



LOTUSLAND

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Charles Glass...In His Own Words

INTRODUCTION BY VIRGINIA HAYES

CHARLES GLASS came to work at Lotusland with his business partner Robert Foster in 1973. Foster soon decided to go back to his other work as a cactus and succulent specialist, and Glass continued on as the director of the garden until 1983. During his tenure, the original succulent garden was renovated and many new specimens added, the cacti and euphorbias were reorganized and replanted along the main driveway, and the aloe garden was totally revamped with impressive boulders and many more species of aloes. His largest project was the design and installation of the cycad garden, but he was also instrumental in adding azaleas to the Japanese garden, renovating the upper bromeliad garden and creating the lower bromeliad garden as well as all of the myriad tasks necessary to maintain the property.

Glass was dedicated to Madame Walska and her vision for Lotusland. Ten years before his death in 1998, he wrote of his experiences with her and in the garden. With this issue of the *Newsletter for Members*, we begin a series of excerpts from his unpublished memoir with the working title of *Experiences of 12 Years as Director of Lotusland: The Fabulous Estate of Mme. Ganna Walska*.

I HAD MANY TIMES thought of writing of my experiences with Mme. Walska at Lotusland. She was such an incredible and unique character that I was daunted by the near impossibility of capturing her in words without making her seem a clown or a fool, which she wasn't.

My first introduction to Mme. Walska was at Mme. Lotte Lehman's master classes in the summer of 1957.

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ARTHUR SYLVESTER

Glass (FAR RIGHT) and Madame Walska (CENTER) escort visitors through the garden on this rare public tour in 1978.

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To preserve and enhance the spectacular collections of exotic plants and the historic Montecito estate of Madame Ganna Walska, to provide public access to their remarkable beauty and diversity and, through interpretation of these collections, to foster increased knowledge and appreciation of the importance of plants and the need for their conservation.

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At each class she would arrive in fairly flamboyant clothing, and a great splashy hat and deposit an extravagant bouquet of lotus flowers—from her estate, Lotusland—on the piano. I knew that she had been an opera singer, or perhaps more accurately, had pursued an operatic career for about 40 years.

Later that summer season I went with my mother on a garden tour of Lotusland and this was one of my first introductions to cacti and succulents, other than a couple I had grown up with in our rockery in New Jersey and those I had seen on our trips across the country. What made the most profound impression upon me, however, was the “Blue Garden” at Lotusland. Everything was in shades of pastel blue: blue fescue grass, blue spruce, blue Atlas cedars, blue *Erythea* [*Brahea*] fan palms! The effect was overwhelming and one felt cooler just walking through the area. This section had been designed by Santa Barbara landscape architect Ralph Stevens, who had grown up on the

property that was now Lotusland and who had worked with Mme. Walska.

My partner, Robert Foster, and I owned what was one of the largest and most respected succulent nurseries in the country: Abbey Garden. We also were the proprietors of Abbey Garden Press, founded in 1929, the oldest publishing house specializing in books and magazines on cacti and other succulents. In November of 1972, we had written and published an article on Lotusland in our *Cactus and Succulent Journal*, which we edited and published at the time. It was entitled “Lotusland, the Fabulous Garden of Mme. Ganna Walska.” In the article we wrote, “We recently had the privilege of revisiting Lotusland and went prepared with pads and pencils and good intentions of making like reporters to write an article on this outstanding garden. We didn’t take a single note, and almost forgot to take any photographs! One does not eat the lotuses at Lotusland, but one does experience the lotus-eater’s dreamy forgetfulness of the outside world.



Madame Walska in 1958 posing near the blue garden as it must have looked to Glass on his first visit to Lotusland.

Lotusland is meant to be experienced, not to be documented. In the midst of such beauty and dramatic impact, what does it really matter how long the garden existed, how many acres it contains, or how often the plants are fertilized?" Little did we realize that we would soon be involved with those very feeding schedules! We went on to explain that Mme. Walska unquestionably is "the creative force behind Lotusland and it is her garden, as unique as she is herself. She refers to herself as head-gardener, and indeed her greatest problem is finding someone who can fill this role for her and eventually try to take her place. But the job calls for remarkable abilities, foremost among which are the ability to appreciate beauty without a desire to change it and the knowledge to maintain it."

Soon after the article appeared, Mme. Walska started calling me and talking for hours on the phone, trying to persuade us to come and work with her at Lotusland. I say "talked to me" rather than "conversed" for Mme. Walska

rarely had conversations. After living in America, at the time for two and a half decades, she still spoke English with a thick Polish and French accent. I teased that this was because she so rarely heard English spoken, since she did all the talking! Her ploy was to talk or expound or berate as the occasion demanded, and when you would open your mouth to speak, you'd get an exasperated "Pleeeeeease, let me finish, then you can talk!" When she did finish her last comment was always, "Now I'm too exhausted, so no more of this now! We'll talk more another time!" And there you were left with your mouth open and your finger up in the air for attention and no one looking or listening. So not having a chance to respond on the phone, I would answer her in letters. She, on the other hand, never wrote about important matters, for she was too cagey to be caught committed on paper!

At any rate I wrote her back that while I loved Lotusland for what it was, a visually beautiful and unique garden, that our interest in plants was totally

different and enumerated our dreams and goals: our expeditions in the field in search of new plant material, the introduction and propagation of new and rare documented material of cacti and succulents, the maintenance of a reference collection of cacti and succulents, etc. This made her all the more determined to get us up to Lotusland: "That's *exactly* what I've been wanting to do, but I am old now and will die soon and I can get no one who understands and who can help me achieve those goals! We could combine our collections and collectively accomplish great things!" I still demurred. We loved our work. We were ecstatically happy doing what we were doing. We often said that if we had enough money that we didn't have to work and could do anything we wanted, we would be doing exactly what we were doing! What's more, I was well aware of Mme. Walska's fabled idiosyncrasies and foibles.

NEXT TIME

How Madame Walska has her way.

Director's Letter

IT HAS SEEMED a very short year since I joined the Lotusland family as your Executive Director. Looking back on all that has been accomplished in that time, and contemplating the work we have yet to do, I think of Madame Ganna Walska's prompting to her gardeners, "We are in too much of a rush to hurry."

Lotusland is a place of great dreams realized and immense possibilities waiting. We honor the legacy of Madame and the endeavors of our founders and predecessors who have made Lotusland a special place, while we work deliberately and purposefully to make the most of our time and the garden's potential.

Spring is a time of renewal—it is a great time to begin new projects and launch new programs. It is also an appropriate time to celebrate our many successes even as we attend to new challenges and projects. We are thrilled with the delighted response from our visitors to the refurbished water stairs and cypress allée, which have been fea-

tured in *Sunset* magazine and the Santa Barbara media. These recreated garden areas give even more expression to the deep history of Lotusland. Our series of three new specialized tours, Three Eras of Lotusland, will explore the work of many individuals who created this magnificent estate as we know it today.

There is always something happening at Lotusland, and I encourage you to visit often to see the changes in the garden and plant collections, and participate in the fascinating programs. Our Cacti and Cocktails event, including Eric Nagelmann sharing his Madame-influenced vision for the design of the new cactus garden with members, was the perfect opening to the cactus flowering season, now well underway and not to be missed. If you have not experienced one of our twilight tours, I urge you to make a reservation—the gardens are particularly alluring in the fading light of day as the colors of the plants become more saturated and intense.

It was a great pleasure to meet so



RICK CARTER

Gwen Stauffer

many of you at our magical LotusFest and at our very successful Out of Lotusland gala. It was a thrill to meet you for the first time, one year ago, during Members' Family Day, and I look forward to greeting you again on that singular day when we have the rare opportunity to play in Madame's gardens and revel in the beauty of this magical place.

Warmest regards,

LotusFest!

SATURDAY, JULY 11

2:00 TO 5:00 PM

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

July 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

Delectable hors d'oeuvres

Lotus lore galore

Lotus viewing

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 note that this is the only notification of this event prior to the Summer newsletter.

To register for this fun and enlightening event, please use the coupon on page 15.

NEW TO THE COLLECTIONS

Cycads

HARDLY A WEEK goes by that someone doesn't call Lotusland with the offer to donate a plant or plants for the collections. Very often, these are plants that have outgrown their spaces, such as a large cactus or staghorn fern. In some instances, we are able to give them a new home, but many times we must decline the offer. Last year, a different sort of call came in proffering a number of cycads that had been collected by Erin Tappan's late husband Matt. Mrs. Tappan was eventually able to send some pictures of the cycads, and Research Associate Jeff Chemnick arranged to stop in Orange County and pick them up on one of his trips to San Diego.

Among the 24 plants are one *Cycas* species, two species of *Dioon*, one *Stangeria eriopus* and two *Zamia* species. The remainder of the plants are all in the genus *Encephalartos* and include several hard-to-find specimens of *E. msianganus*, *E. ngoyanus*, *E. latifrons* and *E. whitelockii*, among others. Spring is prime planting



Gardener Jed Pace prepares to plant a specimen *Encephalartos middleburgensis*.

time for cycads, so they are slated to go into the garden as soon as work schedules permit. Lotusland is very grateful to

Mrs. Tappan for donating these plants, and we are happy to preserve them in memory of Matt Tappan. —Virginia Hayes

GARDEN TOUR SERIES

Three Eras of Lotusland

SATURDAYS IN APRIL, MAY AND JUNE • 1:30 TO 3:30 PM

BEGINNING THIS APRIL and continuing in May and June, Lotusland will offer three separate tours that will each explore a distinct era in the estate's history.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25 • 1:30 PM • Tour #1 Plants of Kinton Stevens

TRAVEL BACK IN TIME and discover some of Lotusland's oldest plants while learning about the 37 acres known as *Tanglewood* and Kinton Stevens' tropical plant nursery.

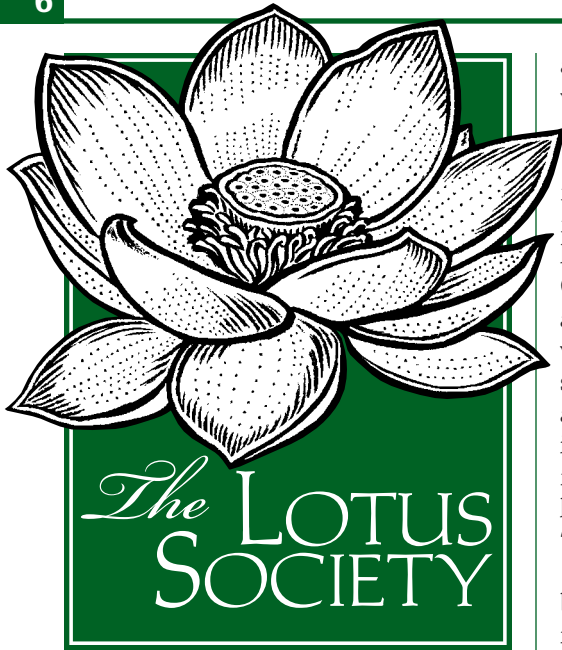
SATURDAY, MAY 23 • 1:30 PM • Tour #2 The Buildings and Gardens of the Gavit Era

IN THE 1920S AND 30S, *Cuesta Linda* was the home of the Gavit Family. Learn about the buildings and gardens that they constructed during the era of Montecito's great estates.

SATURDAY, JUNE 27 • 1:30 PM • Tour #3 The Gardens of Madame Walska

FIRST AS *Tibetland* and later as *Lotusland*, Madame's gardens became a place where she could continue to indulge her passion for creativity and beauty. Explore the gardens that she created with the help of some of the area's finest horticulturalists and craftsmen.

TO REGISTER, PLEASE use the coupon on page 15.



BARBARA AND TEX WILLIAMS

ON MY DRIVE through Ojai to visit with Barbara and Tex Williams, I was astonished, once again, by the beauty of the California landscape and was comforted by a recurring feeling that I have finally arrived home. I shared this with Tex and Barbara, and they joyfully appreciated my story, for they had also moved to California from the east coast and never looked back.

Tex and Barbara raised their family in New York, and then relocated to Greensboro, North Carolina. But their children followed westward-moving careers, ultimately landing in Los Angeles. "We were chasing our children and grandchildren," Barbara told me, "but we didn't want to live in L.A." Tex

and Barbara enjoyed Santa Barbara while visiting friends, but Santa Barbara seemed too far from their family. After looking all over Santa Barbara County for a new residence, a Santa Barbara friend suggested Ojai, a charming and historic town in a rural part of Ventura County. They found a lovely home among citrus orchards in a gorgeous valley, and in 2006 they moved their seven dogs and five cats—a wonderful assortment of happy rescues—to settle in squarely between two of their favorite destinations. "We are very happy in our retirement," they told me, "we feel we are on vacation every day."

"Vacation" hardly describes the busy lives of these two highly engaged individuals. "I am in my office at 6:00 AM every morning," Tex mentioned with a twinkle in his eye. Among his many interests are golf and playing the piano. He serves on the Duke University Library Advisory Board as well as the Board of Directors for the Ojai Playwrights Conference, a 12-year-old nonprofit dedicated to gathering a community of world-class theatre artists to foster a collaborative process that enables playwrights to qualitatively rework and refine their dramatic vision. His passion for serving is clear, as we compared notes on the workings of nonprofit organizations.

Barbara is the gardener in the family, and when I arrived she met me at the gate to guide me through her exquisite garden on the way to their front door. We crossed a stone bridge over a dry streambed winding seductively through lovely plantings of perennials and shrubs. I stopped to admire this wonderful feature while Barbara explained how the dry bed is perfectly placed to channel water runoff away from the house. "We let the water show us the path it follows to flow across the property," Barbara explained, "and so it was only natural to put the dry bed here."

Barbara and Tex learned about Lotusland when their realtor presented them with a basket of gardening items, including two passes to Lotusland. Barbara came for a summer visit and as happens to so many of us, she was smitten. A month later, she saw a notice for Lotusland's Docent Training Program in the local paper and decided to join the 2007 class. Even though Barbara has been giving tours for two years, she told

me she can't wait to participate in docent training again this fall. "There's so much information, and I enjoy learning about it all." Barbara's favorite garden is the aloe garden, "because it's a serious collection of aloes, but not a 'serious' garden—it is upbeat, whimsical and alive, and it makes me happy. I especially love the *Aloe arborescens*."

"Barbara's passion for Lotusland inspired our decision to join *The Lotus Society*," Tex explained. Barbara added, "It makes us feel good to support organizations that are part of our community."

All of us at Lotusland are thrilled to have Barbara and Tex as part of our Lotusland family. —Gwen Stauffer



NEW MEMBERS

THANK YOU TO THESE additional new members for their generous support.

Nigel and Connie Buxton

Anonymous

In honor of Debbie Hild,
devoted Volunteer Coordinator
2000–2009

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.



PHOTOS BY RICK CARTER

Barbara and Tex Williams



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

HORTICULTURAL HAPPENINGS

Green Garden Strategies

LOTUSLAND IS PROUD of the advances its staff has made in reducing the use of toxic chemicals and in growing healthier plants through organic methods. These are some of the “green strategies” employed in the gardens at Lotusland.

GREEN WASTE RECYCLING

All garden waste is composted and reintroduced to the garden.

OFF-SITE ORGANIC MATERIAL RECYCLING

Large quantities of organic material from the Santa Barbara County green waste recycling program and from tree service companies are used as mulch.

MULCHING MOWER

A mulching attachment returns grass clippings to the soil, providing nutrients for the grass.

ORGANIC FERTILIZERS

Where supplemental nutrients are required, organic fertilizers are used that benefit soil food web organisms and do not contribute to groundwater pollution.

INSECT ECOLOGY

Insect habitats, established throughout the garden, attract beneficial insects that reduce the damage caused by insect pests and the use of insecticides.

PURCHASED SOIL MICROBES

Mycorrhizae, *Trichoderma* and beneficial bacteria are applied to new plantings to

establish symbiotic relationships in the root zone.

BENEFICIAL BACTERIA

When caterpillar populations exceed a damage threshold, applications of environmentally safe *Bacillus thuringiensis* are occasionally made. Use of this material is very limited because of its toxicity to butterflies.

IMPROVING SOIL STRUCTURE

The addition of organic matter to the soil improves soil structure, water retention and the nutrient-holding capacity of the soil. Screened compost is worked into the soil during planting bed renovations, and organic mulch is applied as top-dressing wherever possible.

COMPOST TEA

A foliar spray of compost tea to leaves and stems provides nutrients as a foliar feed and applies beneficial organisms that reduce the ability of disease-causing organisms to infect the plant. Compost tea as a soil drench improves soil biology and provides nutrients for plant growth.

NONTOXIC SNAIL MANAGEMENT

Snails are controlled with a nontoxic product that breaks down into an iron material used by plants as a nutrient supplement.

WEED MANAGEMENT

Mechanical (pulling and hoeing) and cultural methods are employed to con-



A 100- or 25-gallon tea brewer produces an extract of compost containing nutrients and a multitude of bacteria, fungi, protozoa and nematodes.

trol weeds. Mulching helps keep weeds down. A concentrated vinegar solution approved by California Certified Organic Farmers (CCOF) is used occasionally to control weed seedlings, especially in areas with mineral mulch.

GOPHER CONTROLS

Vigilant trapping practices are the primary gopher controls. New products are helping to reduce the amount of time spent trapping. The presence of natural predators, such as owls, helps with garden rodent control.

—Edited by Michael Iven and Corey Welles



A 20% acetic acid solution is effective on young weeds growing through the ornamental lava rock.



Wood chips keep weeds at bay and improve soil conditions as the chips decompose.

Members' Family Day • *The Birds and*

SATURDAY, MAY 16

Lotusland wishes to thank you, our members, for your support by hosting our 12th

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Activities w



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Wildlife on Wheels performing
Get up close and personal with
Face-painting, games, activities and craft
Dress up in costumes and take home a free w
Live blue grass music by Peter Fe

Garden Admission to Members' Family Day is Free!

But you must make a reservation by mailing the reservation form,
along with a non-refundable valet parking fee of \$10, to save space for your family.
Due to the popularity of this event and to allow as many members as possible to attend,
Lotusland requests ONLY ONE VEHICLE PER MEMBERSHIP. No phone reservations, please.

Bring your own picnic or pre-purchase a salad-bar lunch catered by Omni Fresco Catering.
Adult lunch includes a combination of grilled chicken Caesar salad, gorgonzola
walnut mixed greens with balsamic vinaigrette, grilled fresh vegetables and assorted breads.
Child lunch includes a turkey sandwich, a bag of chips and choice of condiments.

Changes to your lunch order will be accepted through May 5.

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

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

In our continuing effort to minimize our use of plastics, water
dispensers and cups will be available or you may fill your own container.
"Lotusland" stainless steel water bottles are available for \$10 in the Garden Shop.

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



the Bees and the Flowers and the Trees!

• 10:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

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

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two shows in the theatre garden • 11:15 AM TO NOON AND 2:15 TO 3:00 PM
with a bee hive and majestic native raptor • SEE EVENT PROGRAM FOR TIME
ts from the garden for children and adults on the main lawn • 10:00 AM TO 4:00 PM
wildlife souvenir photo by photographer extraordinaire Bob DeBris • 10:00 AM TO 4:00 PM
ldman and The Very Lonesome Boys on the main lawn • NOON TO 2:00 PM



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 _____ Total no. in car _____ Phone no. _____

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

_____ No. of teens _____ No. of children 2 and under _____

Non-refundable Valet Parking Fee:

Enclosed is our family's \$10.00 valet parking fee = \$ 10.00

Payment Method:

☐ Check enclosed ☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard ☐ AMEX

We prefer to bring our own picnic ☐

Card Number _____

Or please order:

Expiration Date _____ CVC # _____

Adult Salad Bar \$12.50 × _____ (NO.) = \$ _____

Child Turkey Sandwich \$7.00 × _____ (NO.) = \$ _____

Signature _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED = \$ _____

Don't delay mailing your reservation form!

Changes to your lunch order will be accepted through May 5.

IN MEMORIAM

Carol Valentine



BRIAN HODGES

This photo of Carol in Lotusland's theatre garden accompanied a profile of her in Santa Barbara Magazine.

of Trustees for 20 years and served as President for 12 years, from 1989 to 2000.

One of Carol's many legacies is the completely renovated topiary garden, a result of a very successful campaign to raise funds to restore the garden in Carol's honor. It was formally opened in 2000. Carol's generosity of time, leadership and resources was continual. Carol funded a full rehabilitation of the courtyard tile and fountain and made a generous donation toward maintaining the theatre garden for many years to come. Most recently, she arranged to have her collection of 40 Audubon prints auctioned at Christie's with the net proceeds going to her beloved Lotusland.

In 2004, Carol was named as Lotusland's first Lifetime Honorary Trustee in recognition of her 20 years of outstanding service on Lotusland's Board of Trustees. In an article in the Summer 2004 *Newsletter for Members*, then Executive Director Steven Timbrook wrote, "It's no easy task to capture Carol's vitality, enthusiasm, and love for Lotusland in just a few short words. In her 20 years as a Trustee, Carol really



JANET EATON

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has become Lotusland and Lotusland has tried its best to live up to the expectations and dreams she had for its potential to influence the lives of those it touches by encouraging a love of plants, gardens, and the environment."

Carol Valentine's legacy continues in myriad ways, and she will be deeply missed.

At the request of her family, gifts in memory of Carol Valentine may be made to the Ganna Walska Lotusland Foundation, 695 Ashley Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93108.

Santa Barbara Gardens Tour

WITH VIRGINIA HAYES

SATURDAY, JUNE 13 • 9:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

PLEASE JOIN US for the second of Curator Virginia Hayes' 2009 garden tours. This one falls into the usual pattern of gardens large and small that will be opened exclusively

to our group. From Goleta to Montecito, these gardens will be sure to delight and inspire.

The fee of \$100 members/\$110 nonmembers covers transportation,

admission and a delicious buffet lunch. Space is very limited and this popular tour fills quickly.

Please use the coupon on page 15 to reserve your space.

Summer Solstice Twilight Tour

SATURDAY, JUNE 20 • 4:00 TO 7:00 PM

VISITING LOTUSLAND in the early evening is the perfect way to celebrate the beginning of summer. You and your guests can choose to reserve a docent led tour, or explore the gardens on your own.

Wine, beverages and light hors

d'oeuvres will be offered after 5:00 PM on the geranium terrace overlooking the main lawn. All guests receive a commemorative Lotusland wine glass as a Summer Solstice memento.

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



JANET EATON

Volunteer Profile: Alan Johnston

CAPTIVATED BY NATURE'S WONDERS



VIRGINIA HAYES

Alan Johnston

WHILE MANY WHO visit Lotusland are struck by its physical beauty or are captivated by the stories of Madame, docent Alan Johnston has a more profound relationship with it.

After 12 years of studying the garden through lectures and taking visitors on tours, it is the chance to spend time alone in the garden that, in his words, “brings me closer to nature. Lotusland is probably prettier than the Garden of Eden.”

On a recent visit, Alan could barely contain his delight at seeing the maple leaves changing color in the Japanese garden. “I most enjoy the seasonal changes—especially early spring when the camellias flower and the cycads cone.”

A San Francisco Bay Area native who received degrees from Stanford in business and geology, Alan’s studies included biology and botany. He took classes from Professor V.L. VanderHoof, a former director of the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History and father of Lotusland docent Jill VanderHoof.

While at Stanford, he met his future wife, Mary. They were married for 54 years and had four children. Alan and the children enjoyed sailing, with Mary being “a great spectator.” Their two sons had boats when they were young, and the lure of the sport inspired Alan’s granddaughter Blair to serve on the crew of the UC Irvine sailing team.

Since moving to Santa Barbara in 1955, Alan has worked as a Chevron geologist, as a manager for Santa Barbara Bank & Trust and as Executive Director of the Santa Barbara Downtown Merchants’ Association. He was also a former owner of Santa Barbara Trophy & Engraving. For 25 years, Alan volunteered to help organize the city’s July 4th parades and rallies. He helped raise more than half a million dollars to build a new chapter house on upper State Street for The American Red Cross. In addition to his volunteer activities, Alan still finds time to sail with his family and sing in a church choir.

Alan had the chance to visit Lotusland during Madame’s lifetime at events held in conjunction with the Pearl Chase Plans and Planning Commission. He recalls Madame as “a rather diminutive person.” While never formally introduced to Madame, he recalls being at Lotusland and watching as three women came walking and laughing down the main drive. He recognized one of them as Madame Walska. He had always been given the impression that she was a severe disciplinarian, so wondered why they were laughing so

hard. Later he asked a guest who said Madame was describing the barrel cactus to her friends and referred to them as “mother-in-law seats.” Alan has always wondered if Madame was referring to *her* former mothers-in-law.

Later, two Lotusland docents and longtime members of the Men’s Garden Club of Santa Barbara convinced Alan to enter the 1997 Docent Training Class. He has remained a docent ever since. “I’m stimulated and grateful for the company of so many other capable and well-trained docents.” His 16-year involvement with the Men’s Garden Club has included inviting Executive Director Gwen Stauffer to speak before that group, ensuring that his colleagues keep apprised of new and exciting changes in the garden.

Mary, now deceased, suffered from Alzheimer’s disease and required Alan’s constant attention. A testimony to his commitment to Lotusland was arranging with others to care for his wife so he could continue to lead tours. Alan’s passion for Lotusland comes across when he leads visitors through the garden. We are so grateful for his many years of commitment. —Jean Parry

Mother’s Day Tea and Tour

SATURDAY, MAY 9 • 1:30 TO 4:00 PM

Don’t miss this opportunity to spend the afternoon before Mother’s Day enjoying tea, refreshments and music on our pavilion patio and main lawn.

Explore the garden on your own, or reserve a docent-led tour.

This is the perfect treat for someone special in your life!

Please use the coupon on page 15 to register.

Annual Meeting

LOTUSLAND'S ANNUAL MEETING was held on the afternoon of January 14, 2009, instead of March as in previous years. The new date reflects the change in the cycle of terms for Trustees to the calendar year, to match Lotusland's fiscal year. Also, for the first time, upper level members and major donors were invited to attend.

President Mason Farrell opened the meeting, and Treasurer Linda Gluck gave a financial report. Executive Director Gwen Stauffer gave a State of the Garden address and made the meeting a time to assess our position, celebrate our accomplishments, recognize our challenges and identify our opportunities. Curator Virginia Hayes presented a program celebrating the past 20 years of Lotusland history, and a reception in the pavilion followed the meeting.

For a copy of State of the Garden address, please contact Deanna Hatch, at 805.969.3767, extension 121.



RICK CARTER

Executive Director Gwen Stauffer gave a State of the Garden address at Lotusland's Annual Meeting.

New Member Benefit for Levels I, II and III

After you use your admission passes, you and your guests may visit Lotusland at the reduced rate of \$20 per person.

Call 805.969.9990 to make a reservation.

IN MEMORIAM Tom Hugunin

WE ARE SADDENED by the death of former Lotusland Trustee and generous Lotusland supporter Tom Hugunin.

Tom joined the Board of Trustees in 2002 and retired in 2005. During his tenure, he served as chair of the Development Committee and as a member of the Public Programs and Lotus Society Committees. Tom, along with his wife, Elenore, was a charter member of *The Lotus Society*. All of us who knew and worked with Tom will miss him.



Tom Hugunin

BILL DEWEY

IRA Rollover Provisions Extended

IF YOU ARE 70½ years or older, you can instruct your IRA trustee to distribute funds up to \$100,000 for tax years 2008 and 2009 to Ganna Walska Lotusland. You will not have to report the withdrawal as income for tax purposes, and this distribution will also count toward your mandatory withdrawal amount.

The 2008 Emergency Economic

Stabilization Act includes provisions relating to charitable giving, similar to the Pension Protection Act of 2006.

These new provisions provide a wonderful opportunity for you to make a donation, large or small, to Lotusland. Please contact Director of Development Anne Dewey at andewey@lotusland.org or 805.969.3767, extension 105 for more information.

SAVE THE DATE

Lotusland Celebrates Our Secret Gardens

SUNDAY, JULY 26 • 4:00 PM



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

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

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.

Lotusland Gratefully Acknowledges Donations

DECEMBER 2008, JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2009

2008 ANNUAL APPEAL

CARE OF THE GARDEN FUND

Ms. Patricia Ann Jacquemin
in honor of my children
John & Joyce Thurlow
in honor of our daughter & docent
Linda Thomas

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with cheers to all of you
who keep Lotusland so sublimely
beautiful and inspiring
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Mr. & Mrs. Nigel Buxton
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Mr. & Mrs. Don Crawford
Mrs. Deb Fenwick
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for restoring the Blue Garden
Mr. Harlis Maggard in honor of
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in appreciation of February 14 tour
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DECEMBER 2008, JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2009

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DECEMBER 2008, JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2009

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Lotusland Members

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS WHO JOINED IN DECEMBER 2008, JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2009

GARDEN SPONSOR

Ms. Erin Tappan

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Ganna Walska Lotusland Registration Form

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Member name _____

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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

Garden Tour Series: Three Eras of Lotusland

EACH TOUR IS PRICED SEPARATELY

\$20 each/members • \$35 each/nonmembers

- ☐ PLANTS OF KINTON STEVENS • Saturday, April 25 • 1:30 PM
☐ THE BUILDINGS AND GARDENS OF THE GAVIT ERA • Saturday, May 23 • 1:30 PM
☐ THE GARDENS OF MADAME WALSKA • Saturday, June 27 • 1:30 PM

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

Mother's Day Tea and Tour

Saturday, May 9 • 1:30 TO 4:00 PM

CHECK ONE: ☐ Docent-guided tour ☐ Self-guided tour

\$55/members • \$65/nonmembers • \$20/children under 18

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

Santa Barbara Gardens Tour

With VIRGINIA HAYES, CURATOR OF THE LIVING COLLECTION

Saturday, June 13 • 9:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

\$100/members • \$110/nonmembers

INCLUDES TRANSPORTATION, ADMISSION AND BUFFET LUNCH

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

Summer Solstice Twilight Tour

Saturday, June 20 • 4:00 TO 7:00 PM

CHECK ONE: ☐ Docent-guided tour ☐ Self-guided tour

\$50/members • \$60/nonmembers

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

LotusFest!

Saturday, July 11 • 2:00 TO 5:00 PM

\$65/members • \$75/nonmembers

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



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Spring and Summer 2009 Member Events

MANY LOTUSLAND EVENTS are open to nonmembers,
so please let your friends and neighbors know about the great activities we offer.

Saturday, April 25

*Garden Tour Series: Three Eras of
Lotusland ~ Plants of Kinton Stevens*

1:30 PM

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

Saturday, May 9

Mother's Day Tea and Tour

1:30 TO 4:00 PM

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

Saturday, May 16

Members' Family Day:

*The Birds and the Bees and
the Flowers and the Trees*

10:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

See details on pages 8-9 and use the
coupon on page 9 to register.

Saturday, May 23

*Garden Tour Series: Three Eras of
Lotusland ~ The Buildings and
Gardens of the Gavit Era*

1:30 PM

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

Saturday, June 13

*Santa Barbara Gardens Tour
with Virginia Hayes*

9:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

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

Sunday, June 14

Lotus Society Luncheon

NOON

For information on how to join
The Lotus Society, call Anne Dewey
at 805.969.3767, extension 105.

Saturday, June 20

Summer Solstice Twilight Tour

4:00 TO 7:00 PM

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

Saturday, June 27

*Garden Tour Series: Three Eras
of Lotusland ~ The Gardens of
Madame Walska*

1:30 PM

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

Saturday, July 11

LotusFest!

2:00 TO 5:00 PM

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

Sunday, July 26

Lotusland Celebrates

Our Secret Gardens

4:00 TO 8:00 PM

See details on page 12. Invitations
will be mailed in mid-June.

Tours

Regular Tours and Family Tours are
offered at 10:00 AM and 1:30 PM,
Wednesday through Saturday,
between February 15 and November
15. Family Tours are available for
groups with children under age 10
and are child and parent friendly.
They are separate from regular adult
tours. Adult members, \$20 or use
admission passes; ages five to 18,
\$10; four and under, free. Call
805.969.9990 for reservations.