



# LOTUSLAND

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## ALOES

By VIRGINIA HAYES with PAUL MILLS

ALOES HAVE HAD A LONG HISTORY of cultivation for a number of reasons. Early growers propagated them for medicinal or mystical uses. Practitioners of herbal and tribal healing have used extracts of the aloe leaves for a number of complaints for at least 2000 years and possibly much longer. Alexander the Great is reputed to have seized the island of Socotra just to ensure access to *Aloe perryi*. In South Africa alone, the local aloe tapper's industry is worth 2.5 million rand (more than \$400,000) annually. The bitter, yellow sap obtained from the layer of cells just below the leaf surface is used to treat stomach complaints and acts as a laxative. And it is the slippery gel from the interior of the succulent leaves that many people associate with aloe's healing gift. This gel was brought to the Western world's attention after World War II when it was used to treat radiation burn victims in Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Processed aloe is included in skin care products because of its natural moisturizing ability. It also helps to relieve pain and reduce inflammation so it is useful as a burn treatment (including sunburn).

The origin of Lotusland's collection of aloes dates back to R. Kinton Stevens' nursery (1885-1896). Common aloes of today such as *Aloe ciliaris*, *A. macrocarpa*, *A. saponaria* (now reclassified as *A. maculata*), and the natural hybrid between *A. arborescens* and *A. ferox* first described under the name *A. salm-dyckiana* were introduced to the Santa Barbara area in the late 1800s and early 1900s. It wasn't until Bob Foster and Charles Glass came to work

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*Aloe flexifolia* is found only in the Western Usumbara mountains of Tanzania. It grows in large clumps on rocky ledges and sheer cliff faces.

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for Madame Walska in 1973 that the aloe collection began to really grow. In the mid-1970s, they oversaw a major renovation of the planting beds in the aloe garden, adding tons of large lava boulders to create raised beds. Masses of large and small aloes were placed to generate the drama we associate with all of Madame's garden creations. In the intervening years, more aloes slowly came into the collection through a variety of sources (see *New to the Collections* on page 4 for some examples). Today, there are more than 170 taxa of aloes at Lotusland. This includes a dozen or so hybrids and

cultivars. At least 38 of the accessions are known to be wild-collected plants and another 11 are grown from seed of wild plants now in cultivation. The winter months are the peak of bloom for many aloes grown in southern California, and a visit to Lotusland's aloe garden in January or February is a colorful spectacle.

According to the Convention on International Trade of Endangered Species Checklist, there are more than 450 species in the genus *Aloe*. These succulent plants contribute significantly to the plant life of many countries on the continent of Africa and although they almost never dominate their native landscapes, they are represented in nearly all the vegetation types with the exception of the wet tropical forests. Aloes are also found on the islands of Madagascar, Mauritius, the Seychelles, Reunion and Comoros as well as the Middle Eastern countries of Oman, Saudi Arabia and Yemen.

As you might expect of a genus that covers so much ground and inhabits so many different zones, the diversity of aloe forms is extensive. A small proportion grows as trees or shrubs, such as the gracefully branching *Aloe barbarae* (formerly known as *A. bainesii*) that reaches heights of over 50 feet in the low forests along the coastal zone of South Africa's Eastern Cape, north through Swaziland and Mozambique.



*Aloe dichotoma*, above at Lotusland, is native to arid plains of South Africa and Namibia.



*Aloe ciliaris* was first introduced in Santa Barbara in the late 1800s.

Single-stemmed aloes such as *A. ferox* and *A. marlothii* tower over the bush at 10 to 15 feet in South Africa, while sentinels of *A. thraskii* inhabit the eastern coastal dunes there. Shrubby types abound, forming multi-stemmed thickets many feet across. For example the spindly stems of *A. kedongensis* grow together into dense thickets on the edge of the Great Rift escarpment in Kenya, and the much branched *A. cameronii* occurs in a variety of habitats in Malawi, Zambia, Zimbabwe and Mozambique. The majority of species form stemless rosettes of succulent leaves in a variety of sizes, some with distinctive spots or stripes to mark them. For example *A. maculata* (maculate means spotted) is a quite variable species that forms a rosette of broad leaves each up to a foot in length that are usually copiously spotted with off-white markings. It is widely distributed through Lesotho, South Africa and Swaziland. The light blue-green leaves of *A. striata*, which grows in Namibia and South Africa, are marked by thin, darker green striations from base to tip. Aloe vera (*A. barbadensis*), well known for its medicinal properties, belongs in this group as well. Some of the smaller aloes creep across the ground like *A. distans* from the western cape of South Africa and *A. dorotheae* in Tanzania. Diminutive grass aloes with less succulent leaves



This creeping aloe (possibly *Aloe distans*) grows in the dunes at Elands Bay, South Africa.

also inhabit the vast grassy velds and are adapted to the frequent fast-moving fires in those regions. These latter are rarely represented in gardens.

It is the flowers of aloes, of course, that set them apart in the plant kingdom. All have tubular flowers on simple or branched stalks. Hundreds may be

crowded together in the larger species or merely a dozen or so in the smallest ones. Colors of individual blossoms range from the palest of oranges through yellows and deep brick red. Many inflorescences display more than one color at once as unopened buds, open flowers and spent ones progress through two or three shades during their lifespan. It is not uncommon for there to be two color forms within a species. Both a yellow and an orange form of *Aloe barbadensis* may be found, and *A. cryptopoda* plants can be orange-flowering, yellow-flowering, or exhibit both colors of flowers on the same plant. In the old world where aloes grow, these flowers attract various species of sunbirds through their bright colors and nectar rewards. These tiny birds perch on the flower stalk to probe the flowers and many serve as pollinators, carrying pollen on their foreheads as they visit plant after plant.

Aloes are faced with many of the same threats that affect biodiversity worldwide: agriculture, mining and hydroelectric projects (and associated road building), urban expansion, com-

petition from invasive and exotic plants, and harvesting for medicinal and economic uses, which includes use as ornamentals. When harvested responsibly, aloe species are not greatly endangered, but local populations can be adversely affected. In 1986, Kenya established aloe plantations to protect wild populations from the common practice of harvesting leaves for their medicinal resins and gels. Yet many plantations were planted, and later replanted, with wild-collected plants providing little if any relief from the original pressure. Many other African nations have plant conservation plans and protection laws for aloes and other plants, but they go largely unimplemented and unregulated. Fortunately, the genus is well represented in *ex situ* collections with 88% of all aloe taxa in three gardens in South Africa alone (at the Kirstenbosch, Karoo and Pretoria National Botanical Gardens).

Two special opportunities to see Lotusland's aloes at the peak of their bloom are Aloe Outing on Saturday, January 22, and a Bird Walk on February 5. See pages 4 and 6.

## BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

### Aloe Care

ALOES GROW BEST in sandy, well-drained soil. Most are drought tolerant, but they come from a variety of habitats and attention should be paid to ensure that they are irrigated properly.

They respond to regular feeding. At Lotusland we fertilize them with a liquid organic fertilizer mixed with compost tea. Aloes certainly do not need as much soil organic material as do plants from a forest system, but do better when a modest amount is used in preparing the soil.

Aloes have relatively few pest problems; however, they are subject to infestations of aphids and scale. Ants protect and farm populations of aphids and scale insects, even often defending them against beneficial species that could control them. In order to take advantage of existing biological control, the ants must first

be eliminated. (Visit our website at <http://www.lotusland.org/bmps/ants.htm> for information about controlling ants.)

Some species of aloe are susceptible to aloe mite. The infestations are localized and can usually be pruned out, placed in a plastic bag and disposed of in the trash.

Snails can disfigure some aloes, such as *Aloe speciosa*. "Sluggo," an organic molluscicide made from iron phosphate, is very effective. However, once the snails establish residence in the aloe head, they remain there and may have to be removed by hand.

The mass of dead as well as living aloe roots may impede drainage after time and necessitate a complete soil renovation. Most aloes respond readily to such treatment and will soon regain their former health and vigor.

—John Lafleur



Coral flower buds shade to greenish-white on the flower spike of *Aloe speciosa*. Bright orange stamens extend beyond the pale petals adding to the color display.





## NEW TO THE COLLECTIONS In the Aloe Garden

THE ALOE COLLECTION is one that Lotusland continues to expand. The look of the aloe garden will not change much through the years, but the actual plant list will grow longer. New species of aloe are being discovered and described in remote parts of Africa and the Middle East, and as collected plants are grown and propagated in botanic gardens, they are released to other institutions and growers. Other species have been described for years, but not propagated for dispersal until



VIRGINIA HAYES

*Aloe imatolensis* is native to Madagascar and superficially resembles another better-known aloe, *A. striata*.

recently. Several of the latest additions in the aloe garden have come from these efforts to preserve rare plants.

In mid-winter *Aloe imatolensis*' rosettes of wide leaves that are edged with decorative brown teeth give rise to a short flower stalk. The flowers are the typical tubular blossoms to be expected in this genus, but are a very pale orange. Our plant was grown from seed produced at the Huntington Botanical Garden through controlled pollination of plants grown from wild-collected seed.

Another selection from plants produced by the Huntington and released through the International Succulent Introductions program is *Aloe krapholiana*. This diminutive species grows in only a couple of places in South Africa on the white quartzite hills near Alexander Bay in Cape Province. This area is one of the hottest and driest in the country, receiving only ten inches of rain or less during the brief winter season. While the plant may be small, the relatively large and densely floriferous flower stalks more than make up for it. So far it is thriving in a well-drained site at Lotusland.

One of the newest species to be discovered is *Aloe porphyrostachys*. In recent years botanical expeditions in



VIRGINIA HAYES

A tall inflorescence of deep orange flowers appears on *Aloe porphyrostachys* in May and June instead of in winter as with many of its African relatives.

Yemen and Saudi Arabia have continued to yield new species. *A. porphyrostachys* is just one of those recent discoveries and to date is the most northerly species to have been found. Seed was collected high in the mountains on the east side of the Red Sea to produce plants that are relatively hardy in the cold.

All three of these species were planted during renovation of an area in the aloe garden late last summer. Making soil improvements is an ongoing activity throughout Lotusland, and in the aloe garden it provides an opportunity to augment the diversity and interest of the displays.

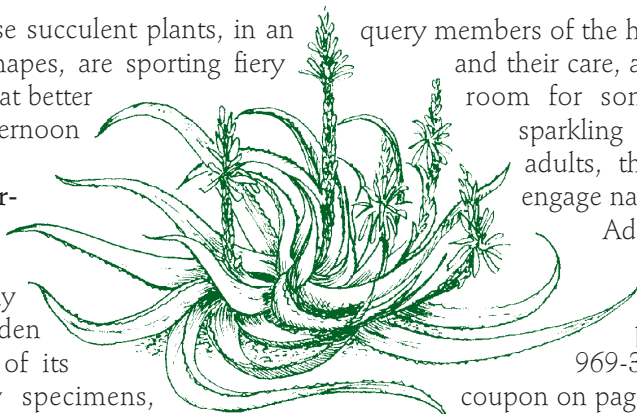
—Virginia Hayes

## Aloe Outing

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22 • 1:00 TO 4:00 PM

THE ALOES ARE BLOOMING! These succulent plants, in an array of fantastic sizes and shapes, are sporting fiery spikes of flowers right now. What better excuse to spend a special afternoon at Lotusland?

Join us for a rare opportunity to enjoy the beauty of Madame Walska's garden in winter (rain or shine, it's a lovely sight). Wander the aloe garden guided by a listing of some of its most interesting and lovely specimens,



query members of the horticulture staff about the plants and their care, and step into Madame's drawing room for some delectable hors d'oeuvres, sparkling cider and wine. Not just for adults, this casual afternoon is sure to engage naturalists of any age.

Admission is \$18 for members, \$20 for nonmembers and children under 10 are welcomed at half price. For more information, call 969-3767, extension 120. Use the coupon on page 11 to register.

## VOLUNTEER PROFILE

# Garden Shop Devotees

WHILE LOTUSLAND VOLUNTEERS may come and go...and return, these three Garden Shop Associates—**Sonja Lane**, **Lee Neill** and **Nancy Wilkinson**—have real staying power. They have given their time and talent in continued service since they began volunteering in the garden. Garden Shop Associates share information not only about merchandise but also about the garden and its history, Lotusland events and the benefits of Lotusland membership. Sonja, Lee and Nancy have a knack for making visitors feel welcome and their hard works plays a big part in the efficient operation of the Garden Shop.



*Sonja Lane*

Sonja Lane received an M.A. in Library Science from UCLA and worked for many years in the art and music departments of the Los Angeles public library system. Sonja loves people and enjoys acting as an ambassador of the garden in her position as Garden Shop Associate, which she began after responding to a *Santa Barbara News-Press* ad in 1997. "I help visitors with whatever they need—including recommendations for local restaurants."

In the last few years, Sonja has added a new dimension to her Lotusland volunteer work by assisting Peter Schneider in the orchards. Peter says that she is a gifted apprentice and

has learned much about caring for the deciduous orchard. Her skills are put to good use at her own home where she has turned much of her one-acre Hope Ranch property into an organic garden. She grows her own fruits and vegetables and prefers her own produce to any she can purchase.

Sonja continues to volunteer year after year because she says the people at the garden are special and she enjoys the friends she has made here.



*Lee Neill*

An Educational Therapist by profession, Lee Neill has a Ph.D in Educational Psychology from UCSB and operates a private practice working with children and adults with learning issues. In addition to her love of reading and music, Lee's major interest is her dog Spirit, a 3-year-old white standard poodle that, not surprisingly, is a Therapy Dog and helps people heal at Cottage Hospital.

Lee learned about Lotusland from B. Jo Dake, a fellow swimmer at the Montecito "Y" and the former Lotusland trustee who established the Garden Shop when Lotusland opened to the public in 1993. Lee says she loves coming to Lotusland and has a special fondness for the Japanese and Theater gardens. She especially enjoys how happy people are when they come through the garden and says this is

what keeps her coming back. It must work because she has been coming back every year since she began in 1993.



*Nancy Wilkinson*

Nancy Wilkinson has worked as a teacher aide and, with her husband, as an architectural draftsman. She has four children who all live locally, and nine grandchildren, one of whom majored in Arabic and is currently in the Middle East on assignment with a newspaper.

Learning Spanish has been a long-term interest of Nancy's. She has traveled to both Spain and Mexico several times for month-long total immersion programs and is particularly fond of a program in San Miguel Allende in Mexico, which she has attended twice.

Nancy has been a dedicated volunteer in the Garden Shop since 1996. She says she truly enjoys the people she works with and those she meets while volunteering in the Garden Shop. "The beauty, peace and quiet of Lotusland make it a wonderful place to be, and we have so much fun together."

We are very appreciative of the skill and commitment these long-time, dedicated volunteers give to Lotusland and are gratified to know that they take great pleasure in being here.

—*Connie Buxton with Debbie Hild*

## Nancy Wood Named As Santa Barbara County's Volunteer of the Year



COURTESY OF JIM DIMODICA

Nancy Wood receives her Santa Barbara County Volunteer of the Year Award from Master of Ceremonies Mary Olson, the KCLU General Manager.

THE ASSOCIATION OF FUNDRAISING PROFESSIONALS (AFP) selected Lotusland Trustee and Docent Nancy Wood as

Santa Barbara County's Volunteer of the Year.

Nancy received her award at the annual National Philanthropy Day luncheon held on November 19 at the Ronald Reagan Library in Simi Valley. In addition to recognition from the AFP, Nancy received certificates from U.S. Representative Lois Capps, State Senator Tom McClintock, and Assemblywoman Hannah-Beth Jackson.

A volunteer extraordinaire at Lotusland as both a trustee and a docent, Nancy chairs the Public Programs Committee, serves on the Lotus Society Committee, performs a vital role in the Fourth Grade Outreach Program and leads scores of adult tours as well. In addition to her busy schedule at Lotusland, Nancy is chairperson of Santa Barbara Community Arts Music Association (CAMA), serves on the Santa Barbara Museum Collectors' Council as well as the Art Council at Westmont College, is president of the Coast Quilters' Guild, and serves in various volunteer capacities with numerous local horticultural associations.

—Anne Dewey

## Santa Barbara High Annual Senior Excursion



CONNIE BUXTON

Dedicated teacher and Lotusland member Greg Stathakis poses with his students in Lotusland's rose garden during a field trip in November.

EACH YEAR, Santa Barbara High School teacher Greg Stathakis brings seniors from his four World Literature classes to the garden for a docent-guided tour. The tour focuses on the aesthetics and emotional appeal of Lotusland, as well as on Madame Walska's generosity in giving this garden to the community.

The tour is preceded by an in-class presentation specially created by Lotusland docent and Visitors Services staff member Dorothy Shaner.



## The Birds of Winter

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5 • 9:00 TO 11:00 AM

LOTUSLAND RESEARCH ASSOCIATE Jeff Chemnick and Executive Director Steven Timbrook look forward to enjoying a winter morning with friendly groups of Lotusland birders on Saturday, February 5.

For beginners, this is a great way to start learning your birds. We will have several pairs of binoculars to lend if you don't have your own, so don't let that stop you. Seasoned birders know that more pairs of eyes make for more birds seen. Do Jeff and I enjoy these mornings so much because we've got a dozen or so spotters with each of us as we search the hidden parts of Lotusland, off the public paths, to see how big a list we can run up? I wouldn't put it past us.

Please use the coupon on page 11 to register.

—Steven Timbrook





# The LOTUS SOCIETY

## JEFFERSON DUNLAP CURRIER

LAST MONTH I HAD THE PLEASURE of meeting Jefferson Dunlap Currier, a new member of *The Lotus Society*. As soon as I set foot inside his cozy apartment at Casa Dorinda, the display of Currier & Ives prints gave me an obvious opening question. "Yes," Mr. Currier replied, "I am related to the Currier of Currier & Ives. Nathaniel Currier was the brother of my great-grandfather."

There were many family photographs and drawings, including one of a striking equestrienne clearing a fence on her horse. "That's my late wife, Gwendolyn Bowen Currier. She

was a very good rider and an accomplished tennis player." I asked if Mr. Currier shared her interest in horses. "No," he quickly answered, "Growing up on my father's ranch in Kansas, horses were nothing special to me, and, by the way, please call me Jeff."

I asked how he had met his wife and heard an interesting story. "My mother passed away when I was 12, and my father sent me to live with her brother in Kansas City, Missouri. I lived with my aunt and uncle through high school. Following my first semester at Missouri University, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Seavern, my aunt and uncle on my father's side, invited me to spend the summer at their home in Lake Forest. I worked for Mr. Seavern's brokerage firm that summer as a clerk on the Chicago Stock Exchange, answering the telephone and taking orders. My uncle suggested I continue with his firm rather than return to the university, and promised to give me a seat on the Chicago Stock Exchange for my 21st birthday. When I got that seat, it made me the youngest person known to have ever joined a major stock exchange. I got lots of publicity, which made me somewhat of a celebrity. I started receiving invitations to social occasions and it was at one of these debutante balls that I met Gwendolyn."

Jeff was very successful in a number of businesses. In 1934 he organized American Terminal Company, with facilities in Chicago to handle up to 45 different, non-competing truck lines. His success with terminals brought Jeff to the attention of Sears, Roebuck who offered him a job in charge of the railcar load division of the traffic department.

"Immediately after Pearl Harbor, I was walking to lunch with four Sears friends and we passed an Army Air Corps recruiting office. We all went right in and volunteered, and a few weeks later I received a telephone call for 2nd Lieutenant Jefferson Currier and was ordered to report for duty. When the war ended, I was given a choice between promotion to major or returning to Sears and I chose Sears."

A few years later he left Sears to

purchase a Ford franchise in Gary, Indiana, and was very successful in arranging fleet sales. "Gwendolyn and I did not like living in Gary, so Ford offered me any available franchise in the country. We looked at one in the San Diego area, but before I had decided to take it over, a friend convinced me to join a new Convair guided missile division. We built the manufacturing plant in Pomona, and our family lived in Pasadena for 25 years until I left Convair in 1979."

After his retirement, Jeff and Gwendolyn moved to Santa Barbara. He served for many years on the Birnam Wood Architecture Committee. "Now that my wife has passed away, I prefer to live here at Casa Dorinda and one of my two daughters lives in the Birnam Wood house."

"It was Arthur Gaudi who first brought me to Lotusland. I love the garden and the things you are doing there and am happy to do what I can to help. When I considered joining *The Lotus Society*, I looked into a charitable gift annuity and found it was a perfect way for me to provide for Lotusland in the future and ensure a lifetime income for my daughter."

Thank you, Jeff. Coming from the gentleman who was the youngest person ever to hold a seat on a major stock exchange, that is a compelling endorsement of Lotusland and *The Lotus Society*. —Steven Timbrook

## NEW MEMBERS

Thank you to these additional new members for their generous support.

George L. Burtness

Virginia Dunne Ridder

Lifetime membership in *The Lotus Society* is reserved for individuals who help preserve and enhance Lotusland as a unique botanical treasure by contributing \$10,000 or more to the Endowment Fund.

To learn more about *The Lotus Society*, please call Anne Dewey, Lotusland's Director of Development, at (805) 969-3767, extension 105.



Jefferson Dunlap Currier

STEVEN TIMBROOK

# Stellar Solutions for Soggy Sites with Greg Speichert

SATURDAY, MARCH 12 • 2:00 TO 4:30 PM



WHETHER YOU ALREADY have a pond, think you might like a pond or just have a damp site in your garden, Greg Speichert can show you how to create a watery paradise with a wide selection of plants that make those soggy sites their home. Greg and his wife Sue are co-authors of *The Encyclopedia of Water Garden Plants*, a photographic reference book covering the full range of plants available to the water gardener. Greg's dynamic presentation features illustrations and information from this exhaustive encyclopedia as well as tips and tricks from Greg's years of professional experience.

Many of the more than 700 photographs in the book were taken by Greg either at his nursery, at the Prairie Woods Botanical Garden outside Chicago where he is Executive Director, or on his extensive travels around the world. Greg and Sue also publish *Water Gardening Magazine*, a bi-monthly magazine devoted to educating amateur water gardeners about how to take care of and enjoy their ponds and water features.



WM. B. DEWEY

*The Victoria waterlily may not be for everyone—its leaves can reach six feet in diameter—but there are plenty of other aquatic plants for every situation.*

A wine reception and book signing will follow the lecture. Pre-order a copy of *The Encyclopedia of Water Garden Plants*

when you sign up for the event using the coupon on page 11 and save almost \$10 off the retail price. —Virginia Hayes



DOROTHY SHANER

## Aesthetic Pruning Workshop

LOTUSLAND JAPANESE GARDEN SPECIALIST Greg Kitajima demonstrated aesthetic pruning techniques (sometimes referred to as *niwaki*) in the Japanese Garden at a workshop held on November 13. He is shown here with a black pine branch.

This popular annual workshop is limited in size to give participants plenty of time for hands-on experience as they learn pruning techniques to create beautiful living sculptures.





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### Aloe Outing

Saturday, January 22 • 1:00 TO 4:00 PM

\$13/members • \$20/nonmembers • Half price for children under 10

No. of people attending \_\_\_\_\_ No. of cars \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### The Birds of Winter

Saturday, February 5 • 9:00 TO 11:00 AM

\$20/members

No. of people attending \_\_\_\_\_ No. of cars \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Stellar Solutions for Soggy Sites with Greg Speichert

Saturday, March 12 • 2:00 TO 4:30 PM

\$35/members • \$40/nonmembers

I plan to purchase *The Encyclopedia of Water Garden Plants* for the special rate of \$40.00 at the event.  
(If you check this box, please return this registration form no later than February 10.)

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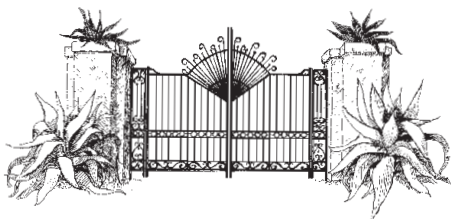
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### Saturday, January 22

#### *Aloe Outing*

1:00–4:00 PM

See details on page 4 and use the coupon on page 11 to register.

### Saturday, February 5

#### *The Birds of Winter*

9:00–11:00 AM

See details on page 6 and use the coupon on page 11 to register.

### Saturday, February 12

#### *Self-guided Tours for All Members*

1:30–4:30 PM

Members \$15 or use admission passes. Call (805) 969-9990 for reservations 9 AM–NOON, M–F.

### Wednesday, February 16

Garden reopens for public tours after winter recess.

### Saturday, March 12

#### *Stellar Solutions for Soggy Sites with Greg Speichert*

2:00–4:30 PM

See details on page 8 and use the coupon on page 11 to register.

### Saturday, March 26

#### *Self-guided Tours for All Members*

10:00 AM–12:30 PM

Members \$15 or use admission passes. Call (805) 969-9990 for reservations 9 AM–NOON, M–F.



### Family Tours

Family tours for all ages are offered Thursdays 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 November 13 and February 16). Family tours are child and parent friendly and are separate from regular

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SELF-GUIDED TOURS are a benefit only for our members and their guests. Level III and above members may visit the garden on a self-guided tour any time Lotusland is open to the public. Twenty-two dates are set aside for Level II members, and six for Level I members, each year. They are:

Saturday, February 12	1:30–4:30 PM	Level I and Level II
Saturday, February 19	1:30–4:30 PM	Level II
Wednesday, March 9	1:30–4:00 PM	Level II
Saturday, March 26	10:00 AM–12:30 PM	Level I and Level II
Friday, April 1	10:00 AM–12:30 PM	Level II
Saturday, April 23	1:30–4:30 PM	Level II
Saturday, May 7	1:30–4:30 PM	Level I and Level II
Friday, May 13	10:00 AM–12:30 PM	Level II
Thursday, May 26	1:30–4:00 PM	Level II
Wednesday, June 8	10:00 AM–12:30 PM	Level II
Saturday, June 18	10:00 AM–12:30 PM	Level II
Saturday, July 9	10:00 AM–12:30 PM	Level II
Saturday, July 16	1:30–4:30 PM	Level I and Level II
Thursday, July 21	1:30–4:00 PM	Level II
Saturday, August 20	10:00 AM–12:30 PM	Level I and Level II
Friday, August 26	1:30–4:00 PM	Level II
Saturday, September 17	1:30–4:30 PM	Level II
Wednesday, September 21	10:00 AM–12:30 PM	Level II
Thursday, October 6	1:30–4:00 PM	Level II
Saturday, October 22	10:00 AM–12:30 PM	Level II
Friday, November 11	10:00 AM–12:30 PM	Level II
Saturday, December 3	1:30–4:30 PM	Level I and Level II
<i>Holiday Shopping Day</i>		

Reservations are required for all dates and may be made by calling (805) 969-9990 from 9:00 AM TO NOON, Monday through Friday. \$15 per person or use admission pass.