



# LOTUSLAND

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## AGAVES IN BLOOM

By VIRGINIA HAYES

ALMOST OVERNIGHT agaves, large and small, began sending up towering flower spikes as spring gave way to summer. The massive flower stalks of the largest species can reach well over 20 feet in height. Once they complete their flowering cycle, the plants will die. Commonly called century plant because they may take decades to mature and flower, most will do so after only 10 to 30 years, not 100. The mother plant may be gone, but she will either disperse hundreds (if not thousands) of seeds, drop small plantlets called bulbils that have formed along the flower stalk, send out offshoots from the base, or carry out a combination of more than one of the above.

The aerial flowers of many *Agave* species are perfectly designed to be accessible to flying creatures. Insects, birds, and bats have all been noted as frequent visitors to them, most of which produce copious quantities of sweet, nutritious nectar as a reward. Bats may be among the most important pollinators for several species in their native habitats. Pollen is only available at night in *A. palmeri*, for example, and colonies of bats have been documented foraging among the flowers with the distribution of the plants corresponding closely to that of the bats themselves.

Agaves inhabit seasonally dry regions of the American continents, from the southwestern portion of the United States through Mexico and Central America into northern South America. Several species are also endemic to the Caribbean Islands. All agaves grow in rosettes of many

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*The leaves of this Agave franzosinii at the edge of the lawn are marked with impressions left by spines on the leaf margins of adjacent leaves as the rosette developed.*

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succulent leaves. There is great variety in overall size of the plants, with the largest species growing to 10 or more feet in diameter and the smallest a foot or less across. Diversity is rampant in other characteristics as well. Many species have sharp teeth along the margins of the leaves and pronounced terminal spines. Others lack the marginal teeth, but still retain a stiff spine at the tip of each leaf. Some may have less-threatening leaves that retain just a hint of toothiness. One class has very narrow leaves with fibrous filaments hanging or curling off the edges. And, finally, there are a few with soft leaves that lack both teeth and spines.

Many agaves also have interesting patterns on their leaves, a result of the impression that the tightly furled leaf that enclosed it produced as it grew. If that leaf had spines, for example, the imprint of those spines will clearly show on the newer leaf for most, if not all, of its life. It is easy to see why this genus is a popular landscaping choice,

but when choosing an agave for the garden, it is wise to consider its ultimate size and how dangerous it could be to visitors and to place it accordingly. The threatening nature of some agaves has actually been put to advantage to form protective enclosures for livestock and discourage trespassers around homes and villages.

Wherever agaves were native, the people inhabiting that region found them useful plants for a number of products they were capable of yielding. Several species of agave contain valuable saponins, or soap-like compounds, that can be used to wash clothing and skin. The macerated leaves form a ready-made brush—from the remains of the fibers—that is pre-soaped for easy application. Medicinal uses by the indigenous peoples include using the split leaves to treat itching and as poultices on sores and bruises. There are some less-than-friendly chemicals also associated with agaves: some species contain a substance in the leaves that causes dermatitis, and



*Agave victoria-reginae plants form a mass planting above the water garden. The compact rosettes bear distinctive white markings.*

## 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.*



Agave americana plants live for 20 years or more before completing their life cycle and producing a large flower stalk.

anyone who has ever been poked by the sharp spines of an agave can attest to the painful wound that results due to an as-yet-unidentified exudate.

Because the leaves are reinforced

internally by long, flexible fibers, these have been extracted and utilized in the making of fine thread for weaving and coarser fiber for twisting into strong twine and rope. *Agave sisalana* and *A. fourcroydes* are the two main species grown for commercial production of rope today and are known as sisal and henequen, respectively. *A. sisalana* has been planted in large plantations from Florida to Africa for this purpose, while henequen production remains centralized in the Caribbean and Mexico. Synthetic fibers have replaced the natural ones for some applications, but there is still demand for high-quality sisal products, the most recent being an upsurge in its use for woven floor coverings.

The alcoholic beverages tequila and mescal, distilled from the sugar-rich sap of mature plants, provide another rapidly expanding market for agaves grown in Mexico and the U.S. *Agave tequilana* and *A. angustifolia* are the two main species cultivated for commercial production. In the modern version of this process, whole plants are harvested

just before they begin to produce a flower stalk when they reach their ultimate size. The leaves are cut off and discarded, and the *cabeza* (“head” in Spanish) is roasted or steamed to break down the starches into sugar. In more traditional methods, the roasting is done in wood-fired pits, imparting characteristic flavors. The *cabezas* are then ground up and the juices drawn off for fermentation and distillation. In addition to vast plantations that supply the large distilleries, smaller producers are appearing in prime agave-growing areas that utilize the older methods to create artisanal tequilas and mescals that sell for premium prices. Tequila and mescal production in Mexico is more than 100 million liters per year today.

Agaves are unique in the plant world, and few other plants perform so many useful tasks so handsomely. It is fitting that they are also an integral part of the landscape at Lotusland. Nowhere else can you see such a fine display of *Agave franzosinii*, which has become one of the garden’s signature plants.

## Director’s Letter

AS MY WIFE JEANNE and I planned our move from Belmont, NC to Lotusland last summer, little did I realize the magnitude of the climatic “regime change” in store. We arrived in mid-November to glorious weather that lasted three full months, ending in mid-February with cold and rains that continued for the next three months!

Of course this Mediterranean climate is not news to locals. Beyond the obvious weather events, this climate nurtures a very distinct group of plants. Our friends at the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden beautifully celebrate the plants that have evolved in California’s Mediterranean climate, while we here at Lotusland add in the wonderful plants that grow in the globe’s other winter-wet/summer-dry climates: the Mediterranean basin, the Western Cape of South Africa, central Chile, and southwestern Australia.

To someone who’s lived the last

13 years in North Carolina, the riches of all these “new” plants that require a Mediterranean climate are “high cotton” indeed. While I am very impressed with the aloes, agaves, and cacti here, I was able to grow some of each in gardens where I worked in Bermuda, Florida, and Oklahoma. Other plants that have drawn my attention here are the very tall Mexican fan palms and the very large Monterey cypress.

However, without question the most remarkable plant I’ve seen in many years occurs in great abundance at Lotusland: the Chilean wine palm. Its massive trunks can be found in many of our theme gardens, including a particularly robust individual set aside the main drive walkway adjacent to the Blue Garden. When Jeanne and I first saw it, we immediately tried to reach around it—and our fingertips did not come close to meeting. Now that’s a palm!

Rising to more than 50 feet tall, these palms were planted by Kinton Stevens well over a century ago, in

the 1880s and 1890s. To respect these plants and provide “Wow!” for visitors far into our future, staff have planted several additional Chilean wine palms around the garden, allowing Easterners an opportunity to be impressed all over again by Lotusland.

*Mike*



Mike Bush



# LotusFest!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12  
1:30 TO 5:30 PM

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

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

*Enjoy these afternoon delights:*

*Wine tasting from Santa Barbara County's premier vintners*

*Mellow jazz with The Vajra Jazz Trio*

*Delectable hors d'oeuvres*

*Lotus lore galore*

*Lotus viewing*

*Ikebana (the art of Japanese flower arranging)*

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

Please use the coupon on page 15 or visit our website at [www.lotusland.org](http://www.lotusland.org)  
to register for this fun and enlightening event.

## NEW TO THE COLLECTIONS A Peculiar Cactus

BECAUSE OF HIS PASSION for succulent plants, Charlie Glass (Madame Walska's garden director from 1970 to 1982) added many specimens to the cactus and other succulent collections. He made collecting trips to various dry habitats all over the world, but also grew plants from seed. Many of them later made their way into the gardens at Lotusland.

One cactus that he developed was so odd that it became an instant collectible with other cactophiles, too. It was a monstrose form of the bishop's cap cactus, *Astrophytum myriostigma*. (Monstrose is a botanical term used to describe an abnormal, distorted, and disfigured growth.) The normal form of



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*The normal growing form of *Astrophytum myriostigma* has a few smooth ribs with no spines.*



LOTUSLAND ARCHIVES

*A peculiar monstrose form, which was developed in cultivation at Lotusland, flowers infrequently; the flowers are yellow.*

this cactus is a short, single-stemmed rounded cactus with only four to eight ribs. The surface of *A. myriostigma* is dotted with closely spaced small white scales giving it an overall whitish cast. Unlike most cacti, it has no spines. The monstrose form, which Charlie named 'Lotusland' in honor of its origin, produces offsets all over the surface of the plant. The offsets themselves are even more finely divided, and these smaller plantlets may also sport tiny bumpy offsets giving the whole plant a

bizarrely lumpy appearance.

For years this oddity was in the collection, but by the time of Madame's death no plants remained at Lotusland. One attempt to grow it in the late 1990s ended in failure, but another plant has recently been acquired (thanks to our executive director and eBay), and we are hopeful that this attempt will succeed. The new plant is grafted onto a hardier rootstock and will remain in the nursery for a while to ensure that it thrives before going on display. —Virginia Hayes



MOLLY HOUSTON

*Janice Chelini, Nancy Wood, Connie Buxton, and Jane Copelan had a grand time at the luncheon.*

## Outreach Docent Luncheon

CONNIE BUXTON MARKED the end of the 2005–06 school year by having what has become an annual luncheon at her home to thank and honor Lotusland's Outreach Docents. These specially trained docents lead small groups of students who visit the garden as part of the Fourth Grade Outreach Program. Prior to their tour, docents provide classroom presentations that correlate with the fourth grade Life Science unit. This year more than 2,000 students took part in the program.



## The LOTUS SOCIETY

### LUNCHEON HONORS MEMBERS OF THE LOTUS SOCIETY

THE FIFTH ANNUAL *Lotus Society Recognition Luncheon* was held at the beautiful home and garden of *Lotus Society* member Virginia Castagnola-Hunter on June 11. Members of *The Lotus Society* have each made a gift or bequest of \$10,000 or more to Lotusland's Endowment Fund. To learn more about *The Lotus Society*, or arrange a personal consultation with an experienced estate planner on The Lotus Society Committee, please call Lotusland's Director of Development, Anne Dewey, at 805.969.3767, extension 105.



*We are grateful to Virginia Castagnola-Hunter for sharing her home and garden with members of The Lotus Society. Her garden was gorgeous with a multitude of flowers in bloom, enhancing the lovely mountain views.*



*Virginia, Carrie Belle McFie, founding trustee Anne Jones, and Jackie Stevens chatted on the terrace overlooking the lawn and pool.*



*Lifetime Honorary Trustee Carol Valentine and Lotusland's new Executive Director Mike Bush enjoyed the sunny afternoon.*



*Anne Towbes and Sally Fairbanks are picture-perfect and all smiles in Virginia's lovely garden.*



*Virginia's daughter Francesca Hunter and Gloria and Rand Molnar enjoyed the elegant event. The house was designed by Reginald Johnson in 1918, and a few years later, he designed the main house at Lotusland. Virginia's home incorporates many lotus motifs.*



*Teddi Sanchez, Alexandra Ioria, and Andrew Long represented Ogilvy Hill Insurance, who generously underwrote a portion of the event. Ogilvy Hill has been Lotusland's insurance broker since Lotusland opened to the public in 1993.*



*Nancy Schlosser and Nancy Lessner admired the garden setting.*



*Randy and Jane King were awed by the stunning views from Virginia's patio.*



*Lotusland Research Associate Jeff Chemnick shared a moment with fellow cycad collector Paul Glenn.*



*Virginia talked with new Lotus Society member Jack Baker before enjoying the delicious luncheon.*

# Members' Family Day, May 20, 2000

GENEROUSLY SPONSORED BY THOMAS & NANCY CRAWFORD, JR.

*Lotusland is grateful for the generous support provided by our sponsors, Thomas and Nancy Crawford, Jr. The Crawfords are shown here surrounded by some of their children and grandchildren.*

**THANK YOU**  
 Thomas & Nancy Crawford, Jr.  
 in honor of their grandchildren  
 SPONSORS OF  
**Members' Family Day at  
 LOTUSLAND**



*Young guests picked up their "flag maps" at the Hot Air Balloon to guide them on the Horticultural Hunt for 80 plants from around the globe.*



*King Bee provided "retro rock with a splash of surf" from noon to two.*



*Artist and staff member Gail Lewis drew a very creative mural for visitors, such as this butterfly, to paint throughout the day.*



*Guests of all ages were delighted with Jim Gamble Puppet Productions' performance of "Puppets from Around the World" in the theater garden.*



BOB DEBRIS



*Members of the Crawford family were among those dressed up in costumes from around the world for a souvenir photo provided by fabulous photographer Bob Debris.*



# 6 Around the World in 80 Plants

CRAWFORD, JR. IN HONOR OF THEIR GRANDCHILDREN



*Being transformed into a whimsical creature by talented face-painter Angie Lawson is a popular activity at Members' Family Day.*



*Enjoying his first Members' Family Day, Executive Director Mike Bush (LEFT) greets guests.*



*Tossing frogs is a challenge.*



*This young guest enjoyed playing Go Fish! at the Neptune Fountain.*



*Two wild creatures decorate flower pots before they fill them with Lotusland succulents at the Potting Shed.*



*New Board president Kisa Heyer with her husband Christian and children Natasha and Oliver participated in many activities at Members' Family Day.*



*Creating works of art from Lotusland plant pods was a favorite activity at the craft table.*



*These happy guests are enjoying complimentary ice cream cones served by Lotusland staff and volunteers.*

## HORTICULTURAL HAPPENINGS

## Fern Garden Bed Restoration

ON A RAINY DAY in March an old, large *Quercus agrifolia* (coast live oak) snapped at the base and fell on top of various fern and begonia plantings in the fern garden near the dracaena circle. The weight of the wet foliage, a bit of wind, and an unknown cavity in the trunk at the base of the oak contributed to the failure. Damage to the understory plantings included the loss of two tall *Sphaeropteris cooperi* 'Brentwood' (Australian tree ferns) and a large *Platycerium bifurcatum* (staghorn fern). Based on a similar experience over ten years ago, a plan was quickly devised to save remaining plants accustomed to the shady conditions provided by the oak.

After the fallen oak was removed, many ferns and begonias in the bed were moved to a temporary storage area. The roots of the oak had to be extracted from the soil to eliminate host sites for the oak root fungus pathogen. Before replanting, compost was tilled into the planting bed and some minor grade changes were made.

A young oak growing in the butterfly garden was selected as a replacement for the fallen oak in the fern garden. This volunteer seedling is probably ten years old and 20 feet tall. Lotusland staff began the process of transplanting the tree by trenching around all four sides and building a box to be strapped around the root ball. Pat Scott Masonry—and its crane—was



The boxed tree is lifted over a hedge on the way from the butterfly garden to its new location.

hired to lift the boxed tree over a hedge and set it in place in its new location in the fern garden. Lotusland staff also transplanted another smaller oak in an adjacent area. Both of these oaks will provide the future shade for fern garden plantings. Four mature *S. cooperi* transplanted from other Lotusland sites to the planting bed, and six more *S. cooperi* from a nursery in Malibu provide the immediate shading needed in the area.



The transplanted oak looks handsome in its new home in the fern garden.

The loss of an old oak tree is always an unfortunate occurrence. However, we did learn a little more about what to monitor and how to maintain our oaks by analyzing this failure. We also took the opportunity to improve growing conditions in the planting bed and assure the health and longevity of that portion of the fern garden.

The restoration looks great. Check it out the next time you visit Lotusland.

—Michael Iven



The fallen *Quercus agrifolia* covered much of one planting bed and damaged several adjacent *Dracaena dracos*.

## Garden Patrons and Garden Benefactors Enjoy Special Benefits

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

This year Trustee Larry Durham and his wife Patricia are hosting a cocktail party on Thursday, October 12 at their beautiful home, garden and conservatory. Invitations will be mailed to Garden Patrons and Garden Benefactors in early September.

For more information about these membership levels, please contact Anne Dewey, Director of Development, at 805.969.3767, extension 105, or by email at [andewey@lotusland.org](mailto:andewey@lotusland.org).



# Volunteer Profile: Henrietta di Suvero

## BEHIND-THE-SCENES VOLUNTEER

LOTUSLAND VOLUNTEER Henrietta di Suvero moved to Santa Barbara from Sausalito 14 years ago and, once settled, went looking for places to volunteer. RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) mentioned that clerical help was needed at Lotusland, and although admittedly curious about volunteering in a place with such an exotic name, Henrietta found that Lotusland was quite to her liking.

For the past 11 years, Henrietta has worked with Administrative Manager Marguerite Gamo, helping her with all sorts of duties critical to the running of a non-profit organization. Lotusland isn't the only non-profit in our community that has benefited from Henrietta's help. She also volunteers at Direct Relief International and helps deliver meals with "Meals on Wheels."

Henrietta's son lives in New York and works as a freelance photographer.

Her daughter lives in London where she is a landscape architect much sought after by many clients in the entertainment field.

When Henrietta isn't busy helping others, she enjoys long walks on the beach and reading, usually at least one book a week. As of late, she has started to re-read the classics. She commented that "a story once read when one is young and in school can take on an entirely different meaning after you have experienced life and re-read it." She recently read a biography of George Sand and is looking forward to revisiting *Madame Bovary*.

Henrietta is one of Lotusland's many "silent heroes" who work behind the scenes to ensure that the garden runs smoothly. Although unseen by most, those who do have the pleasure of working with Henrietta know the valuable service she performs for the



CONNIE BUXTON

Henrietta di Suvero

garden. Thank you, Henrietta, for all you do for Lotusland.

—Dorothy Shaner



COURTESY PHOTO

### SAVE THE DATE

## An Afternoon of Music at Lotusland: Jazz with Tierney Sutton

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 ■ 1:30 PM

GRAMMY NOMINEE TIERNEY SUTTON and her band have performed twice at the Lobero Theater to sold-out audiences. Tierney was recently featured on the cover of *Jazz* magazine where she was described as "a star on the rise." She is fabulous!

Join us for an afternoon of great jazz and a reception following the performance in the beautiful gardens of Lotusland. Invitations will be mailed to members in early August.

For information about being a Benefactor, which includes two VIP seats and parking, recognition in the invitation and program, and access to a private reception with Tierney and her band, please contact Anne Dewey, Director of Development, at 805.969.3767, extension 105, or by email at [andewey@lotusland.org](mailto:andewey@lotusland.org).

## Lotusland Welcomes Two New Trustees



Larry Durham

LOTUSLAND IS PLEASED to announce the election of two dynamic new Trustees: **Larry Durham** and **John Tilson**.

Larry Durham spent his career in the school transportation business after creating Durham Transportation, Inc. in 1976. After its 1999 sale to National Express Group (NEG), Larry became CEO of National Express Corporation, the U.S. subsidiary of NEG, and served as a full board member of NEG

from January 2003 to his retirement in February 2004. He has a B.S. degree in mathematics from the University of Texas at El Paso and an M.B.A. from UCLA.

Larry and his wife Patricia bought their Montecito home in April 2003 and now split their time between Austin, Texas and Montecito. Larry has five adult children, three grandsons, and a granddaughter. His hobbies include golf and physical fitness. Larry is active on Lotusland's Development Committee and the Membership and Japanese Garden Ad Hoc Committees.

John Tilson grew up in Ventura where he graduated from Ventura High School and Junior College. He also has B.S. and M.B.A. degrees in finance from the University of Southern California. John was in the investment business in the Los Angeles area for his entire career. He worked for Sutro and Company and EF Hutton and for the last 20 years was managing director for Roger Engemann Associates in Pasadena. It was sold to the Phoenix Companies in 1997, and John retired in 2005.

He and his wife Laurie, who have a grown son, purchased property in



John Tilson

Montecito in 1993 and have been full-time residents since 1999. Among his many interests are sports cars, gardens, wine, and animals. He is also active in Domestic Violence Solutions and Young America's Foundation and serves on Lotusland's Horticulture and Finance Committees.

Lotusland is fortunate to have these two outstanding community members as a part of our Board of Trustees.

## Connie Buxton Says 'So Long'

LIKE MANY OTHERS at Lotusland, Connie Buxton began her association with Lotusland as a Docent. To her final day of employment in June, Connie



Connie Buxton

continued to celebrate the value of our Docents by entertaining 31 Outreach Docents at her home as a thank you for another great year.

In 1998 Connie was hired to work part-time with volunteers. That soon became full-time as she accepted additional duties and became the Education and Volunteer Coordinator in 1999.

When work areas were reorganized in early 2002, Connie was selected to be the new Director of Public Programs. She supervised visitor services, the volunteer and education staff, events for the public, community programs, and the Fourth Grade Outreach Program. A former teacher herself, Connie's innovative and creative curriculum was enthusiastically embraced by fourth grade teachers and their students alike.

Connie created the "Horticultural Hunt," where children search for hidden botanical treasures in the garden at our annual Members' Family Day. She was a founding member of the Santa Barbara Educators' Roundtable, which developed the educational and entertaining "Plugged-In" page for the *Santa Barbara News-Press*. One of Connie's lasting legacies will be the very popular "Twilight Tours" that are offered to members several times each year.

While my time working with Connie was limited to the past seven months, it is apparent that the innovative programs she developed will serve Lotusland well for many years to come. Enjoy the road ahead, Connie—and be sure to visit us occasionally!

—Mike Bush

## Merryl Brown and Bob Emmons Named Lifetime Honorary Trustees

AFTER NINE YEARS of service each, **Merryl Brown** and **Bob Emmons** retired from Lotusland's Board of Trustees in March. Both brought a wealth of expertise in the areas of development, marketing, and finance, and their hard work and support will be greatly missed. The Board of Trustees named each of them as a Lifetime Honorary Trustee in recognition of their extraordinary contributions to Lotusland during their years on the Board.

Merryl chaired Lotusland's annual fundraiser *Lotusland Celebrates* for two years before she joined the Board and continued to serve on that and a variety of other committees throughout her tenure. She was chair of both the Development and Travel Committees for a number of years and, as a member of the Nominating and Governance Committee, brought several talented new trustees to Lotusland. Merryl's commitment and generosity supported many successful Lotusland programs including house refurbishment, docent training, the topiary garden renovation, the Fourth Grade Outreach Program, and the new cactus garden. An avid gardener, Merryl recently completed the Master Gardener Program through



WM. B. DEWEY

Board President Kisa Heyer with new Lifetime Honorary Trustees Bob Emmons and Merryl Brown.

the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden.

As Board President since September 2000, Bob led Lotusland through adoption of its Ten-Year Master Plan, the creation of the cactus garden, and the pavilion renovation. Bob was a member of many committees during his years of service including Development, Finance, and Lotusland Celebrates. He and his wife Christine are charter members of *The Lotus Society*, Lotusland's planned giving organization, and hosted the first *Lotus Society* Recognition Luncheon in 2002. They

were co-sponsors of Members' Family Day for several years and generously supported many other Lotusland programs including the topiary garden renovation, the kitchen refurbishment, and the cactus garden. Bob is a poet and an avid yachtsman in addition to his many volunteer activities.

Lotusland is grateful for the many years of support that Merryl and Bob so generously gave, and we are pleased that they will join Michael Towbes and Carol Valentine as Lifetime Honorary Trustees. —Mike Bush



WM. B. DEWEY

## Dinner with the Wizard

UCSB's 2004 NOBEL LAUREATE Dr. David Gross kindly volunteered his time and support for a Lotusland fundraising auction item, "Dinner with the Wizard."

Event hosts Val and AJ Rice (LEFT) and Tracy and Eric Kanowsky (RIGHT) are pictured with David and his wife Jackie Savani. The evening was a huge success, and Lotusland is grateful to the Kanowskys and Rices for generously purchasing "Dinner with the Wizard" at the 2005 *Lotusland Celebrates* and to David Gross for being the Wizard.

# Friends of Lotusland

We Welcome New Members Who Joined in March, April and May 2006

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Saturday, August 12 • 1:30 TO 5:30 PM

\$50/members • \$60/nonmembers

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

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MANY LOTUSLAND EVENTS are open to nonmembers, so please let your friends and neighbors know about the great activities we offer. Children are welcome at many events, and Family Tour Days are every Thursday and the second Saturday of each month (see the listing below). We hope you enjoy the year 2006 at Lotusland.

### Saturday, July 15

*Self-guided Tours  
for All Members*

1:30 TO 4:30 PM  
\$20 or use admission passes.  
Call 805.969.9990 for reservations  
9 AM TO NOON, M-F.

### Sunday, July 23

*Lotusland Celebrates:  
The Summer of Love*

4:00 TO 8:00 PM  
Invitations were mailed to all members in June. Please call 805.969.3767, extension 120 for information.

### Saturday, August 12

*LotusFest!*

1:30 TO 5:30 PM  
See details on page 4 and use the coupon on page 15 to register.

### Saturday, August 19

*Self-guided Tours for All Members*

10:00 AM TO 12:30 PM  
\$20 or use admission passes.  
Call 805.969.9990 for reservations  
9 AM TO NOON, M-F.

### Saturday, October 28

*Halloween Twilight Tour*

Details in the Fall newsletter.



### 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 805.969.9990 for reservations 9 AM-NOON, M-F.

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