The original “Blue Garden” was started around 1942 when Lockwood de Forest was engaged to provide direction at the estate, which was still called “Tibetland.” Where the blue garden was located is a mystery, but it was planted with masses of blue-flowering plants. Nursery invoices list Plumbago larpentae (now known as Ceratostigma plumbaginoides), Delphinium varieties, blue lilies (of unknown species), and blue hyacinths. Undoubtedly other blue flowers were added until some other whim took Madame Walska in a different direction.

At the same time, de Forest also designed and planted a “silver garden” in the area that is now called the blue garden. This garden featured plants with very silvery foliage. Included were several lots (totaling more than 200 plants) of dusty miller (which species of the many sold under this name isn’t known), Kleinia (probably what is now called Senecio mandraliscae), chalky-white dudleya (Dudleya brittonii), and flats and flats of blue fescue. A finicky South African silver tree or two (Leucodendron argentum) struggled to survive in the heavy soil and cool temperatures and eventually died. At least one species of Artemisia and two dozen English lavenders were designated for the silver garden. Already in place were towering Chilean wine palms (Jubaea chilensis) and blue Hesper palms (Brahea armata) from Mexico. Nursery invoices submitted to Madame Walska for payment have notations in de Forest’s handwriting specifying which area of the garden the plants were for.

Interestingly, at the same time, plants were purchased for a “gray garden.” Several species of Eucalyptus,
including *E. macrocarpa* and perhaps an acacia or two, made appearances in—and disappeared from—this garden area. It occupied another mystery location, but judging by some of the species—*Lonicera confusa*, a gray-green twining vine, and another gray-leafed shrub, *Eriophyllum* (unknown species), it displayed some of the same shades of foliage coloration as the silver garden. Was the gray garden next to the silver garden and did they merge into the blue garden? It’s hard to say at this point, but some references to other trees and plants might suggest that.

By the end of the decade, the silver garden was less and less silvery, and Ralph Stevens added the blue Atlas cedars. Charles Glass, who later became Madame Walska’s garden director, first saw Lotusland in 1957 as a young man and later wrote of that experience, “What made the most profound impression upon me, however, was the “Blue Garden” at Lotusland. Everything was in shades of pastel blue: blue fescue grass, blue spruce, blue Atlas cedars, blue *Erythea* [*Brahea*] fan palms! The effect was overwhelming and one felt cooler just walking through the area.”

Had Stevens not planted the blue Atlas cedars, the silver/blue garden might have evolved in a very different way. Those trees, while slow growing, can ultimately reach 60 feet in height and shade an area 30 feet or more in diameter. Since they were planted nearly 65 years ago, they prospered and created a very shady site. Unfortunately, the blue fescue and sun-loving succulents below suffered from this lack of light. They straggled and thinned, requiring constant replacement to keep the blue garden blue.

Contracted tree specialists took down the old blue Atlas cedars. These skilled climbers were able to remove the trees with no damage to surrounding plantings.

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More than 2,300 one-gallon plants of blue fescue (*Festuca ovina* ‘Glauc’) were planted in addition to the hundreds of original plants.
Even the fan palms grew more slowly than ever and produced fewer leaves. After very careful deliberation, Lotusland staff and members of its advisory Horticulture Committee proposed that the cedars be removed and other large trees in the area be thinned to admit more sunlight to the garden. Then the understory plants could be replanted to re-create the original cool color palette. With the generous support of the Hind Foundation, the restoration was completed on April 11 of this year. Additional features of the project included a complete renovation of the soil, addition of several more blue Hesper palms and some minor realignments of pathways and garden borders. Irrigation was installed for the first time and designed to facilitate appropriate water delivery to the various types of plants. The new garden will be much easier to maintain without the need to constantly propagate and replace plants, and the improved soil conditions will result in healthier plants with fewer problems. By planting young trees, staff will be able to shape them as they grow to provide maximum sunlight through their canopies. To further enhance the blue hue, the pathways were resurfaced with blue-gray decomposed granite.

When viewed from the main drive, the succulent garden, or across the lawn, the new blue garden seems to shiver in contrast to the verdant green of the grass and other trees around it. Stroll its paths to experience the renewal of that same cooling effect that Glass described so many decades ago.

Director’s Letter

The Montecito estate that was originally developed by Ralph Kinton Stevens and is now Ganna Walska Lotusland, is 130 years old this year. While there is always much to celebrate at Lotusland, we have not organized a celebration to commemorate this anniversary. Rather, we have been singularly focused on tending this historic and botanical treasure. The hard work and concentration of our staff and Board seems to have paid off. We routinely hear from members and visitors that the gardens have never looked better.

We have not stopped to smell our own roses because there is so much more to be done. If Lotusland looks so fabulous now, one can only wonder what more there is to do. Well, a long list includes major renovation of aging gardens and the intensive care of the iconic plants that were planted 130 years ago. The list also includes the repair of buildings and infrastructure built in the 1920s, restoration and preservation of the antique sculptural objects in the gardens, and the preservation and protection of Lotusland’s archives.

In the last decade of Ganna Walska’s life, when she became an invalid and could no longer see, maintenance of the gardens and buildings was delayed. The staff at Lotusland has spent the last 28 years since Ganna Walska’s death slowly but steadily working to bring the gardens and estate back to its former glory. We are not finished with that work. And even as we chip away at it, the gardens are always changing, ever evolving, never the same. Unlike an object that can be placed in a museum and left alone to be preserved for eternity, gardens are made up of living organisms that grow and die—a process that constantly changes the overall aesthetic and design of the garden.

We have been very fortunate to get help from donors whose support has made it possible to knock a few of the big items off our “to do” list. Most recently, the Hind Foundation’s generosity allowed us to restore the blue garden—one of the most celebrated gardens in Lotusland’s early history, but obviously suffering from the ruthless-ness of time and the eventual ruination of the garden’s aesthetic and condition.

To learn more about this project, see the cover story.

As this anniversary year progresses, I will share details of the items on our very long “to do” list. Perhaps there will be an item that you deeply care about and perhaps you will be inspired to help us get it done. In the meantime, I invite you to come and enjoy the resurrection of the blue garden, the blooming of our namesake lotuses, and celebrate with us the daily pleasure and joy of this community treasure.

Warm regards,
Gwen L. Stauffer
SPACE IS STILL AVAILABLE

LotusFest!
SATURDAY, JULY 14 • 2:00 TO 5:00 PM

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

Enjoy these afternoon delights:
Wine tasting from Santa Barbara County’s premier vintners
Entertainment by The Undecided Trio
Delectable hors d’oeuvres
Ikebana Workshop
Lotus lore galore
Lotus viewing

Price is $75/members and $85/nonmembers. To register, please call 805.969.9990.

Lotusland Welcomes New Trustees

LOTUSLAND IS PLEASED to introduce two energetic new trustees, Joanne “Joey” Pearson and Crystal Wyatt.

JOEY PEARSON

Six years ago Joey Pearson bought a home in the Birnam Wood area of Montecito to be near her twin sister and her husband’s twin brother, Jany and Dick Pearson. Joey also has a home in North Palm Beach, Florida. A longtime community volunteer, Joey recently retired after 20 years as a trustee for the Animal Medical Center in New York. She is a member of the Chairman’s Council of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York and is a trustee at the Santa Barbara Museum of Art and the Norton Museum of Art in West Palm Beach.

CRYSTAL WYATT

Crystal Wyatt grew up in Santa Barbara. After leaving to earn a bachelor’s degree in biology at Pacific Union College and a master’s degree in public health at Loma Linda University, she worked as an industrial hygienist in Santa Monica conducting air quality studies. After a few years, she returned to Santa Barbara to marry Clifford Wyatt. Her in-laws introduced her to Lotusland, and she soon enrolled in the Docent Training Program. Crystal still gives tours and is now serving her third year as co-chair of Lotusland’s annual fundraising gala, Lotusland Celebrates. She and Clifford live in Montecito with their two young children.
Salvia coahuilensis is a beautiful little sage that grows to only about two feet tall. Many insects find nectar rewards in salvia flowers. From Anitra Sheen, a number of interesting and attractive plants have recently been added to the garden. There are ten species and cultivars of Salvia, several members of the poppy family including the Matilija poppy (Romneya coulteri), four selections of red hot pokers (Kniphofia), and many more plants with flowers attractive to both butterflies and beneficial insects.

—Virginia Hayes

**Butterfly Garden Plants**

In her first years at Lotusland (then known as Tibetland), Madame Walska bought and had her gardeners plant many ornamental flowering plants. Invoices for dozens of black calla lilies, yellow and pink calla lilies, coral bells, delphiniums, agatha, and bachelor’s button plants are marked for planting in the flower garden. Flats of cinerarias, snapdragons, yellow allium, and African yellow marigolds as well as seeds of Virginia stock were apparently planted. As her taste in plants evolved, the flower garden was simplified and in time became just a final resting place for some of the gifts of plants, such as Christmas poinsettias, that she couldn’t bear to dispose of.

The renaissance of the butterfly garden began as a way to include ornamental plants that could provide habitat for beneficial insects in the garden. From this refuge and food source, both adult and larval stages of these helpful insects would advance into the rest of the garden to prey on pests. Such a display can require more maintenance than some other types of plants, so staff at Lotusland have been trying to transition into more care-free perennial plants and shrubs. With a generous donation from Anitra Sheen, a number of interesting and attractive plants have recently been added to the garden. There are ten species and cultivars of Salvia, several members of the poppy family including the Matilija poppy (Romneya coulteri), four selections of red hot pokers (Kniphofia), and many more plants with flowers attractive to both butterflies and beneficial insects.

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**The Plant Hunters:**

**BOTANICAL ILLUSTRATIONS FROM THE 16TH TO 19TH CENTURIES**

**AUGUST 25 THROUGH NOVEMBER 2**

This exquisite exhibit presents an overview of the history of botanical prints starting with Fuchs’s early 16th-century herbals through the explosion of plant material finding its way to Europe from all over the world through trade and exploration during the 17th through mid-19th centuries. Magnificent botanical prints resulted from this newly discovered plant material. The exhibit will focus on plants that can be found at Lotusland or grow well in the Santa Barbara area. All of the prints are for sale with a portion of proceeds going to Lotusland.

Members may see the exhibit on a self-guided tour or as part of a docent-guided tour. Reservations are required and may be made by calling 805.969.9990.

**Plants on Paper:**

**MASTERPIECES OF BOTANICAL ILLUSTRATION WITH LINDA MILLER**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 3:00 PM**

LINDA MILLER, Curator of the Maximus Gallery at the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, will present an introduction to the history of botanical illustration focusing on several of the pieces in the exhibit. A reception will follow.

Ms. Miller has worked with antique prints for more than 25 years. She became fascinated with these historical images in print and bookshops while living in England and later owned Saville Fine Prints in Santa Barbara’s old El Paseo, where she specialized in antique botanical prints. Please use the coupon on page 15 to register.
During brief remarks, Lifetime Honorary Trustee Bob Emmons emphasized that "the Lotus Society is the future of Lotusland." He and his wife, Chris, hosted the first Lotus Society luncheon as well as the 10th anniversary luncheon…and they volunteered to host the 25th and 50th!

Trustee Peggy Wiley and her husband, Wilson Quarré, posed in front of a panoramic view. Peggy is chair of the Lotus Society Committee.

Barbara Savage and Robert Ornstein joined The Lotus Society in late 2011, so this was our first chance to thank them in person.

Our gracious host Gerald Incandela chatted with Michelle and Ian Fisher in the lovely garden at Montalba. Ian is a Lotusland Trustee.

Virginia Castagnola-Hunter, Chris Emmons and Madame Walska's niece, Hania Tallmadge, enjoyed a perfect day in this memorable setting.
BEEKEEPING
AT LOTUSLAND

Feral colonies of honeybees have been mostly welcome pollinators at Lotusland for many years, although an unwelcome colony living in the wall of the main house was removed a number of years ago. Recently, staff decided to move a well-established colony in the trunk of a *Euphorbia ingens* in front of the main house. Although no serious incidents had occurred, the proximity to the main house and public tour route, and a particularly active spring with several swarms observed on the property, made the relocation of the colony the prudent course of action.

Paul Cronshaw and Todd Bebb from the Santa Barbara Beekeeping Association (SBBA) worked with Corey Welles, Lotusland’s plant health care coordinator, to create a plan to successfully relocate the bees in the *E. ingens* to a new hive box in the deciduous fruit orchard. Corey also attended an “Introduction to Beekeeping” class and will manage the Lotusland hive(s). Many thanks to Paul, Todd, and the SBBA for their help and advice. Lotusland is planning more collaboration in the future.

HISTORICAL FEATURES RESTORED

The passing of time and the natural aging process caused damage to two tile benches and a brick deck at the northern end of the lotus pond. Recently we received a generous grant from Friends of Historic Preservation* that allowed us to contract with DaRos Masonry to repair and restore these important historic elements.

George Washington Smith designed these features in 1924 along with the bathhouse, swimming pool (now the lotus pond), and the adjacent water lily ponds. Root barriers, newly installed around the tile benches, will help prevent a recurrence of the problem responsible for much of the damage. We are hoping to obtain funding in order to be able to restore an additional 30 feet of brick walkway north of the lotus pond. This would complete the final portion of the original axis that begins at the water fountain above the water stairs.

—Michael Iven

*The Friends of Historic Preservation is a small, private association of individuals based out of Los Angeles, California that seeks to promote cultural identity through the preservation of significant endangered artistic and historic works, artifacts and sites.

Monday Morning Lecture

THE CULTURAL AND NATURAL HISTORY OF LOTUS
WITH VIRGINIA HAYES

MONDAY, JULY 16 • 9:30 TO 11:30 AM

Our namesake lotus plants will be in full bloom just in time for an informative illustrated talk by Lotusland’s Curator, Virginia Hayes.

Virginia has a Master of Arts degree in *Ecology, Evolution and Marine Biology* from UC Santa Barbara and wrote her Masters thesis on the floral development of *Nelumbo* (commonly known as lotus). Before coming to Lotusland, Virginia owned and operated a full-service water garden installation and maintenance company, Santa Barbara Water Gardens and Landscapes.

This lecture is part of the continuing education program for Lotusland’s docents. Lotusland members at the Friend level ($250) and above are invited to attend at no charge.

Seating is limited. To reserve a space, please call 805.969.9990.

If you would like to upgrade your membership, please call 805.969.3767, extension 120.
Members’ Family Day, May 19, 2012

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

Crawford family members—including some grandchildren—enjoyed the variety of entertainment at this annual event.

Photographer Bob DeBriss brought wonderful costumes and props to transform guests for treasured souvenir photos.

Executive Director Gwen Stauffer ties a bandanna on a young guest.

This family got into the spirit of our 2012 Members’ Family Day theme, “Yeehaw! Way Out West at Lotusland.”

Magician Doug Hoover amazes a guest at his Medicine Man comedy show.

A young painter puts the finishing touches on the giant mural created by artist and staff member Gail Lucas.
Floating a cowboy ducky down the runnel was a favorite activity for the toddler set.

A young bandit hopes to win a prize playing “Snakes in the Boots.”

Making art with multi-colored sand in a cactus-shaped bottle was an engrossing activity.

Jody Eullitz, Tom Ball and Kenny Sultan performed live blues music on the main lawn.

Creating bead necklaces was an engaging pursuit at the craft tables.

How did these two villains make their way into Members’ Family Day?

Pygmy goats, a pot-bellied pig, chickens and ducks were among the animals at the petting zoo in the corral.
MADAME 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 18 months, a 14-week docent training course provides all the 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 from 9:30 AM to noon. This fall’s docent training begins on Monday, September 10.

A reception for prospective docents will be held at 9:30 AM on Thursday, August 23. This event offers prospective docents an opportunity to learn more about docent training and 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 reserve a space at the reception, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Kitty Thomassin, at 805.969.3767, extension 112 or kthomassin@lotusland.org.

The Future of Lotusland Depends on All of Us
AND LEGACY GIFTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

THE LOTUS SOCIETY is composed of dedicated Lotusland supporters who want to ensure that Madame Walska’s amazing garden will always be here for us and for future generations to enjoy.

Each year, the Lotus Society Committee plans a tour and reception for members and their guests who might be interested in joining The Lotus Society. The first stop is always the Wall of Honor, which was recently engraved with the names of those who joined The Lotus Society in 2011. All members have made gifts, bequests or pledges of $10,000 or more to The Lotus Society endowment.

For information on how to join, please contact Director of Development Anne Dewey at adewey@lotusland.org or 805.969.3767, extension 105. More information about The Lotus Society is on our website, www.lotusland.org.

We welcome new members:
Marc and Joanna Appleton
Gary H. Brown
Hania Puacz Tallmadge
John and Nancy Vasi
Dennis M. Whelan
Before moving to Santa Barbara, Murph Levy lived in Nebraska where she was a teacher and also helped in a friend’s retail plant store. She was asked to give talks to groups such as Kiwanis Clubs and had a choice of $10 or a plant of her choosing. “Well, I always chose the plant and ended up with more than 200 house plants. It was quite an operation on the day I fertilized my plants!” The Lincoln Star Journal featured her in an article calling her “The Plant Lady of Lincoln.” “My mother had a huge garden with a formal rose garden so I may have inherited my love of plants from her.”

Murph and her two children, aged seven and nine, moved to Santa Barbara in 1978. From the time of her move to Santa Barbara until 1989, Murph worked at Work Training Program, now called Path Point, as a consumer instructor for adults with disabilities. She then took a position as a habilitation counselor at Devereux until 1994, when she decided to go back to school to obtain a special education credential and a Master’s degree. From 1997 to 2001, Murph worked for Santa Barbara County with a special day class at Dos Pueblos High School and then became a resource teacher at Monte Vista Elementary School until her retirement in 2009.

Murph was familiar with Lotusland, as she had visited in 2006 with her family and loved the experience. Serendipitously, shortly after her retirement she saw an ad in the Independent for a docent training class to begin in September of 2009. Since then she has given many adult tours and also participates as an Outreach Docent. Murph says, “I have made it a custom to try to learn one new plant name every time I am at Lotusland. The succulents are my favorite plant group, with ferns and begonias close behind.” She has expanded her volunteer activities at Lotusland to include working one morning a week in the nursery, primarily propagating plants to be given to Fourth Grade Outreach Program participants to take home at the end of their tour.

In addition to her volunteer work at Lotusland, Murph has a variety of other interests. She has her own garden filled with flowering plants and a great many succulents, volunteers with the Assistance League of Santa Barbara, tutors, is a substitute teacher, makes jewelry, enjoys travel, and treasures the time she spends with her five grandchildren.

“I love sharing Madame’s garden with friends. People are always so amazed and awed by the garden. It is so nice to be able to take a group of friends around the garden and explain Madame’s journey toward making the garden what it is today.”

An educator is forever an educator and that’s what a docent is.

—Kitty Thomassin

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Lotusland is holding its first ever live plant auction and sale! More than just your average plant sale, this promises to be a very special occasion. The highlight of the event is a spirited live auction during which a dozen or so very rare, very special plants go under the gavel. Jeff Chemnick is the celebrity auctioneer.

Other choice plants and garden books will be offered during a silent auction, and the Lotusland Garden Shop will have an expanded selection of plants for sale. Funds from the event will be used to care for and support the botanical collection.

Donations have been streaming in from plant collectors and other botanical gardens (such as Huntington Botanical Garden), including some truly fabulous specimens. The full list of plants and auction items is available on Lotusland’s website, but a few to mention are a rare cycad, Cycas apoa, a choice yellow-flowering form of the Australian tree Banksia praemorsa, a truly stunning red form of the giant bromeliad Acanthare imperialis, a collection of sculptural succulents grown as bonsai specimens, and many more cycads, bromeliads, ferns and succulents. On hand will be a cast of plant expert all-stars such as Eric Nagelmann, Jo O’Connell, Jim Melnik, Randy Baldwin, Leland Walmsley, and more. They will discuss the plants and their use in gardens, encouraging guests to take a piece of Lotusland home with them.

Your invitation to the event will be in the mail soon and space is limited, so mark your calendars and send in your reservation card when it arrives. Tickets are $125 and include bidding rights, specialty cocktails, fine wines, premium beers, and sumptuous hors d’oeuvres.
Mme. Walska was fascinated with the East and Eastern religions, and when she first purchased Lotusland, then called Cuesta Linda, she was going to rename it ‘Tibetland’, a rather unenphousious name to say the least. The lotus in some Eastern religions is considered the symbol of the unfolding of the soul. Buddha is often depicted as sitting on a lotus blossom, and in what is referred to as “the lotus position”. Perhaps this is why Mme. Walska finally settled on the name, Lotusland.

When the Japanese Garden was developed in the sixties, the lotus pond became the center of this new area. It had previously been rather undeveloped but with a few exceedingly formal elements, such as a blue-tiled, Italianate “water staircase” meant to feed the lake and descending from a sort of “wishing well” at the end of a long brick walk lined with juniper and Italian cypress. This Mme. Walska called the “juniper allée”. The marvelous “water staircase” was screened from the new Japanese Garden by plantings of Cryptomeria and tree ferns and virtually abandoned, and now the pond was fed by a rock lined brook passing under a bridge made by a massive slab of granite. Water also ran down a pretty little rock lined aquaduct that neighbors or other trespassers had apparently abandoned or released in the pond, and their bloated bodies further polluted the pond, but the crayfish simply crawled out of the water and waited for it to become habitable again! They introduced dozens of large catfish in the hopes that these fish would eat the crawdads, but the population had got just too large to be thus managed with a biological control.

I finally came upon the scheme of catching the crawdads with string and liver, similar to the way I used to “go crabling”, growing up in New Jersey, with string, a lead weight and a fish head. I removed crayfish by the bucket-loads, by the hundreds! They were so intent on chewing on the liver that they were not even aware that they were being lifted out of the water and deposited in a bucket. I’d take them home and boil them for many feasts of crawdads until my friends and I couldn’t stand the slightly sweet and somewhat mushy taste of any more of these crustaceans! This did, however, manage to deplete the numbers sufficiently to where the catfish were able to keep the population in check, and finally we were even able cautiously to reintroduce a few lotus plants.

NEXT TIME
More stories from the Glass memoir.
—Excerpts edited by Virginia Hayes
More than half of our volunteers are docents, who lead both public tours and the outreach tours that are the culmination of our acclaimed Fourth Grade Outreach Program.

Other volunteers work at special events, staff the Garden Shop, assist with a variety of administrative projects, help maintain the grounds and the greenhouse, and assist us with our library and archives. Volunteers are at the heart of Lotusland—we couldn’t do it without you!

—Kitty Thomassin

MEMBERSHIP CORNER
Visiting Lotusland During Our Peak Season

HAVING OUR NAMESAKE lotuses in bloom makes the summer a very popular time to visit Lotusland! As a member you always visit free, but still need a reservation.

Saturday is our most popular day, so we suggest you book early if you plan a Saturday visit. There is more flexibility Wednesday through Friday—and don’t forget you may bring guests for 40% off regular adult admission every Thursday. We would love to see all of our members more often; however, our Conditional Use Permit restricts the number of people and cars allowed to visit each day.

Please plan ahead so you are not disappointed during our peak summer season! Call 805.969.9990 to make a reservation.

Volunteers Gwen Guddal and Hilda Seibert were among those honored at the annual picnic.

Lotusland Wins Web Award

WE WERE PLEASED to learn that Lotusland was the winner of the 2012 Dorothy E. Hansell Publication Award for our website.

Entries were evaluated according to the following criteria: overall usability/user interface, design/aesthetics, content, and online marketing. Our Executive Director, Gwen Stauffer, accepted the award at the recent American Public Gardens Association conference in Columbus, Ohio.

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Bruce Heavin & Lynda Weinman
Mrs. Andy Pearson

GARDEN STEWARDS
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Mr. & Mrs. Larry Durham
Mr. & Mrs. Brian J. Kelly
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Assessment of Lotusland’s outdoor sculpture and art. $6,000

TREE TRIMMING
Trim 30 trees in the olive allée. $13,500

NEPTUNE CONSERVATION
Conservation of the Neptune fountain and surrounds including the Neptune statue, two serpent/man sculptures, the ceramic plate mounted in the hedge, and the walls embedded with tiles in the Neptune Courtyard. $29,000

Thank You to Our Wonderful Volunteers!

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### Lotusland Members

**WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS WHO JOINED IN MARCH, APRIL AND MAY 2012**

#### LOTUS KEEPERS
- **GARDEN ADVOCATE**
  - Michael & Rosy Ayres
  - Mr. Robert Buckley
  - Robin & Daniel Cerf
  - Mike & Diane Giles
  - Ms. Alexandra White
  - & Mr. Brad Weals
  - Ms. Lauren Woodward
  - & Mr. John Moore

#### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
- **FRIEND**
  - Charmaine & Eddie Atherton
  - Stephanie & John Bennett
  - Mr. & Mrs. Richard Buxton
  - David Coup & David Smith
  - Ms. Jessica Gin & Ms. Irene Cooke
  - Ms. Lisa Hubbard
  - Ms. Holly McMillan
  - & Mr. James Chute
  - Steven Pilha & Gregory Shutak
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  - Ms. Julie White

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  - Jim & Phyllis Beck
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  - Ms. Kathleen Simnett
  - & Mr. David Patrick
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Saturday, July 14
LotusFest!
2:00 TO 5:00 PM
See details on page 4. Please call 805.969.9990 to register.

Monday, July 16
The Cultural and Natural History of Lotus with Virginia Hayes
9:30 TO 11:30 AM
See details on page 7. Please call 805.969.9990 to register.

Sunday, July 22
Ooh La La! Lotusland
4:00 TO 8:00 PM
SOLD OUT!

Saturday, August 18
Summer Twilight Tour
3:30 TO 6:30 PM
See details on page 12. Please use the coupon on page 15 to register.

Thursday, August 23
Reception for Prospective Docents
9:30 AM
See details on page 10. Call 805.969.3767, ext. 112 or email kthomassin@lotusland to register.

Saturday, August 25
through
Friday, November 2
The Plant Hunters: Botanical Illustrations from the 16th to the 19th Centuries
See details on page 5.

Saturday, September 8
Exceptional Plants:
Lotusland Auction and Sale
2:00 TO 5:00 PM
See details on page 11.

Saturday, September 29
Plants on Paper: Masterpieces of Botanical Illustration with Linda Miller
3:00 PM
See details on page 5. Please use the coupon on page 15 to register.

Saturday, October 6
Succulent Wreath Workshop
9:30 AM TO NOON
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Tours
Tours are offered at 10:00 AM and 1:30 PM, Wednesday through Saturday between February 15 and November 15. Family Tours, available for groups with children under age 10, are child and parent friendly. They are separate from regular adult tours. Please call 805.969.9990 for reservations.