



# LOTUSLAND

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## Lotusland's Orchards

By VIRGINIA HAYES

**L**OTUSLAND VISITORS RESPOND most to the exotic plants such as cacti and cycads, the tropical splendor of the bromeliad or fern gardens, or the meditative quality of the Japanese garden. These designs and plant selections, our legacy from Madame Walska who purchased the estate in 1941, often overwhelm the remnants of the more staid estate garden, Cuesta Linda, that was laid out in the 1920s for the Gavit family. But Madame Walska retained some of the formal areas, including the rose garden and parterre with fountains reminiscent of European estate gardens, as well as an area devoted to growing fruit trees. Segregated into two sections, citrus trees are grouped together around the lemon arbor, and an assortment of mostly deciduous stone (e.g. peaches, plums, etc.) and pome (pears and apples) fruits form a "gentleman's orchard" nearby. Such orchards were intended to showcase a large variety of different fruits as opposed to a production orchard of only one or a few varieties. A walnut grove and a number of grape vines at the northern-most edge of the property did not survive the Coyote wildfire of 1964.

Madame Walska may have inherited the Gavit orchard, but she made it her own by adding more varieties. Her niece recalls that she wanted one of everything, particularly exotic fruits such as papaya and cherimoya that she had learned to enjoy. Rows and rows of raspberries were also planted to provide fruit for her table.

In recent years, Lotusland's orchards have undergone renovations

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*The lemon arbor as it appeared in 1925 on the Garden Club of America's tour. Hand-colored glass lantern slide courtesy of the Smithsonian Institution. A copy is housed in Lotusland's archives.*

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## 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.*



MICHAEL IVEN

*There are more than 90 fruit trees in the deciduous orchard, shown here in 1987. The earliest nectarines ripen in May and the latest apples in November.*

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as older trees are removed and replaced. In the deciduous orchard the policy has been to plant newer varieties that have been bred for the relatively warm winters of the south coast. Fruit trees such as peaches, pears and apples from temperate climate zones require a minimum number of "chill hours" to produce and bear fruit. Chill hours are calculated by adding together the number of chill units, which varies with the temperature experienced when winter temperatures are between 34°F and 51°F. (Maximum chill units are accumulated between 36°F and 48°F.) Santa Barbara receives an average of 500 chill hours or less each year. Many fruit tree varieties require 700 to 1,000 hours of chilling to release their buds from dormancy and produce flowers and fruit.

In the last few decades, growers in California, southern states like Georgia and Florida, as well as other mild-winter areas like Israel have hybridized and selected varieties that have lower chill requirements. These cultivars are slowly replacing the older trees in the deciduous orchard at Lotusland. In recent years, apple varieties like 'Beverly Hills' and 'Ein Shemer,' requiring less than 150 chill hours, have joined other favorites such as 'Fuji' and 'Pink Lady.' Growing side-by-side with regular 'Hood' and 'Monterrey'

pears, are Asian pears such as 'Tsu Li' and 'Ya Li,' 'Earlitreat' and 'Mid-Pride' peaches, and 'Desert Delight' and 'Panamint' nectarines. All of these selections bear well with less than 500 chill hours. Other novelties include a quince and a pomegranate, as well as cherries and almonds.

Similar renovations are taking place in the citrus orchard where old or diseased trees are being replaced with



WM. B. DEWEY

*Three varieties of persimmon (Diospyros Kaki) provide colorful leaves and tasty fruits in fall.*



VIRGINIA HAYES



*This old dwarf peach tree, of an unknown variety, will eventually be replaced with a new tree selected for its low chill hour requirements.*

proven producers. Recent introductions include key lime, Mexican lime, 'Meyer' and 'Pink Lemonade' lemons, and improved tangerine cultivars such as 'Dancy' and 'Pixie.' A few holes remain, which will be filled as new and interesting selections are located. Already waiting in the nursery is a cutting-grown plant of an orange tree that was grown in Spanish times, the Agua Tibia strain, which came from

the San Gabriel Mission.

Staff and volunteers enjoy the delicious and healthful harvests from both orchards. Occasionally, bumper crops have been gathered to distribute to members of the community through the Food Bank or other charitable organizations. Lotusland's orchards preserve a way of life not often encountered today, but one that was once a part of estate living.

JANET EATON



*Many varieties of lemons, oranges, and other citrus fruits thrive in the virtually frost-free climate of Santa Barbara.*

## Director's Letter

**L**OTUSLAND IS FANTASTIC! I thought that Lotusland was a truly unique and remarkable botanical garden when I first interviewed as a potential successor to the retiring Steven Timbrook in May 2005. Now "fantastic" is only one of the words I use to describe Lotusland. Singular. Divine. Spectacular. Unmatched. Incidentally, those are also the words I hear when my colleagues who direct other gardens describe Lotusland!

Our very successful 2006 welcomed ten new *Lotus Society* members, which brought our total to 66. We also added several new names to the Benefactor plaque on the Wall of Honor. These individuals have made cumulative gifts of \$25,000 or more to Lotusland.

We are looking ahead to an equally successful 2007. Get your fairy dust ready as *Lotusland Celebrates* will take Wendy and the gang to Neverland in July. We look forward to a new class of docents being trained starting in late summer. *Music at Lotusland* was such a tremendous hit in 2006, we are making it an annual event.

You have probably noticed something new for 2007—COLOR in your newsletter! While trying to be cautious with the traditions of Lotusland, the opportunity to show off our superior gardens and plants in color is a strong motivator.

I look forward to telling you more about our new board members, new activities, and what's happening in the garden in the coming year—and I'll look to see you in the garden in the coming year!

Mike Bush



WM. B. DEWEY

## HORTICULTURAL HAPPENINGS

## Equipment and Facilities Maintenance Operations

CONSIDER 12 BUILDINGS, eight nursery and greenhouse structures with heaters and fans, two portable storage units, nine pools, fountains and ponds with pumps, a reservoir, booster pumps, and a well pump. Add eight electric vehicles, one stake-bed dump truck, one diesel tractor with various attachments, two compost tea brewers, one chipper, chainsaws, string trimmers, hedge trimmers, two 100-gallon power sprayers, blowers, and numerous hand tools. Combine all of this with the responsibility for setting up for special events, formulating budgets, maintaining and setting up audio-visual equipment, interacting

with outside contractors and countless interruptions, and you may have a sense of what **Robert Blaha** and **Mike Furner** do on any given day.

Robert, Lotusland's Facilities and Equipment Maintenance Supervisor, has worked at Lotusland since May 2000. Mike, Equipment and Maintenance Mechanic, has been here since February 1979. Their combined expertise and experience contributes to the smooth operation of Lotusland's programs, and they are an important support team for the horticultural staff.

The main house, garage, pavilion, and several other buildings on the Lotusland property are more than 80 years old and require regular repair and maintenance. Performing building maintenance tasks is much like garden maintenance, in that Lotusland is a "working" garden and maintenance activities occur in conjunction with public tours and daily administrative duties. Though equipment maintenance is scheduled so it doesn't conflict with grounds maintenance projects, equipment repairs must sometimes be made immediately in order to sustain the flow of work in the garden. Rarely will a whole day be devoted to one project because of the many project variables.

Mike and Robert work with a variety of contractors to maintain and repair the facilities and equipment.

The relationships they establish with outside contractors to service or repair such things as electric gates, security and fire alarms, fire extinguishers, well and booster pumps, telephone and computer systems, and large power equipment are another vital component of Lotusland's maintenance operation.

The responsibilities of the maintenance department are diverse and far-reaching, but visitors to Lotusland may be completely unaware of what Robert and Mike accomplish. Staff knows that few if any projects or programs would be successful without their specialized input and support.

—Michael Iven



Robert Blaha



Mike Furner

## Sustainable Gardening Workshop

SATURDAY, MARCH 24

9:30 AM TO 4:00 PM (GATES OPEN AT 9:00 AM)

KNOWLEDGEABLE LOTUSLAND staff and other horticultural professionals will demonstrate and discuss sustainable horticultural techniques that can be used in your own home garden. This day-long workshop will include information on organic matter management and insect ecology, along with an overview of the sustainable practices used daily at Lotusland.

Hands-on demonstrations of mulching and nutrient cycling, beneficial insect releases, insect monitoring, incorporating an insectary into your home garden, compost tea brewing and application, and best management practices for turf will be featured.

Lotusland is grateful to the **Stanley Smith Horticultural Trust** for providing a grant to partially underwrite this

workshop designed especially for the home gardener.

The gates open at 9:00 AM and the workshop begins promptly at 9:30 AM in the sunken drawing room. Lunch is included in the fee. Please register for this event by using the coupon on page 15. For more information, contact Dorothy Shaner at 805.969.3767, extension 107.



## NEW TO THE COLLECTIONS

# Mangave

**A**N INTERESTING NEW PLANT has recently been introduced to the horticultural trade, propagated from seed first collected in Mexico. The mother plant was *Manfreda variegata*, a rosette-forming relative of the agaves. Its stiff leaves (without the spines that characterize many agaves) are pale green with an overall dusting of maroon speckles. The seedlings that grew from this plant were decidedly different from their parent. Their leaves were so densely covered with the maroon spots that at their tips the entire surface is a brownish red. This introduction was originally given the name *Manfreda variegata* 'Macho Mocha,' but investigations into its parentage suggest that it may be an intergeneric cross between *M. variegata* and *Agave celsii*, which also grows at the original location. If that turns out to be the case, the official name will be a combination of the two genus names, *Mangave*. To further complicate matters, some taxonomists have suggested that species in the genus *Manfreda* are not sufficiently distinct and should be combined with *Agave*. This would make the resulting cross



VIRGINIA HAYES

*Is it a new variety of Manfreda variegata or a hybrid between that species and Agave celsii? Whatever its parentage, it makes a striking addition to the landscape.*

an interspecific hybrid. Until its exact genealogy is settled on, we are listing it as X *Mangave* 'Macho Mocha.'

Whatever its parentage, the resulting plants are very handsome, and several are waiting in the nursery for spring planting into the garden. They

will eventually become four to six feet in width and, after a number of years, will flower in the same manner as agaves. Small plants will then form at the base of the parent rosette and can be removed for replanting.

—Virginia Hayes



VIRGINIA HAYES

## Aloe Outing

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

#### 1:00 TO 4:00 PM

**A**loes have long been admired for their dramatic variety of sizes, shapes and textures. Please join us (rain or shine) on Saturday, January 20 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM when Lotusland's aloes are at the peak of their colorful glory.

A listing of some of the more interesting specimens will be available at the aloe garden, and members of the horticultural staff will be in the garden to answer questions.

Cookies, coffee, and sparkling cider will be served in the main house drawing room throughout the afternoon. To register, please call 805.969.9990 or mail the coupon on page 15.



## The LOTUS SOCIETY

### ERIC NAGELMANN

**B**Y THE TIME Eric Nagelmann entered Santa Barbara High School, he was already a seasoned gardener. Growing up in a family of eight brothers and sisters in the 1950s in Montecito, he led his family's efforts in planting a large vegetable garden. In spite of the number of mouths to feed, the garden most often resulted in excess that was left in a box on the street marked "Free, Take Some." And no matter how often it was set out, the box was always empty within a couple of nights.

While his first job at age 11 was gardening for Lady Jane Bird, he proudly lists the Borgatello sisters as



Eric Nagelmann

his gardening mentors. He recalls their Montecito garden as "perfect and done with pride and love." Throughout high school Eric gardened every Saturday for Jack Baker, a renowned artist and Santa Barbara High School art teacher. In fact, one of Eric's early collaborations was with Jack, who has a celebrated garden full of exotic plants.

Eric's first visit to Lotusland was in 1980. Gaining entry with the help of a mutual friend, they encountered Madame, who quickly retreated, saying, "No one should see me like this!" Eric says that he was "blown away" by Lotusland. He didn't see Lotusland again until after it opened to the public in 1993, and then visited regularly. To this day—as one of Lotusland's greatest fans—Eric brings his friends and clients to visit the garden, and many become members and supporters.

Eric has a true sense of connection to place, especially this fine place, Santa Barbara. Having worked and traveled in many corners of the world, he grins with pride talking about the gardens he has created locally. Working for wealthy clients in many countries, Eric has found success and is highly sought for his creative use of space and carefully arranged hardscape and plants.

Lotusland members are aware of Eric's past generosity when in 2003 he donated his design services as well as four months of day-to-day supervision creating the stunning new cactus garden that features the Merritt Dunlap cactus collection. The process included designing and placing the flat-topped mesa overlook, choosing erect basalt columns as accents to the columnar cacti and selecting the black slate as a mineral mulch. Many times visitors tell me that their favorite garden at Lotusland is "that new cactus garden."

It comes as no surprise to those who know him that in addition to this very generous gift, Eric responded to a simple annual mailing seeking new members of our *Lotus Society*. Filling out a form, he made a planned gift that will help Lotusland far into the future. The gift is in memory of his mother, Betty Nagelmann.

In Eric's personal view of the world, he feels that "what you give comes back times two"—in fact, recently a man left

a note at Eric's childhood home thanking the owners for "helping him to survive" with the extra vegetables—showing that Eric's philanthropy is nothing new. Regarding Eric's career success, he states, "The most wonderful thing about having some money is being able to give it away. Why not give back?"

Thank you, Eric for seeing gardens as art, believing that art gives us hope, and supporting Lotusland as art.

—Mike Bush



### NEW MEMBERS

**T**HANK YOU TO THESE additional new members for their generous support.

Joey Pearson

Estate of Helen S. Service

Peggy Wiley & Wilson Quarre

Members of *The Lotus Society* have each made a gift or bequest of \$10,000 or more to Lotusland's Endowment Fund. Names of *Lotus Society* members are engraved on *The Wall of Honor*, which is located at the Visitor Center at the end of the Australian tea tree arbor.

To learn more about *The Lotus Society*, please call Anne Dewey, Lotusland's Director of Development, at 805.969.3767, extension 105.



All visitors walk by The Wall of Honor as they enter Lotusland.



## Mish at Lotusland

**G**ANNA WALSKA IS widely known for the amazing jewelry that she acquired. Her jewels were so well-known that she was able to auction them through Sotheby's New York office in the early 1970s for \$1,000,000 to create Lotusland's cycad garden.

Now some 30 years later, Lotusland has a new patron known for fine jewelry—Mish Tworkowski of Mish New York. Mish has designed jewelry since childhood. First an art historian, then an auction-house specialist at Sotheby's, Mish opened Mish New York, on East 70th Street in Manhattan in 2002, featuring his own designs utilizing whimsy and color.

Growing up on a dairy farm, Mish has long appreciated the rewards of working with one's hands. Now instead of working with milking machines, Mish works with gold, platinum, silver, stones and gems, creating masterpieces.

Mish is inspired by the Victorian use of whimsy in jewelry (recall the English garden follies?) and by the great Italian jeweler Verdura, who designed and crafted pieces for Coco Chanel in the 1930s. Mish also shares Verdura's passion for animal themes and using strikingly large gems. If this sounds like a "perfect fit" for Lotusland, it is of even greater significance that Mish is also a member of the Patron's Council at the New York Botanical Garden—a philanthropic support organization for the Garden's educational and scientific programs.

During a visit to some of his West Coast clients, Mish toured Lotusland and found it "most amazing" and "intellectual in a whimsical way." Effectively mixing art with plants, he finds that Madame Walska left a "creative mind behind—with a sense of soul."

Mish's connection to Lotusland has quickly grown to be very important, as he donated significant auction items for the past two *Lotusland Celebrates* summer fundraising galas. Not content to simply provide his trademark jewelry, Mish has also made the trip to Santa



NELL CAMPBELL

*Mish Tworkowski of Mish New York is holding a beautiful flower brooch that he designed and generously donated to be auctioned at Lotusland Celebrates in 2006.*

Barbara to take part in the festivities and enjoy the gardens. His generosity to *Lotusland Celebrates* qualified him to be listed on the Benefactor section of *The Wall of Honor*, reserved for those who have cumulatively given \$25,000 or more to Lotusland.

Mish's ideas for some of his designs are inspired by nature, or the garden. In fact, he is designing a lotus-based piece to be auctioned at the 2007 *Lotusland Celebrates*. Beauty in his surroundings is important to Mish—from his shop in Manhattan to his island garden in Millbrook, New York. He has joined forces with his community in Millbrook to plant street trees, replacing the elms lost to the virulent Dutch Elm disease that has changed the face of hundreds of northern towns. In fact, Mish feels a spiritual connection when in special gardens, a feeling he compares to the reverence others feel when within a church or temple.

This fall, Mish brought a "trunk show" to Santa Barbara, hosted pri-

vately by Trustee Ella Brittingham and made available to the public at Lucky's Restaurant in Montecito. Through his donation of a percentage of sales to Lotusland, Mish became the single largest donor to Lotusland this year—and in a very successful year as well!

While it would be easy to end with such a grand statement of philanthropy, it must also be stated that Mish is a true plantsman and gardener, not simply a garden appreciator. Walking through Lotusland with Mish is a pleasure as he shares not only his views of the garden, but also his thoughts on the great art that can be created by the exemplary use of plants.

In keeping with Mish's passion for remarkable plants, Lotusland is pleased to send him a bigleaf magnolia in time for spring planting in his Millbrook garden. A plant with broad leaves nearly three feet long and a flower more than a foot in diameter will pose no problem for this designer!

—Mike Bush

## THANK YOU TO LARRY AND PATRICIA DURHAM FOR HOSTING A Special Party for Upper Level Supporters

**L**OTUSLAND IS EXTREMELY lucky to have the support of so many wonderful donors, and we like to thank them in a way that is quite special. For the second year, a Lotusland trustee has hosted a fall reception at their home to say thank you to our members who are at the Garden Patron (\$2,500) or above levels of membership and to our *Lotus Society* members who have made gifts to the endowment of \$10,000 or more. Our terrific event sponsors for *Lotusland Celebrates* and *Music at Lotusland*, who

gave at a high level, are also invited, as well as individual donors who have made significant gifts.

This year we were very lucky to have trustee Larry Durham and his wife Patricia open their Montecito home and gardens for this event.

The Durhams' house was beautifully remodeled by architect Don Nulty with contractor Mike Noonan. The guest house was remodeled by Mosaic Architects with Giffen & Crane contractors. The interior designer was CLK Design. The main house was

featured in *Beautiful Interiors* and the guest house will be featured in an upcoming issue of *Better Homes & Gardens*. The lovely gardens, including the glass conservatory, were designed by Heide Baldwin, Sydney Baumgartner, and Robert E. Truskowski.

It was a lovely party with wine and hors d'oeuvres, and guests felt privileged to enjoy such a splendid setting. We thank our supporters and Larry and Patricia Durham for their generosity to Lotusland!

—Anne Dewey



Edward and Judy Shea were among our generous donors who enjoyed being at the Durhams' beautifully furnished home and guest house.



Nancy Schlosser, a longtime Lotusland supporter, brought her son Bill Schlosser to this special event for our donors.



President Kisa Heyer and Executive Director Mike Bush warmly thanked Lotusland donors for their generosity.



Lotus Society members John and Connie Pearcy enjoyed the mountain views as they walked along the garden pathways.





*(LEFT TO RIGHT) Our generous hosts for this very special event, Trustee Larry Durham and his wife Patricia, with Mike Bush and his wife Jeanne Miller.*



*Trustee Linda Gluck, with her husband Fred, had a great time meeting Lotusland upper level supporters and thanking them in person.*



*Guests enjoyed the delectable wines and delicious hors d'oeuvres created by chef Michael Hutchings.*



*Margo and Robert Feinberg's generosity to Lotusland includes purchasing a replica of Lotusland's antique weathervane at the 2005 fundraising gala.*



*Jack Baker and Jeanne Miller walked down the path from the exquisite glass conservatory, one of Patricia Durham's favorite spots in the garden.*



*Mike Bush (LEFT) with Wilson Quarré. Wilson and his wife Peggy Wiley recently became members of The Lotus Society.*



## Volunteer Profile: Susan Bjork

### CARRYING ON THE FAMILY TRADITION



COURTESY PHOTO

Susan Bjork

SUSAN BJORK, A LOTUSLAND VOLUNTEER of many talents, is a long way from Oxford, England, where she grew up. Susan developed a deep appreciation and enthusiasm for gardening while working alongside her father on their sizeable suburban lot that included a fruit orchard and vegetable garden.

After meeting her future husband at Oxford—Gordon was a visiting scholar from Seattle—Susan soon embarked on a most interesting life after sailing on the *Queen Mary* in 1960 to join him in the United States. During the first years of their marriage Gordon's academic appointments took them to Washington, Canada, New York and Oregon. Her early training at her father's side helped Susan to discover new ways to garden as she adapted to the varied conditions in the places she lived. While living in Manhattan, Susan remembers leaving their 15th-floor apartment one day and seeing a single blade of grass that had somehow miraculously sprouted in an otherwise barren planter in the hallway. It was then that she resolved it was time to move somewhere more hospitable to growing plants.

Susan discovered the joys of drought-tolerant plantings after moving to southern California when Gordon

accepted a position as professor of economics at the Claremont Colleges. She indulged her love of flowers by taking classes in Chinese painting and botanical illustration, interests she still pursues. In addition to raising her family of four children, Susan worked in public relations at the Claremont Graduate School and then worked for ten years at Pomona College, administering study-abroad programs. She returned to the field of public relations at Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden (RSABG) for about two years as manager of marketing. Susan says, "One of the reasons I think I've felt at home at Lotusland is that Susannah Bixby Bryant, the founder of RSABG, was an energetic and inspired founder of what came to be an influential public garden, just as Ganna Walska was. Ms. Bryant's vision of the contributions her popular garden would make to botany and plant conservation is being fulfilled almost a century later."

After living in Claremont for 27 years, the Bjorks moved to Santa Barbara eight years ago. Along with growing herbs and flowers, Susan carries on her family tradition of

keeping a fruit orchard and vegetable garden at her Santa Barbara home. Gordon works equally on the gardening and both enjoy their expanding family, which now includes eight grandchildren.

Fortunately for us, Susan continues her lifelong passion to be around plants and plant people by volunteering at Lotusland. She has become a consummate volunteer, graciously serving the garden—from delighting in pulling weeds in the butterfly garden to filing journals in the library and assisting the staff at special events. She works diligently in the archives, where she says she was pleased to develop an acquaintance with the remarkable life of Madame Walska. Susan's most recent volunteer project has been creating a comprehensive index of Lotusland's *Newsletter for Members*, starting with the first issue, published in the fall of 1992. The staff and volunteers are very grateful to Susan for taking on this enormous task and for doing it with such care and skill. Thank you Susan for donating your time, experience, and considerable abilities to Lotusland. —Debbie Hild

## Fruit Tree Pruning Workshop

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10  
9:30 TO 11:30 AM**

LOTUSLAND STAFF MEMBERS and Karen Christman of Arbor Services will offer personalized instruction in the techniques used to prune different types of fruit trees.

This hands-on workshop is the perfect opportunity to learn all about fruit tree pruning from the experts.

Registration is limited. Please reserve your space by using the coupon on page 15.



Lotusland staff members are at work pruning our fruit trees.

MICHAEL IVEN



## Where the Wild Things Are

### *JUBAEA CHILENSIS*

CENTRAL COASTAL CHILE is home to one of the signature plants at Lotusland, *Jubaea chilensis*, Chilean wine palm, which R. Kinton Stevens introduced into cultivation here in 1892. Formerly much more numerous in the wild, Chilean wine palms suffered a drastic reduction during the 19th and 20th centuries. Human encroachment on its habitat and over-harvesting of the trees for their sweet sap, which can be boiled down to a syrup or fermented to produce a mild alcoholic beverage, caused the decline.

One of the last remaining Chilean

wine palm forests is now protected in 17,600-acre La Campana National Park about 100 miles north of Santiago, where these palms share the coastal mountain habitat with more drought-resistant species such as cacti and terrestrial bromeliads.

As the photographs show, the trees can form dense groves or occur as outliers adjacent to hot, dry expanses of bare bedrock. The characteristic thick, gray trunk, which can be up to three feet in diameter, narrows abruptly in older specimens, as can be seen in the photograph at right.

—Steven Timbrook



PHOTOS BY STEVEN TIMBROOK

Jan Timbrook stands about 30 feet in front of a mature Chilean wine palm.



Chilean wine palms share habitat with cacti and bromeliads.



Dense groves occupy moist sites.

## Winter Birds at Lotusland

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

9:00 TO 11:00 AM (GATES OPEN AT 8:30 AM)

LOTUSLAND RESEARCH ASSOCIATE Jeff Chemnick and Director Emeritus Steven Timbrook will lead their annual winter morning bird walk on Saturday, February 24. It's a great way to start the birding year, focusing on those avian "tourists" that spend their winter in Santa Barbara, avoiding the cold of their summer homes.

This is a good opportunity for beginners to learn their birds and for experienced birders to seek out new additions to their expanding bird lists. We will have several pairs of binoculars to loan if you don't have your own. Please plan to arrive early so we can start promptly at 9:00 AM. Please use the coupon on page 15 to register.



LARRY JON FRIESEN, SATURDAYS.NET

## Lotusland Receives Santa Barbara Beautiful Award

**W**E ARE PROUD to announce that Ganna Walska Lotusland was the recipient of the Santa Barbara Beautiful President's Award presented at their 42nd Annual Awards ceremony on September 24, 2006. It

also gave us great pleasure that Santa Barbara Beautiful awarded Michael Towbes the Heritage Oak Award for Lifetime Achievement. Michael served on our board for 12 years and is a Lifetime Honorary Trustee.

The cover of the event program featured a photograph of a Ralph Waterhouse oil painting of Lotusland's water garden and bathhouse, painted especially for this occasion.

—Mike Bush



PHOTOS BY RICK CARTER

Lotusland's Executive Director Mike Bush happily accepted the President's Award at the Santa Barbara Beautiful Awards Ceremony.



Members of the Lotusland grounds staff and Mike Bush (STANDING, LEFT) were very pleased that Lotusland received the Santa Barbara Beautiful President's Award.

## Spring Garden Tour

With VIRGINIA HAYES

SATURDAY, APRIL 14 • 9:15 AM TO 4:00 PM (GATES OPEN AT 9:00 AM)

**W**HAT BETTER WAY to spend a spring day than by enjoying the bounty of new growth and blossoms that clothes our landscapes? And what better way to do that than visiting a half-dozen lovingly crafted and tended private gardens that will be opened just for us?

Join Curator Virginia Hayes and a small group of like-minded garden enthusiasts for a tour of some of Santa Barbara's most beautiful gardens on Saturday, April 14.

The bus will depart Lotusland at 9:15 AM and return by 4:00 PM. Please plan on arriving at 9:00 AM to facilitate

this early departure. The fee of \$90 for Lotusland members and \$110 for nonmembers includes 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

## New Self-guided Tour Benefits for Level I and II Members

**V**ISITING LOTUSLAND on a self-guided tour, when you may walk at your own pace and sketch and photograph, is a privilege reserved for members only. Up until now, specific dates were set aside for our Level I and II members to come on self-guided tours. Beginning in 2007, we make it easier for you to arrange a self-guided tour. Level I members may come on a self-guided tour six times anytime during regular Lotusland hours, and Level II members may come 12 times anytime during regular Lotusland hours.

We hope this will make it more convenient for you to take advantage of this special membership privilege. As with all tours, reservations are necessary; please call 805.969.9990, Monday through Friday between 9:00 AM and NOON.



# Lotusland Members

We Welcome New Members Who Joined in September, October and November 2006

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*Fees are refundable only if cancellation is received one week before class or lecture.*

*If minimum enrollment is not reached, classes and lectures may be canceled.*

*No phone reservations, please.*

*Mail to: Ganna Walska Lotusland, Attn: Member Events, 695 Ashley Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93108*

## Aloe Outing

Saturday, January 20 • 1:00 TO 4:00 PM

\$40/members • \$45/nonmembers

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

## Fruit Tree Pruning Workshop

With KAREN CHRISTMAN from ARBOR SERVICES

and LOTUSLAND STAFF

Saturday, February 10 • 9:30 TO 11:30 AM

\$35/members • \$45/nonmembers

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

## Winter Birds at Lotusland

With RESEARCH ASSOCIATE JEFF CHEMNICK

and DIRECTOR EMERITUS STEVEN TIMBROOK

Saturday, February 24 • 9:00 TO 11:00 AM (GATES OPEN AT 8:30 AM)

\$35/members • \$45/nonmembers

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

## Sustainable Gardening Workshop

Saturday, March 24 • 9:30 AM TO 4:00 PM (GATES OPEN AT 9:00 AM)

\$60/members • \$70/nonmembers

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

## Spring Garden Tour

With VIRGINIA HAYES, LOTUSLAND CURATOR OF LIVING COLLECTIONS

Saturday, April 14 • 9:15 AM TO 4:00 PM (GATES OPEN AT 9:00 AM)

\$90/members • \$110/nonmembers

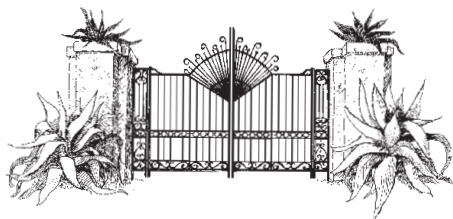
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## Winter and Spring 2007 Member Events

MANY LOTUSLAND EVENTS are open to nonmembers, so please let your friends and neighbors know about the great activities we offer. Children are welcome at many events, and Family Tour Days are every Thursday and the second Saturday of each month (see the listing below). We hope you enjoy the year 2007 at Lotusland.

### **Saturday, January 20**

#### *Aloe Outing*

1:00 TO 4:00 PM

See details on page 5 and use the coupon on page 15 to register.

### **Saturday, February 10**

#### *Fruit Tree Pruning Workshop*

9:30 TO 11:30 AM

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

### **Thursday, February 15**

Garden reopens for public tours after winter recess.

### **Saturday, February 24**

#### *Winter Birds at Lotusland*

9:00 TO 11:00 AM

(GATES OPEN AT 8:30 AM)

See details on page 11 and use the coupon on page 15 to register.

### **Saturday, March 24**

#### *Sustainable Gardening Workshop*

9:30 AM TO 4:00 PM

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

### **Saturday, April 14**

#### *Spring Garden Tour*

9:15 AM TO 4:00 PM

See details on page 12 and use the coupon on page 15 to register.

### **Saturday, April 21**

#### *Spring Twilight Tour*

Details will be in the spring issue of the *Lotusland Newsletter for Members*.

### **Saturday, April 28**

#### *Storybook Tour*

Details will be in the spring issue of the *Lotusland Newsletter for Members*.

### **Family Tours**

Family tours for all ages are offered every Thursday at 10:00 AM and 1:30 PM and the second Saturday of each month at 10:00 AM and 1:30 PM (except between mid-November and mid-February). Family tours are child and parent friendly and are separate from regular adult tours. Adult members \$35 or use admission passes; ages five to 18, \$10; four and under, free. Call 805.969.9990 for reservations 9 AM–NOON, M–F. Beginning February 1, you may call 9 AM–5 PM, M–F and 9 AM–1 PM on Saturdays.

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