus blossom."

There are approximately 3.55 carats of diamonds on the brooch, which is approximately 2 inches in diameter and 1/4 inches deep. The brooch is inscribed "Lotusland 2007 no. 1" and "Mish New York."

Valued at $38,000, the brooch will be auctioned on July 22 at Peter Pan's Lotusland: Where you Never Grow Up! Silent bids will be accepted prior to the event by calling 805.969.9767, extension 105. All proceeds will benefit Lotusland, and through September 1, 2007, Mish New York will donate 10% of the proceeds from the sale of additional Lotus Brooches!

We are grateful for Mish's passion for Lotusland and for his amazing generosity to the garden.

To read more about Mish, see "Mish at Lotusland" in the Winter 2007 issue of the Lotusland Newsletter for Members.
LotusFest!
SATURDAY, JULY 28
2:00 TO 5:00 PM

Please join us for this celebration of the spectacular flower that is Lotusland’s namesake.

July is peak blooming season, and guests will have the opportunity to view these uniquely beautiful flowers while enjoying a relaxing afternoon at this casual, fun event.

Enjoy these afternoon delights:
Wine tasting from Santa Barbara County’s premier vintners
Mellow jazz with Vajra
Delectable hors d’oeuvres
Lotus lore galore
Lotus viewing
Ikebana (the art of Japanese flower arranging)

Lotus flowers open during the day and close at night. Prime viewing time during LotusFest will be until 3:00 or 4:00 PM, depending upon weather conditions, so make sure to allow time to savor the spectacular view of lotuses in bloom.

To register for this fun and enlightening event, please use the coupon on page 19 or visit our website at www.lotusland.org.
ADAME GANNA WAlSKA'S extraordinarily creative vision of garden design was transformed into reality by many talented landscape designers and horticulturists. This transformation has been an ongoing process, each garden yielding fascinating stories about its beginnings and metamorphosis into its present-day form.

Visitors to Lotusland are treated to botanical and historical information about the estate interpreted by docents who have undergone extensive training to prepare them for giving public tours.

Every other fall, a 14-week docent-training course provides all necessary information for conducting a tour of the garden. Instructors are drawn from the Lotusland staff, the Santa Barbara community, and other California academic and horticultural institutions. These informative and enjoyable Monday-morning sessions last approximately two-and-a-half hours. This fall's docent training begins on September 17.

A reception for prospective docents will be held at 2:00 PM on Thursday, August 23. This biennial event offers prospective docents an opportunity to meet some of the very knowledgeable docents who currently lead tours of the garden. Please tell your friends and neighbors about the program. To receive an invitation to the reception or for more information, please contact our Public Programs Coordinator, Debbie Hild, at 805.969.3767, extension 116, or e-mail dhild@lotusland.org.

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NEW TO THE COLLECTIONS

Insectary Plants

ON THE MAP in the Lotusland Visitor Guide, this garden is noted as the Butterfly Garden. It serves an additional purpose, however—one that helps ensure the health and beauty of the entire garden. Most of the plants included there have been chosen to attract not only butterflies and moths, but also a host of other beneficial insects. They provide food in the form of pollen or nectar, as well as places of refuge for everything from ladybird beetles and green lacewings to hover flies and honey bees. This spring, a small group of volunteers gave funds and time to add a number of attractive and useful plants to the butterfly garden. Here is just a sampling of what is now in bloom.

*Mimulus ‘Jack’* is a selection of the California native monkey flower. It has dark red tubular flowers that provide nectar to visiting insects and blooms nearly year-round.

*Coreopsis grandiflora* is in the sunflower family, and its sunny yellow flowers have the characteristic array of ray flowers surrounding a central button of tiny tubular flowers that lack petals. All members of this family are good additions to a butterfly or insectary garden.

The genus *Salvia* is large, with many species and cultivars. All are attractive to insects as well as hummingbirds. The pink flowers in the foreground belong to a selection of *Salvia greggii* and the purple spikes are of *S. leucantha*.

—Virginia Hayes

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Summer’s Evening
Twilight Tour

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25 • 4:30 TO 7:30 PM

SUMMERTIME, and the “livin’ is easy...” Enjoy the last days of summer in the enchanted gardens of Lotusland. Our popular Twilight Tours allow guests to choose how they want to spend their time in the garden, touring with a docent or strolling on their own. Your visit will begin with a beverage served in a Lotusland wine glass, a keepsake of your visit. Mid-tour, wine and hors d’oeuvres will be served on the terrace overlooking the main lawn.

Don’t miss this opportunity to enjoy Lotusland while the evenings are still warm and the “fish are jumpin’.”

Our Twilight Tours fill quickly, so please register early by using the coupon on page 19.

—Dorothy Shaner
ANY OF THE PLANTS YOU SEE at Lotusland have traveled long distances to arrive here. Regardless of their origins, once at Lotusland, all plants follow the same route beginning with the Curation Department. The following is just one example.

On July 25, 2005, Lotusland received 20 seeds of an uncommon cycad that is native to the Democratic Republic of Congo. The seeds of Encephalartos ituriensis had been confiscated as they entered the country illegally through John F. Kennedy International Airport and were subsequently distributed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to botanic gardens listed as rescue centers, of which Lotusland is one.

Upon arrival, the seeds were recorded in the plant record database and given an accession number. The plant accession form allows for detailed information to be recorded, and all plants at Lotusland are tracked throughout their life history using this database.

The seeds began to germinate after 30 days in the greenhouse and are now growing for future inclusion in the garden. When plants of Encephalartos ituriensis are of adequate size, they will be placed in their permanent location in the garden, which will be plotted on the digital map of Lotusland.

The digital map is created with ArcGIS mapping software that is a product of ESRI. Founded in 1969 by Lotusland members Jack and Laura Dangermond, ESRI is the leader in GIS (Geographic Information System) technology. ArcGIS is a powerful program that can be used not only for mapping, but also for the display, management, and analysis of spatial and non-spatial data. The display portion of Lotusland's map joins seamlessly with the plant record database, allowing for an endless variety of options for visually representing data pertaining to the plant collections at Lotusland.

Encephalartos ituriensis is new to the collections and should perform well in the garden. The plant's growth rate and cone production will be monitored and recorded at regular intervals. In time, this species will be propagated at Lotusland, which will aid in alleviating the illegal importing of seeds.

The information contained in the plant record database at Lotusland has a central role in the management of Lotusland's plant collections. Curation Departments are integral parts of all botanic gardens, and as the "overseers" of the plant collections, they have a multi-faceted role in the stewardship of these collections.

—Paul Mills, Assistant Curator

Mid-State Bank & Trust Supports Lotusland's Outreach Program

LOTUSLAND'S PUBLIC PROGRAMS MANAGER Dorothy Shaner and Board President Lisa Heyer accept a generous grant from Jason Wilson of Mid-State Bank & Trust.

We are grateful to Mid-State Bank & Trust for its continued financial support of bus transportation for Lotusland's very successful Fourth Grade Outreach Program.
We are very grateful to Bruce Gregga and William Laman for sharing their home and garden with members of The Lotus Society. Luncheon was served on the upper lawn overlooking the delightful terraced gardens.

The Sixth Annual Lotus Society Recognition Luncheon was held at the beautiful home and garden of Bruce Gregga and William Laman on June 10. Members of The Lotus Society have each made a gift or bequest of $10,000 or more to Lotusland’s Endowment Fund. To learn more about The Lotus Society, or to arrange a personal consultation with an experienced estate planner on The Lotus Society Committee, please call Lotusland’s Director of Development, Anne Dewey, at 805.969.5767, extension 105.

New Lotus Society member Joey Pearson, Kathryn and Bill Calise, and Charter Member Jackle Stevens enjoyed strolling in the gorgeous garden.

William Laman and Bruce Gregga’s generosity provided a lovely setting for this annual event, enjoyed by all.

New Lotus Society members Ron and Desiree Kaye are pictured in front of the hosts’ charming French country home.
Lifetime Honorary Trustee Carol Valentine was pleasantly surprised by a birthday cake. Charles Fairbanks and Karen Kolb are in the background.

Jack Baker (center) with his granddaughter, Lelah Baker-Rabe, and Eric Nagelmann chatted at the entrance to the house.

Warren Quarré and Peggy Wiley enjoyed their first Lotus Society luncheon. Peggy is a new Lotus Society committee member.

Looking picture-perfect are Lynne Humphrey, Anna Lafferty, Amanda Pelch, and Mary Lou Ardoin.

Keith Mautino, a new member of The Lotus Society, and his guest Laurel Tower admired the beautiful setting.

Robin Cudahy and Karen Roberts chatted in the beautifully decorated house before enjoying the delicious luncheon.
Members’ Family Day, May 19, 2007

The banner pictured at right thanks our generous sponsors at Members’ Family Day.

Several members of the Crawford family attended, including these three grandchildren, who got into the spirit of the day.

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Thomas & Nancy Crawford Jr.
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Members’ Family Day at LOTUSLAND

Talented magician Mark Collier performed in the Theatre Garden. His deft card tricks and magical illusions thrilled adults and children alike.

Legrand, Franks & Dodge entertained on the main lawn from noon until two.

Tossing rings onto the pirate ship required some practice.

Having your face painted by Anji Lawson is always a favorite activity at Members’ Family Day.

Artist Gall Lucas drew a giant mural with a buried treasure theme for young and not-so-young guests to paint throughout the day.
Buried Treasure! Hidden Wonders in the Soil

Members enjoyed a picnic on the main lawn, with watermelon for dessert, in between activities.

Photographer Bob Debris (far right) provided fabulous costumes to transform guests for their souvenir photos.

After visiting the Tattoo Parlor, this young guest was busy with her Pirate Coloring Book.

Floating a pirate ducky down the runnel was a challenge.

Making pirate necklaces and decorating treasure bags were favorite activities at the craft tables.

Spin the wheel and answer the question to win a booty bag filled with coins and jewels.

Is that a tiger decorating a flower pot to fill with Lotusland succulents?

There's nothing left but a smile and a vanilla mustache from this ice cream cone.
A cocktail party was held at Lotusland in April to honor Anne Jones for her 25 years of service as a founding trustee and to officially welcome six trustees who joined the board in the past year. Two of the trustees, Michael Mayfield and Chapin Nolen, were profiled in the Fall 2006 issue of the Lotusland Newsletter for Members. Profiles of Jane Copelan, Brett Tosten, Cynthia Spivey, and Marianne Sprague follow.

Fellow founding trustee Arthur Gaudi and Director Emeritus Steven Timbrook shared memories of working with Anne Jones during her tenure on the board. Special guest Edward Schneider, the President/CEO of the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden, reminisced about his years working with Anne when she was an SBGB board member.

Board President Kisa Heyer presented playing cards with Lotusland images—created especially for Anne—to her in a beautiful wood and shell box.

**ANNE JONES NAMED LIFETIME HONORARY TRUSTEE**

At its 2007 Annual Meeting, the Board of Trustees of Ganna Walska Lotusland honored Anne Jones by electing her a Lifetime Honorary Trustee.

This action recognizes Anne's 23 years of outstanding service to Lotusland as one of its five founding trustees. She served as Vice President from 1984 to 2005 and was a member of the Nominating and Governance Committee from its creation throughout her tenure. She also lent her wealth of expertise on the Lotusland Celebrates Committee from 1995 to 1999, the Topiary Garden Campaign Committee in 2000, and the Buildings and Grounds and Horticulture Committees from 1987 until her retirement.

I am fortunate to have had Anne’s wise counsel during my 10 years at Santa Barbara Botanic Garden, where she was a board member from 1976 to 1995 and served as its board president for five years, as well as during my tenure at Lotusland. Other Santa Barbara institutions benefited from Anne’s dedication and skills as well. She helped begin the docent program at the Santa Barbara Museum of Art and has been a member of the Garden Club of Santa Barbara for more than 40 years.

Lotusland is grateful for the many years of support that Anne so generously gave, and we are pleased that she will join Merryl Brown, Robert Emmons, Michael Towbes and Carol Valentine as Lifetime Honorary Trustee.

—Steven Timbrook

![Board President Kisa Heyer with Lotusland's newest Lifetime Honorary Trustee, Anne Jones.](image)

**LOTUSLAND WELCOMES FOUR NEW TRUSTEES**

Lotusland is fortunate to have four energetic additions who bring a diverse wealth of expertise and experience to its Board of Trustees.

**JANE COPELAN**

Jane Copelan was raised in Santa Fe, New Mexico and moved to Santa Barbara 25 years ago. Inspired by her Santa Fe experience, she opened the original Zia Café in 1985. She has since sold the restaurant, which gives her time to devote herself to philanthropic efforts in Santa Barbara and elsewhere.

Jane has been a Lotusland docent for ten years and helped to launch the

![Anne Jones is an avid, accomplished bridge player and was delighted to receive playing cards created just for her with Lotusland images. Lifetime Honorary Trustee Carol Valentine looks on.](image)
Fourth Grade Outreach Program. She was instrumental in establishing and continues to be active with Project Open Hand in San Francisco. Jane’s other interests include music and her two Labrador retrievers, Willie and Pearl.

Fortunately for Lotusland, Jane plans to continue as a Docent. As a Trustee, she is co-chair of the Lotus Society Committee and a member of the Public Programs and Horticulture Committees.

Cynthia and her husband have three teenage children, born in three different countries. They returned to Santa Barbara in 2000, and Cynthia has been involved in numerous nonprofit endeavors since that time. She has been on the Lotusland Celebrates Committee for four years and is currently the co-chair of the event. Cynthia will continue on the Lotusland Celebrates Committee and has recently joined the Music at Lotusland Committee.

BRETT POSTEN
Brett is co-founder and Creative Principal at Idorecore, a Santa Barbara-based brand-launch advertising agency.

A native of Kansas City and graduate of the University of Virginia, Brett’s earliest working life began in fashion, with Ralph Lauren and evolved into advertising with McCann Erickson in New York City.

His interest in Lotusland stems from his interest in all the various forms of design manifest at the property, from the wooded paths through the garden to the hidden architectural surprises to the divine engineering of the plant life.

Brett, his wife Joanna, daughter Elsa Jane (6) and son Tate (5) “are thrilled to be a part of the Santa Barbara community and are honored to be a part of Lotusland for years to come.” Brett is chair of the Marketing Committee and a member of the Long-Range Planning Committee.

CYNTHIA SPIVEY
After graduating from UC Santa Barbara in 1983, Cynthia Spivey spent the next 18 years working and living around the country and the world. Her professional career focused on marketing and corporate communications. After starting her family, she began her own business selling antiques and vintage homewares in private shows.

MARIANNE SPRAGUE
Marianne has a Master’s Degree in Special Education and taught for several years. In 1990, she moved to Santa Barbara with her husband, Norm, and their six children.

In Santa Barbara, she has continued her work with nonprofit organizations as a Trustee and Board Chair of Crane Country Day School, as a Trustee of the College of Wooster in Ohio, and as President of the Cate Parents Association. At Crane Country Day School, she was involved in the fund-raising campaign, design, and construction of the new Library Arts Facility; chaired the Salaries and Benefits Committee; and created and chaired the first Country Fair and Spring Benefit (now in its 15th year).

As an avid gardener she spends as much time in her garden as possible.

Her interest in gardens extends to her participation as board member and Horticulture Chair of the Garden Club of Santa Barbara. Besides gardening, she enjoys fly-fishing and reading.

Marianne is a member of Lotusland’s Long-Range Planning and Ad Hoc Executive Director Search Committees.

Trustee Linda Gluck hosted a luncheon at her home in honor of Anne Jones. STANDING: Nancy Wood, Ella Brittingham, Linda Gluck, Ganna Walska, Sherry Gilson, Barbara Siemon and Kisa Heyer. SEATED: Anne Jones and Carol Valentine.
The Quiver Tree, or kokerboom in Afrikaans, is so named from its use by Bushmen. They close one end of a hollowed-out branch with a leather cap to hold their arrows. Young flower buds have an appearance and taste similar to asparagus and are part of the Bushman diet. Blooming season is winter, and the flowers are yellow. Their abundant nectar draws birds, insects and even baboons, which can quickly strip the tree of its flowers.

This striking tree aloe is native to hot, arid rocky habitats in southern Namibia and adjacent South Africa, where it can live more than 80 years and reach heights of over 20 feet. Often the only tree in its habitat, it provides sites for the outsized communal nests of weaverbirds, which can house up to 300 families of these social birds, keeping their eggs and young safe from predators such as jackals and snakes.

Seen from a distance, the tree has a shining appearance when sunlight is reflected from a thin layer of whitish powder on the smooth branches. This adaptation to its extreme desert habitat helps reduce the heating effects of the hot sun. The base of the tree can be up to three feet in diameter, and the trunk develops golden brown scales with razor-sharp edges. The trunk is topped by a rounded crown formed by repeated forking (dichotomous) branching, with each branch bearing a terminal rosette of blue-green, toothed leaves.

—Steven Timbrook

Digital Photography Workshop
WITH BILL DEWEY
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 • 9:00 AM TO NOON

Photographer Bill Dewey will lead a digital photography workshop at Lotusland on Saturday, September 29. The workshop will give photographers an opportunity to explore composition from landscape views to close-ups and to capture nature in a pure and artistic form with the aid of Bill's technical and aesthetic expertise.

No stranger to Lotusland, Bill has photographed its gardens since the Lotusland Foundation started in 1984. His photographs of the garden appear in the two Lotusland books, Lotusland: a Photographic Odyssey and Lotusland: The Garden and its Creators, and have illustrated numerous articles about Lotusland in such magazines as Sunset and Smithsonian. Most recently, Bill's aerial photos of Bixby Ranch appeared in the Los Angeles Times West magazine. He is a member of the Santa Barbara Oak Group. A current exhibition of his work titled "Waves" is at the Marcia Burtt Studio in Santa Barbara.

Beginners and seasoned photographers are welcome. Space is limited and will fill quickly, so please register early by using the coupon on page 19.

—Dorothy Shaner
Volunteer Profile: Lynne Scott
LEARNING, SHARING AND MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Before moving to Ventura, Lynne complemented her degree in Fine Arts from California State University, Northridge with many courses in both interior and landscape design at UCLA Extension. This allowed her to develop a successful landscape business specializing in small gardens.

Lynne’s move from Los Angeles to Ventura presented new challenges for her personal gardening experience. Her new home just steps from the beach brought sand, wind and salt air—all things that would create havoc with most of the plants with which she had grown familiar. Energized by the challenge, she proceeded to learn and adapt successfully created a beautiful garden in a space she describes as, “larger than most beach house yards.”

Lynne returned to Lotusland on a docent-led tour in 1999, when she was inspired to become a Lotusland member and delighted in receiving the newsletters. It was in one of the newsletters that Lynne first learned about the docent program. She was intrigued by an invitation to what was billed at that time as the “Prospective Docent Tea.” She was thrilled to hear that she did not have to wear “hat and gloves” to the “tea” and says that once she heard the presentation about the program that offered “so many wonderful classes,” she was hooked.

A treasured volunteer, Lynne leads regular public tours, as well as fourth grade outreach tours, and she recently signed on for extra duty as a classroom presenter. Always cheerful and considerate, Lynne is appreciated by docents and staff alike for her willingness to lend a hand wherever help is needed. She can be seen at the annual succulent wreath-making workshop and the Members’ Family Day craft booth, behind the scenes at Lotusland Celebrates and assisting new docents-in-training as a mentor.

Her generous nature leads Lynne to share her enthusiasm for plants with a variety of visitors. Receiving applause and a “big bear hug” once at the end of a tour for adults with special needs, she felt that she had made a difference in their day. We know she has made a difference at Lotusland.

Thank you Lynne, for everything you do for Lotusland. —Debbie Hild

SAVE THE DATE
Music at Lotusland
AN AFTERNOON OF JAZZ WITH JOHN PIZZARELLI
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 • 3:00 PM

“A master guitarist, connoisseur of songs, mimic and storyteller.”
—Stephen Holden of The New York Times

LOTUSLAND IS THRILLED to welcome John Pizzarelli to perform at our second annual Music at Lotusland. An internationally known jazz guitarist and singer, Pizzarelli has released 21 albums and has been widely hailed as “captivating” by live audiences. Join us for a fabulous afternoon of music and entertainment and a reception following the performance in the beautiful gardens of Lotusland. Invitations will be mailed to members in early September.

For information about being a Star at $5,000 (four prime reserved seats, two VIP parking passes, a signed CD, recognition in the invitation and program, and entrance to a private reception with John Pizzarelli) or an Aficionado at $1,000 (two prime reserved seats, a VIP parking pass, recognition in the invitation and program, and entrance to a private reception with John Pizzarelli), please contact Anne Dewey, Director of Development, at 805.969.3767, extension 105 or e-mail andewey@lotusland.org.
LOTUSLAND IS VERY FORTUNE TO have more than 200 dedicated volunteers who share their time and talents at the garden. They lead tours, staff the Garden Shop, work in the library and archives, help maintain the grounds, work behind the scenes at events, and assist with a variety of administrative tasks.

Each year, on the third Monday in June, the Lotusland staff holds a program in the theatre garden, followed by a picnic on the main lawn, to thank all of our volunteers for their service to the garden. The date always falls near Ganna Walska’s birthday (June 21) so marking her birthday is a part of the celebration. Volunteers were entertained by accordion music played by longtime docent Helene Mussebach and her associate Arturo Perez.

Director Emeritus Steven Timbrook welcomed and thanked the volunteers, Curator Virginia Hayes thanked the garden maintenance volunteers for their skillful assistance to our garden staff, Garden Shop Manager Karen Kester expressed her gratitude to our garden staff, and Public Programs Manager Dorothy Shaner thanked docents for being wonderful ambassadors, and Public Programs Manager Dorothy Shaner thanked docents for being responsible, flexible, and patient. She also thanked our 27 Outreach Docents for their exceptional service to the Santa Barbara community.

Public Programs Coordinator Debbie Hild recognized several volunteers for particularly outstanding service. Coveted handmade pins with a picture of Ganna Walska surrounded by “jewels” were among the prizes awarded. Continuing a tradition begun in 2005, a “royal” award was given to a volunteer who demonstrated a willingness to assist in a variety of ways and who has cheerfully made Lotusland a priority in their lives. Last year’s recipient, Lynne Scott, crowned John Vasi as the “King of Lotusland” for 2007. Debbie also awarded “years of service” stickers, to be affixed to volunteers’ name badges, to those who have given 5, 10, 15 and 20 years of volunteer service.

A highlight of the annual picnic is a drawing for a dozen Lotusland plants especially potted for this event.

Three cakes decorated with edible photos of Ganna Walska, to mark her birthday, were enjoyed by all. Docents Mary Ellen Hoffman and Laurie Wolf enjoyed the delicious buffet on the main lawn after the program in the theatre garden.
Lotusland Members
We Welcome New Members Who Joined in March, April and May 2007

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Ms. Eleanor Seegman

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Bamboo Pipeline,
 Matthew J. Fay & Martin Senn
Harry & Sharon Felder
Ms. Cheri Gable
Ms. Mary McMaster & Mr. Paul Casey
Gretchen & Jack Norquel

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LotusFest!
Saturday, July 28 • 2:00 TO 5:00 PM
$60/members • $75/nonmembers

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Summer’s Evening Twilight Tour
Saturday, August 25 • 4:30 TO 7:30 PM
CHECK ONE:  □ Docent-guided tour □ Self-guided tour
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Enjoy Special Benefits

OUR GARDEN SPONSOR, BENEFACCTOR AND PATRON membership levels include unlimited free admission to Lotusland and an invitation to a very special event.

This year Joey Pearson is hosting a cocktail party in October at her beautiful home and garden. Invitations will be mailed to Garden Sponsors, Benefactors and Patrons in September.

For more information about these membership levels, please contact Anne Dewey, Director of Development, at 805.969.3767, extension 105, or e-mail andewey@lotusland.org.
Summer and Fall 2007
Member Events

Many Lotusland events are open to nonmembers, so please let your friends and neighbors know about the great activities we offer. Children are welcome at many events, and Family Tour Days are every Thursday and the second Saturday of each month (see the listing below). We hope to see you at Lotusland.

Sunday, July 22
Lotusland Celebrates
Peter Pan’s Lotusland
Where You Never Grow Up!
4:00 TO 8:00 PM
Invitations were mailed to all members in early June. For questions, please call 805.969.3767, extension 112.

Saturday, July 28
LotusFest!
2:00 TO 5:00 PM
See details on page 4 and use the coupon on page 19 to register.

Saturday, August 25
Summer’s Evening Twilight Tour
4:30 TO 7:30 PM
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Saturday, September 29
Digital Photography Workshop
with Bill Dewey
9:00 AM TO NOON
See details on page 14 and use the coupon on page 19 to register.

Sunday, September 30
Music at Lotusland: An Afternoon of Jazz with John Pizzarelli
3:00 PM
See details on page 15.

Saturday, October 20
Holiday Wreath Making
Details will be in the Fall issue of the Lotusland Newsletter for Members.

Saturday, October 27
Halloween Twilight Tour
Details will be in the Fall issue of the Lotusland Newsletter for Members.

Family Tours
Family tours for all ages are offered every Thursday at 10:00 AM and 1:30 PM and the second Saturday of each month at 10:00 AM and 1:30 PM (except between mid-November and mid-February). Family tours are child and parent friendly and are separate from regular adult tours. Adult members $5, or use admission passes; ages five to 18, $10; four and under, free. Call 805.969.9990 for reservations 9 AM–5 PM, M–F and 9 AM–1 PM on Saturdays.

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