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LOTUSLAND'S THEATRE GARDEN

By VIRGINIA HAYES

AFTER A STORMY beginning to her life in California with fears about her family's safety in Europe during World War II and her emotionally trying marriage and divorce with Theos Bernard, Madame Walska began in earnest to improve the gardens in the late 1940s. One of those early projects was to create an outdoor theatre and grotto like those she had had at Chateau Galluis, her country home outside Paris. The new theatre was constructed to seat about 100 people, much larger than its French counterpart. The tradition of garden grottos is from a much earlier era in garden history, but must have appealed to Madame Walska's sense of drama. The new grotto, however, never received the rococo covering of shells and tiles that the original at Galluis had.

No formal plans were drawn for the theatre, but landscape architect Ralph Stevens, who was overseeing many of the additions to the garden at that time, directed the project. Native sandstone blocks were used to face the excavated tiers of the amphitheater and create steps from each grassy level to the next. Tall hedges of Monterey cypress (*Cupressus macrocarpa*) enclosed the seating area and were planted to create the wings and screen of the stage area. Several of Madame Walska's grotesques, carved coquina stone figures in the style of the *commedia dell'arte* characters, that had been retrieved from her garden at Galluis were arrayed along the "auditorium" walls facing the stage in anticipation. She also put out a call to find more of them and soon purchased additional figures to populate her audience.

The actual construction of the
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PHOTOS FROM LOTUSLAND ARCHIVES

Madame Walska's guests gathered for a group photo during one of her annual Fiesta parties in the 1950s.

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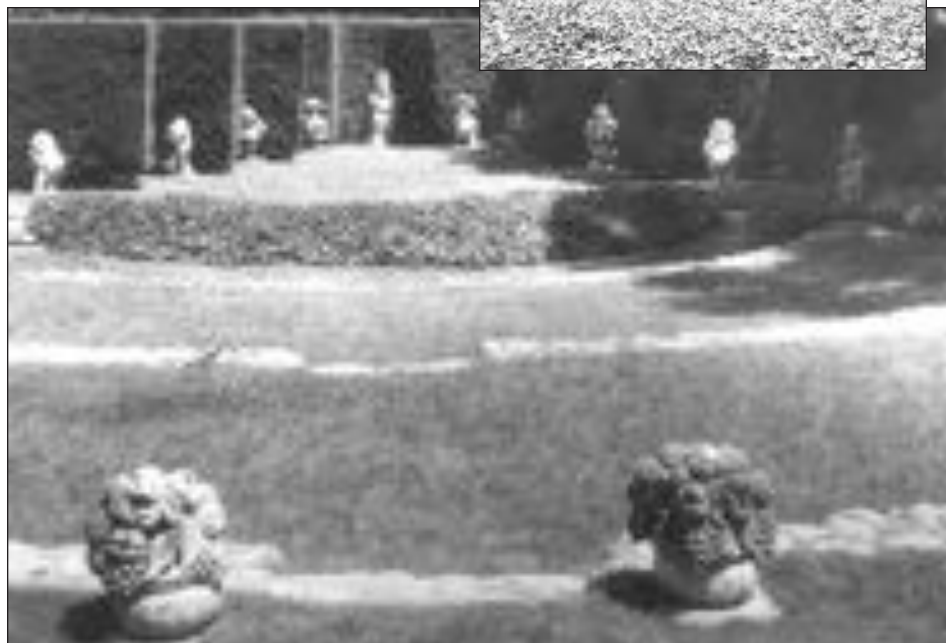
theatre was performed by a crew from Santa Barbara Stone and Masonry under the direction of Oswald Da Ros. Ozzie remembers taking Madame Walska up on San Marcos pass to select the weathered field stone from the Spalding Ranch. Gunnar Thielst, Madame's garden supervisor, was called upon to craft upholstered cushions for the uneven stone seats. Each segment was designed for a specific section of a specific tier and numbered accordingly.

Once it was finished, musical performances by students from the Music Academy of the West and other artists were a regular part of Madame Walska's entertainment in the next decade or so. As the Music Academy grew in size and stature, many renowned performers participated in its summer festival. Madame Walska often hosted afternoon parties for these dignitaries that included music in her outdoor theatre. She hosted other galas that soon became a tradition, such as the yearly fiesta during Old Spanish Days.

By the time the Lotusland Foundation assumed administration of the garden, the theatre was suffering from disease and neglect. The original hedges had become overgrown with ivy and a fungus had blighted many of the cypresses. Staff removed them and

renovated the plantings under the direction of Isabelle Greene, replacing the Monterey cypress with less disease prone African box (*Myrsine africana*) for the seating area and fern pine (*Afrocarpus gracilior*) forming the wings and screen. The footlights are now planted in a white variegated carex (*Carex morrowii* 'Aurea-Variegata'), and the apron is clothed in Australian violet (*Viola hederacea*). The renovated theatre was dedicated to Reginald Faletti, Madame Walska's lawyer and the first director of the Foundation, in 1990.

In recent years, performances in the theatre garden have ranged from selections from the opera "Madama Butterfly" and chamber music performed by Camerata Pacifica to a theatrical Wonderland tea party complete with the March Hare and Alice. Madame Walska was not a particular fan of jazz, but attendees of LotusFest a few summers ago, found the theatre a wonderful venue for this mellow sound. Magicians and mimes have also performed on the grassy



The theatre garden as it looked in its heyday, complete with grotesques. INSET: By the 1980s, ivy and disease were taking their toll on the hedges.

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.



The newly renovated theatre was dedicated to the memory of Reginald Faletti in 1990.



Scenes from "Madama Butterfly" were part of the entertainment for Lotusland's first fundraising gala in 1995.

stage as a regular part of Lotusland's Members' Family Day each spring.

The theatre garden holds a special place in the hearts of those who have come to appreciate Madame Walska's eclectic creativity. And who can resist the lovable grotesques! It has always been a favorite garden of Lifetime Honorary Trustee and past President

Carol L. Valentine, who was at the helm of Lotusland when several music and theatrical events took place in this charming little amphitheatre. We are pleased to announce that Carol has generously begun an endowment for Lotusland's theatre garden, which will be a permanent source of income for the maintenance of this beautiful garden.

If you would like to join Carol Valentine in contributing to the Theatre Garden Endowment, please contact Anne Dewey, Director of Development, at 969-3767 extension 105 or andewey@lotusland.org.

Director's Letter

WHEN I'M STROLLING through the cycad garden, I often think of the dinosaurs that walked our planet 65 to 200 million years ago when cycads were among the dominant vegetation types. What is occasionally forgotten as we celebrate (rightfully!) Lotusland's remarkable cycad collection is that *other* plants were alive more than 100 million years ago—and some of *them* have a significant presence at Lotusland! Monkey puzzle and Norfolk Island pine (Araucariaceae); dawn redwood, bald cypress and redwood (Taxodiaceae); African fern pine (Podocarpaceae); *Ginkgo biloba* (Ginkgoaceae); and the pines (Pinaceae) were abundant during the Jurassic period, from 150 to 200 million years ago, and all grow at Lotusland today.

The wonderful advantage at Lotusland is that some of these ancient groups are represented here by individual plants that are very old! For this we must thank Ralph Kinton Stevens who started a nursery called

Tanglewood (which became Lotusland) in 1882. He was responsible for planting the oldest monkey puzzle trees, African fern pines, and pines on the property, more than 100 years ago. The central portion of the main drive is shaded by some of the towering old trees, with ancient lineage, that provide a true sense of timelessness and immensity within the garden.

Besides having some grand old trees with prehistoric ties, Lotusland is fortunate to have other very old and large trees—especially the Chilean wine palms (*Jubea chilensis*). Of a more recent vintage (Cretaceous, a mere 60 million years ago), these mammoth palms were also planted by Stevens more than a 100 years ago and stand as massive columnar counterweights to the whimsy of the shell pond, providing the visitor a heavily framed picture of a true piece of art.

The garden where I last worked in North Carolina is of recent vintage (1999), as are the plantings; I can't help but contrast them with Lotusland's huge and stately trees! I've come to be

very fond of walking among the giant ancient flora planted at Lotusland so many years ago, and I hope on your next visit you, too, feel the unique sense of place created by such an enduring legacy of ancient trees planted so long ago.

Mike



Mike Bush



NEW TO THE COLLECTIONS Bromeliads

LOTUSLAND CONTINUES to benefit from the efforts of plant collectors of every stripe who donate or sell some of their interesting plants for inclusion in the garden. Some are seriously engaged in research and distribute seed or plants that they have collected in this pursuit (for example, the research collection of *Chamaedorea* palms donated by Don Hodel), while others have a more commercial reason for obtaining and propagating exotic plants. Dutch



Dutch Vandervoort's *Dyckia* hybrid is only six inches across.



PHOTOS BY VIRGINIA HAYES

This miniature pineapple (nearly lifesize in this photo) is the fruit of *Ananas lucidus*.

Vandervoort belongs in this latter class, and a recent trip to his greenhouse on the Oxnard plains resulted in wonderful new additions to the collection. Besides the unique *Euphorbia tortirama* with twisted and contorted stems and a strange and wonderful aroid, *Synandropadix vermitoxus*, 32 new bromeliads were acquired for the garden. Here are just a few that will be planted out in the coming months.

Pseudoananas macrodentes is a close relative of the commercial pineapple and bears miniature fruits shaped just like its larger namesakes. *Ananas lucidus* is also kin to pineapples, but while the

miniature fruits are edible, they are more prized as cut flowers since they perch atop a sturdy stalk that forms from the center of the stiff blue-green leaves. Another pineapple cousin, *Acanthostachys pitcairnioides*, was once placed in the same genus. The new specimen in Lotusland's collection was in fruit when it arrived, and seeds harvested from it are already sprouting in the greenhouse.

Dutch Vandervoort has made many trips to South America in search of new plants, but he hasn't stopped there. He also has produced a few hybrid bromeliads. *Dyckia choristaminea* x *dawsonii* 'Maryori' is one of his creations. This cross resulted in a plant retaining the narrow, minutely spined leaves of *D. choristaminea* and the diminutive overall size of *D. dawsonii*. One last specimen to mention is *Hohenbergia correia-araujoii*. This robust plant forms a large, narrow funnel of stiff leaves. The foliage is starkly mottled in dark green overlaid with jagged stripes of silver trichomes (specialized hairs) and will make a stunning addition to the garden. The additional plants are all distinctive in their own way and further Lotusland's mission to display a diversity of exotic plants.

—Virginia Hayes

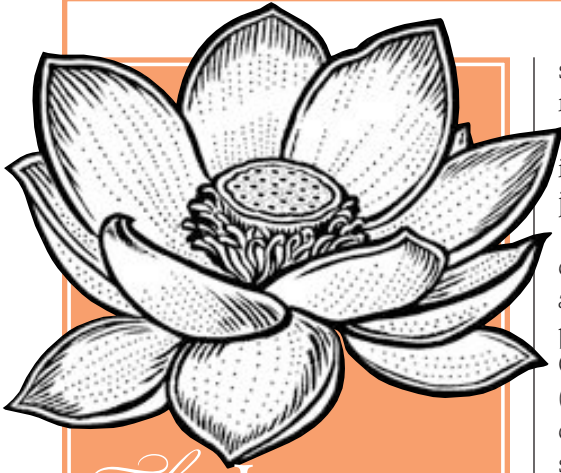
Tax Relief Reminder

At press time, space is still available for the Tax Relief Twilight Tour planned for 5:00 to 7:30 PM on Saturday, April 15.

Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served midway through your tour.

The **Tax Relief Twilight Tour** is sponsored in part by Complete Business & Tax Service.

For reservations, use the coupon on page 15 or call (805) 969-9990.



The LOTUS SOCIETY

JEFF CHEMNICK AND SATIE AIRAMÉ

FROM HIS EARLIEST college days in Botany 103, Jeff Chemnick has been smitten by cycads. He found cycads alluring at every level—they occurred in exotic localities; they had a fascinating life history; they were rare, beautiful, sought-after, and primitive. While he also enjoys other, more “advanced” plants such as flowering plants, he seems content to thrive in arrested development within cycads!

Jeff moved to Santa Barbara from San Diego 25 years ago and soon discovered that “Lotusland” was hiding behind the pink walls. Learning that Madame Walska had acquired an important collection of

sizable cycads, Jeff was motivated to meet her and see her garden of cycads. Unfortunately his first visit was by invitation of a friend “with connections” just months after Madame Walska died.

While impressed with her grand collection of cycads, he was “blown away” by the aloe garden and the shell pool, surrounded by the monstrous Chilean wine palms. Life for Lotusland (and Jeff) took a turn that day. He continued his tour through the house, still replete with Madame’s belongings. He recalls that a car-lover would go nuts viewing all the caringly stored cars. Thinking of a particular favorite, he lamented that a great 1950s surgery-room green woodie sedan complete with “GW” monogrammed on the front doors went to auction—along with almost all of Madame’s belongings. The garden was the recipient of the funds produced from the two auctions (Jeff attended one), but he still thinks that old woodie would be the perfect touch to park on sunny days in the courtyard.

With his new contacts at Lotusland, Jeff began seeking trades to expand his own cycad collection, and Lotusland was pleased to receive some rare and unique cycads in return. Jeff felt so passionate about Lotusland that he spoke on its behalf at the hearings regarding the proposed Conditional Use Permit from Santa Barbara County and was relieved when the permit was issued and Lotusland could continue. Jeff enrolled in the first docent class and later began teaching the docents about cycads.

Through the years, Jeff has advised on the care of cycads and provided delicate pollination services to enrich the nursery and ensure that the Garden Shop has special plants to sell. In 2003, the Board of Trustees appointed Jeff to the position of Research Associate as a result of his collaborative participation in Mexican cycad research projects. Jeff has very much enjoyed all his volunteer service on behalf of Lotusland.

Jeff and the founding Executive Director, Steve Timbrook, shared interests not only in Lotusland and its special plants, but also in birds—here,

and around the world. As a result of this shared passion, Jeff and Steve hosted many winter bird walks for Lotusland members.

It was on a birding expedition to Borneo that Jeff met his future wife, Satie Airamé, who shares many of the same interests in natural history as Jeff. He and Satie were married three years ago and spent their honeymoon observing curious and unusual plants and animals in Madagascar and southern Africa.

At home in Santa Barbara, Jeff has developed his own garden and nursery of cycads, aloes, agaves, palms, and, as he puts it, other “plants of distinction.” Over the years, Lotusland has nurtured, rewarded, and inspired the couple and, in return, Jeff and Satie decided to bequeath to Lotusland many of the rare and special cycads from their garden. Their wish is to share the joy and inspiration of these wonderful plants with our community. Gently inquiring as to their potential value, Lotusland’s Director of Development, Anne Dewey, determined that the couple intended to bequeath plants worth far more than *The Lotus Society* minimum requirements. Jeff and Satie were surprised and pleased to learn that their planned gift makes them members of *The Lotus Society*.

Jeff enjoys the thought that, some day in the distant future, a young plant enthusiast will see a label and say, “How wonderful that Lotusland has mature specimens of such rare cycad species. I wonder how they ever got an *Encephalartos dolomiticus!*”

Thank you, Jeff and Satie, for meeting in Borneo, for taking us on birdwalks, and for securing our cycad future.
—Mike Bush



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*, please call Anne Dewey, Lotusland’s Director of Development, at (805) 969-3767, extension 105.



Satie Airamé and Jeff Chemnick
Oaxaca, Mexico

COURTESY PHOTO

HORTICULTURAL HAPPENINGS

Australian Garden Viewing

IT'S THE FIRST GARDEN you enter when arriving for a docent-led tour, and it's probably the least-viewed garden at Lotusland. Designed by local landscape architect Sydney Baumgartner and installed in 1992 by Acorn Landscaping, it was created to complement the new Visitor Center. The Australian garden features specimen and mass plantings of interesting flowering shrubs and trees framed by the already existing towering grove of eucalyptus trees.

Growing Australian plants at Lotusland is a bit tricky. In general, Australian plants like sandy, well-drained, and acidic soil low in nutrients. The soil in the Australian garden is pretty much the opposite of that. Clay soil with poor drainage and the presence of the fungal pathogen *Phytophthora* have led to plant losses. Watering practices and nutrient levels must be monitored closely. Mulching continues to improve soil conditions, and the ongoing addition of new species demonstrates which Australian plants can be grown at Lotusland. Recently, a number of new plantings were added to the garden.

Brachychiton rupestris (Queensland bottle tree) is considered a succulent and grows to 40 feet in habitat. Four specimens growing in the Australian garden since 1992 are 15 to 20 feet tall and exhibit the bottle-shaped swollen trunk. Five more *B. rupestris* were planted recently among the original specimens.



Brachychiton bidwillii is a small tree that drops its leaves before flowering.



Take a close look at the red stamens of the *Callistemon speciosus* and the ensuing woody capsules.

Additional numbers of *Maireana sedifolia* (Australian bluebush) have been planted in one of the parking lot islands. This shrub is a good landscape choice that can grow to 3 feet and is easy to spot because of its silver-white succulent leaves.

Flowers and seed pods of Australian plants are noticeable year-round. The large flowers of *Banksia baueri* (possum banksia) are unusual and especially striking, as are the seed pods of *Brachychiton discolor* (lace bark tree) and *Hakea petiolaris* (sea urchin hakea).



The flowers of numerous *Grevillea* species in the Australian garden provide year-round color and are favored by hummingbirds.

One of my favorite plants in the garden is *Xanthorrhoea quadrangulata* (grass tree). You can see it growing in front of the Garden Shop. *Xanthorrhoeas* are very slow growing and can live for hundreds of years. Rosettes of long blue-green leaves emanate from developing trunks hidden by older leaves.

There's a lot to see in the Australian garden. Come a little early for a self-guided tour of this garden the next time you visit Lotusland!

—Mike Iven

SAVE THE DATE

LotusFest!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12 □ 1:30 TO 5:30 PM

Come celebrate the legendary flower
that is Lotusland's namesake.

Wine tasting from Santa Barbara County premier vintners,
live music, and hors d'oeuvres are just a few
of the pleasures that will be offered during
this fun, relaxing afternoon in the garden.

Details and reservation information will be in the summer newsletter.



Madame Ganna Walska

AN ILLUSTRATED PRESENTATION ON LOTUSLAND'S CREATOR
FOLLOWED BY AFTERNOON TEA

SATURDAY, MAY 13 • 3:00 TO 5:00 PM



Madame Ganna Walska

LOTUSLAND ARCHIVES

WHAT BETTER WAY to celebrate Mother's Day weekend than being surrounded by Mother Nature's splendor provided by our Hostess in Spirit, Madame Ganna Walska. Please join us for an in-depth look at Walska's life with this slide presentation by Lotusland Public Programs Coordinator and Madame Walska aficionado Dorothy Shaner. Archival photographs will be on display, and champagne and an elegant Afternoon Tea will be served following the presentation. Lotusland wishes to thank Willie and Pearl Copelan for generously sponsoring this event.



Born Hanna Puacz in Poland in 1887, Madame Ganna Walska's fascinating life as a woman of the world enthralled the newspaper-reading public of the time. This self-proclaimed "enemy of the average" embarked upon an operatic career as a young woman

with a passion that would later manifest itself in her incredible gardens.

Her elopement at age 19 with a Russian Count heralded a series of six marriages, all but one of them to wealthy men, affording her a sizeable estate and the means to indulge her creative fantasies using plants as a medium. Breathtakingly beautiful, whimsical, outlandish, bold—these terms have been used to describe both Madame and the gardens she fashioned at Lotusland.

Space is limited. Please register early by using the coupon on page 15.

—Connie Buxton



Summer Twilight Tour

CELEBRATING MADAME WALSKA'S BIRTHDAY

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

5:30 PM TO SUNSET (8:15 PM)

Celebrate summer and Madame Ganna Walska's birthday at the same time by joining one of Lotusland's very popular Twilight Tours. The garden takes on a magical quality at the end of day when light is subdued and shadows lengthen.

Mid-tour wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served on the terrace, and we will all gather for birthday cake and a toast to Madame Walska at sundown.

You may have a self-guided or docent-led tour and docents will be available throughout the garden to answer questions.

Please use the coupon on page 15 to reserve space for this event.

Members' Family Day Around the World

SATURDAY, MAY 2

Lotusland wishes to thank you, our members, for your support by hosting our ninth

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Activities w



Jim Gamble performing two puppet shows in the theater. Face-painting, cartoon caricatures, activities and crafts from the garden for the children. Dress up in costumes and take home a free worldly souvenir photo by photographer. Live music by King Bee on the stage.

Members' Family Day is FREE!

But you must make a reservation by mailing the reservation form to save space for your family and to pre-purchase lunch tickets. **One vehicle per membership.** Please reserve early as this event always quickly fills to capacity.

Bring your own picnic or pre-purchase a lunch catered by Tinker's Summerland Catering Company. Lunch includes a choice of grilled hamburger or cheeseburger on a multi-grain bun, grilled chicken burger or garden burger on a whole wheat bun; or all-beef hotdog split and grilled on a steak roll; french fries; and fresh fruit. Tickets for box lunches are available until May 5. (Sorry, it will not be possible to buy lunch tickets on the day of the event.)

A limited number of picnic blankets will be available, or you can bring your own.

Complimentary juice, soft drinks and water are available all day.

Complimentary ice cream cones at the ice cream booth served NOON TO 2:00 PM.



Family Day World in 80 Plants!

20 • 10 AM TO 4 PM

Annual Members' Family Day. Everyone is invited, especially children of all ages!

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atre garden • 11:15 AM TO NOON AND 2:15 TO 3:00 PM
 or children and adults on the main lawn • 10:00 AM TO 4:00 PM
 rapher extraordinaire *Bob DeBris* • 10:00 AM TO NOON AND 1:00 TO 4:00 PM
 main lawn • NOON TO 2:00 PM

RESERVATION INFORMATION: Due to the popularity of this event and to allow as many members as possible to attend, Lotusland requests **ONLY ONE VEHICLE PER MEMBERSHIP**. Admission to Members' Family Day is free, but reservations are required. *No phone reservations, please.*

Please return this reservation form to: Ganna Walska Lotusland, Attn: Member Events, 695 Ashley Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93108. **Your confirmation and a map will be mailed to you upon receipt of your reservation form.**

Bring your own picnic or order prepaid lunches below. Your lunch tickets will be mailed with your confirmation.

RESERVATION FORM

Member Name _____ No. of adults _____ No. of children 2 & under _____

Address _____ No. of teens _____ No. of children 3 to 12 _____

Please specify:
 Lunches include choice of burger or hot dog (served dry), french fries, and assorted fruit
 Grilled Hamburger \$12 x _____ (NO.) = \$ _____
 Grilled Cheeseburger \$12 x _____ (NO.) = \$ _____
 Grilled Chicken Burger \$12 x _____ (NO.) = \$ _____
 Grilled Garden Burger \$12 x _____ (NO.) = \$ _____
 All Beef Hot Dog \$12 x _____ (NO.) = \$ _____

Payment Method: Check enclosed VISA MasterCard
 Total Enclosed \$ _____ Exp. Date _____
 Card Number _____
 Signature _____



Volunteer Profile: Harlis Maggard

CAREER VOLUNTEER



VIRGINIA HAYES

Harlis Maggard

AS DIRECTOR OF Radiology Services for Cottage, Goleta Valley and Santa Ynez Valley Hospitals, the MRI Center and the Mobile Mammography Unit for 33 years, Harlis Maggard has served his community well. Now retired from his professional career, Harlis has a volunteer career here at Lotusland serving as a dedicated, hard-working docent.

Born in the Appalachian town of Pound, Virginia, Harlis attended local schools. After graduation from high school, he completed the Radiology

Technology Program at Johns Hopkins University, Bayview Medical Center in Baltimore. He then spent four years as a Navy Corpsman at Pensacola Naval Air Station Hospital in Pensacola, Florida. One of his fellow corpsman was from Carpinteria and spoke highly of the area. Harlis was intrigued and applied for the position of Director of Radiology Services at Cottage Hospital in Santa Barbara. He has happily been here ever since.

Harlis discovered Lotusland several years ago when docent and Lotusland member Larry Disharoon and his wife Diane invited him to join them on a self-guided tour of the garden. He was hooked and, after learning about the docent program, became a member of the 2001 docent training class.

His favorite part of being a docent is getting to meet people from all over the world and from different backgrounds. One of his most memorable tours was for people from the Braille Institute. Some of the visitors were blind, while others had limited sight. A seeing-eye dog accompanied one person; another was aided by a volunteer from the institute. Harlis says, "This tour was a uniquely enjoyable experience. Taking in the lovely scents of the garden, touching leaves and

trunks of trees, the people were so appreciative."

Harlis says one of the things he likes about Lotusland is that it's always changing, and he finds it exciting to see what's new in the garden. Being "really into photography," he recently purchased a digital SLR camera and can't wait to get out into the garden to take some photos.

Aside from leading tours as a docent, Harlis also enjoys helping with various events. One of his favorite volunteer experiences was directing cars in the visitor parking lot with fellow docent John Vasi for last fall's Halloween Twilight Tour. Harlis showed up in a full-regalia "parking director" outfit, complete with hardhat and reflector vest.

Harlis is a real pinch hitter when it comes to filling in for tours or helping with the many events in the garden. Visitor Services staff say they don't know what they would do without his cheerfully volunteering when they are in desperate need of more docents. He is also an upper level member as well as a member of *The Lotus Society*, which demonstrates another layer of commitment to Lotusland.

Thank you, Harlis, for all you do for Lotusland. —Connie Buxton

Santa Barbara Gardens Tour

WITH VIRGINIA HAYES

SATURDAY, APRIL 22 • 9:15 TO 4:00 PM (GATES OPEN AT 9:00 AM)

IT'S TIME TO HOP on the bus with Curator Virginia Hayes for a tour of some local Santa Barbara gardens.

So many talented designers, both amateur and professional, reside in our area that the opportunity to see finely crafted outdoor spaces is great. This year's tour will take in some gardens with fine collections of exotic plants, as well as those designed to complement their natural settings. The variety is sure to inspire and excite us all to imagine

our own gardens in a new light.

The bus will depart Lotusland at 9:15 AM and return by 4:00 PM. Please plan to arrive at 9:00 AM to facilitate this early departure. The fee of \$90 for members and \$100 for nonmembers covers transportation, admission and a delicious buffet lunch.

Space is very limited, and this popular tour fills up quickly. Please use the coupon on page 15 to reserve your space.



VIRGINIA HAYES

Jill Levinson Joins Lotusland's Board of Trustees



Jill Levinson

WM. B. DEWEY

LOTUSLAND IS PLEASED to welcome **Jill Levinson** to our Board of Trustees.

A native of Santa Barbara, Jill lived here until she left for Stanford University where she earned a BA in psychology and English literature. Most

of her 17-year career has been spent as a producer for film and television working with LucasFilm, HBO, and with her own production company.

Six years ago she and her husband Neil Levinson, an attorney, returned to Santa Barbara to start a family. They are the parents of four-year-old Paige and Drew, born just this past November.

Jill is an active volunteer in the Santa Barbara community and served on the *Lotusland Celebrates* Committee for three years prior to joining the Board. She enjoys her participation with numerous other local organizations including the Hospice Mother's Day Committee, the Lobero Associates, and the Santa Barbara Museum of Art SMART Families Committee.

Jill looks forward to serving on the Lotusland Board, particularly on the Development and Nominating & Governance Committees, as well as continuing on the *Lotusland Celebrates* Committee.

Admission Fee Increased

Our admission fee has increased from \$15 to \$20.

This change also increases the value of the passes that are included with your membership.

A Level I (\$50) membership includes two admission passes —a \$40 value!

A Level II (\$100) membership includes four admission passes —an \$80 value!



SAVE THE DATE

Lotusland Celebrates *The Summer of Love* SUNDAY, JULY 23 ▣ 4:00 TO 8:00 PM

Join us for a very cool and groovy event that will rock your socks.

Benefactor ▣ \$5,000 (ten tickets, VIP parking and a special gift)

Patron Table Host ▣ \$3,500 (ten tickets and VIP parking)

Patron ▣ \$1,000 (two tickets)

Tickets ▣ \$275 each

Invitations will be mailed in mid-June.

Remember, this event always sells out!

Please contact Anne Dewey, Director of Development, at (805) 969-3767, extension 105 for more information.

Outreach Program



CHALICE HARKEY

LEFT: Lotusland Outreach docent Jane Copelan recently gave an entertaining and informative classroom presentation to Chalice Harkey's fourth grade students at Roosevelt School. RIGHT: A generous grant from Mid-State Bank & Trust will enable Lotusland to supply buses for field trips to the garden this year. Jason Wilson presented the check from Mid-State Bank & Trust to Lotusland Executive Director Mike Bush in front of the Neptune Fountain.



WELMOET GLOVER

Docents Graduate

LOTUSLAND IS VERY PLEASED to welcome 34 new docents into its superb docent corps. These new docents recently completed a 14-week Docent Training Program and are now ready to lead visitors on tours of the garden.

Front row left to right: Charity Walton-Masters, Mary O'Toole, Dorinda Murry,

Michelle Massie, Arlene Belmontes, Suzy Pelovsky, Catherine Birtalan, Bettie Dullea, Crystal Wyatt.

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Saturday, April 15 • 5:00 PM TO SUNSET (7:30 PM)

\$35/members • \$45/nonmembers • ONE MEMBER PASS MAY BE USED AS PARTIAL PAYMENT

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FOLLOWED BY AFTERNOON TEA

Saturday, May 13 • 3:00 TO 5:00 PM

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Saturday, June 24 • 5:30 PM TO SUNSET (8:15 PM)

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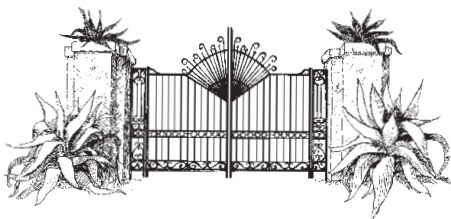
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Saturday, April 15

Tax Relief Twilight Tour

5:00 PM TO SUNSET

See details on page 4 and use the coupon on page 15 to register.

Saturday, April 22

Santa Barbara Gardens Tour

9:15 AM TO 4:00 PM

See details on page 10 and use the coupon on page 15 to register.

Saturday, May 6

Self-guided Tours for All Members

1:30–4:30 PM

Members \$20 or use admission passes. Call (805) 969-9990 for reservations 9 AM–NOON, M–F.

Saturday, May 13

Madame Ganna Walska An Illustrated Presentation on Lotusland's Creator Followed by Afternoon Tea

3:00–5:00 PM

See details on page 7 and use the coupon on page 15 to register.

Saturday, May 20

Members' Family Day

10:00 AM–4:00 PM

See details on pages 8 and 9. Please use the form on page 9 for reservations and to pre-purchase lunches.

Saturday, June 24

Summer Twilight Tour

5:30 PM TO SUNSET

See details on page 7 and use the coupon on page 15 to register.

Saturday, July 15

Self-guided Tours for All Members

1:30–4:30 PM

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Sunday, July 23

Lotusland Celebrates: The Summer of Love

4:00–8:00 PM

See details on page 11. Invitations will be mailed in mid-June.

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 \$20 or use admission passes; children under ten \$10; children under two free. Call 969-9990 for reservations 9 AM–NOON, M–F.

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