



# LOTUSLAND

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## Re-creating the Cypress Allée and Water Stairs

BY VIRGINIA HAYES and GWEN STAUFFER

*M*OST VISITORS TO LOTUSLAND are immediately impressed by the mass plantings of dramatic plants, the exotic flora from all over the world and the arresting contrasts and sudden transitions in mood and plant material as they move from one distinct garden area to another. These are the striking signature elements of Madame Ganna Walska's inspired vision. Earlier treatments to the property, dating from 1886, are hidden or entirely obliterated today. A few historic design features remain as fragments of past owners' landscapes. One such element was designed by Mrs. E. Palmer Gavit in the early 1920s with the help of the influential Santa Barbara landscape architect Peter Riedel. It consisted of a long brick walkway extending south from the swimming pool and culminating at an ornamental carved limestone wellhead. Extending at a right angle toward the east from that "wishing well," a series of fourteen basins created a water stairway that, when it was installed, fed into the large pond. This pond, originally a reservoir for irrigation water dug by R. Kinton Stevens in the late 1800s and now the central feature of Madame Walska's Japanese-style garden, had become a pleasure pond, complete with sailboat, for the Gavit family.

Photographs of this formal garden feature, published in Winifred Starr Dobyns' *California Gardens* (1931), show an allée of Italian cypress flanking the long walkway with a groundcover of ivy. The wishing well was surrounded by a dense evergreen hedge that subsequently also enclosed the flagstone paths on either side of the water stairs. This type of formality was typical of

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LOTUSLAND ARCHIVES

This photograph, presumably taken in the late 1940s or early 1950s, shows the Gavit swimming pool, which is now home to exotic water lilies, and the cypresses still flanking the allée.

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## Mission Statement

*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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gardens constructed during this period. Peter Riedel had closed his nursery by 1917 and was devoting his energies to landscape design, including this project. Although the house that the Gavits built was in the Spanish style, this garden element is more reminiscent of the Italian.

Both the cypress-lined walkway and the use of water in clever ways are elements of many well-known Italian gardens dating back to the 1500s. Several of them used water in stepwise fashion such as the balustrades of flowing water at the Villa d'Este in Tivoli and the water staircase at Villa Cicogna, Mozzoni. Antoine Le Pautre imported the idea to France in 1665, constructing an ornate cascade at the Chateau de Saint-Cloud where a number of French royalty enjoyed its grandeur. Mrs. Gavit opted for a modest and unadorned design, while other early Santa Barbara estates would employ more ornate treatments. Mrs. Helen Thorne relandscaped Las Tejas in the Italian Renaissance style in 1917, and her water stairs are enclosed in swirling carved marble.

Only the hardscape, paths, wellhead and water stair basins remained when the Foundation took charge of the garden in 1986, although there are images showing the cypress allée existing well into Madame Walska's tenure. Those pathways, the water stairs and the well-



JESSIE TARBOX BEALS

*The water stairs as they appeared in California Gardens, published in 1931.*

head have now been refurbished and are accessible again. Stone paving has been added around the wishing well to provide a stable surface for visitors. Water circulates from the wishing well to the water stairs where it spills over the lips of the stepped basins. The construction project also included replicating the original allée and hedges. While the cypress allée has much the same look and feel that it had when Mrs. Gavit commissioned it, some compromises had to be made. On the



MICHAEL IVEN

*A sandstone viewing platform and gathering place was constructed around the wishing well at the top of the water stairs.*



VIRGINIA HAYES



*When the plumbing and electrical work is finished on the water stairs, a final planting of the ivy ground cover will complete the project.*

east side of the allée, Madame Walska planted an arboretum of exotic trees in the 1950s, and on the west side, the visitor entrance was constructed in the early 1990s. These plantings may be glimpsed between the procession of cypresses. The stone waterfall and

plantings of the Japanese garden have also replaced the more rustic look of the old pond as seen from the top of the water stairs during the Gavit era. In spite of these “modern” changes, the reconstruction once again connects the water garden and bathhouse to the water stairs as Mrs. Gavit envisioned.

We speculate that these formal garden spaces, with a decidedly European influence, resonated with Madame Ganna Walska so that she preserved them as she built her own gardens around them. Now that these gardens are refurbished and accessible to visitors for the first time since Lotusland opened to the public, the rich history of the making of Lotusland is even more palpable. To celebrate, Lotusland is offering discounted admission fees beginning February 18 and continuing through March 13 (see page 7) for visitors to experience the gardens from this new perspective. Later this year, we will offer a three-part garden tour series featuring each of the three eras of Lotusland. Details will be in the Spring issue of the Lotusland Newsletter for Members.

We wish to thank Linda J. Gluck, the Ann Jackson Family Foundation and the Elizabeth Firth Wade Endow-



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*The 300-foot brick path from the lotus pond to the wishing well was restored with the original pattern used when it was first constructed in the 1920s.*

ment Fund who provided primary funding for this extensive project. We are grateful for the significant grant from the Henry W. Bull Foundation and for additional generous support from Virginia Castagnola-Hunter and Jacqueline J. Stevens.

## Director's Letter

**A**S WE BEGIN a new year at Lotusland, we reflect on all that happened in 2008.

While Lotusland has made great progress this year with accomplishments such as the implementation of a newly adopted Long Range Plan and the recreation of one of the Gavit-era gardens, we also had a very sobering experience when the global economic downturn impacted our budget. We are grateful to everyone who helped us finish 2008 with success despite a troubled global economy.

We are humbled by the many urgent calls of inquiry and support we received from all over the world as news spread of the devastating Tea Fire that blazed nearby. Lotusland's close brush with the fire aroused a worldwide concern and appreciation for this special cultural, botanical and historical treasure that belongs to Santa Barbara. We are reminded

that Lotusland is very precious to many people and now, more than ever, our community needs this beloved garden. It is a place of beauty and tranquility where one can escape the troubles and complications of the real world for a few hours of inspiration and peace. A walk through Lotusland is calming therapy for the body, mind and soul.

We begin 2009 knowing that these world-renowned gardens are not only intact, but are even more magnificent and astonishingly beautiful than ever, and freshly motivated to secure the support we need to keep Lotusland that way. We hope you will visit soon to see the stunning blooms of the aloes and celebrate the opening of the water stairs, which will have flowing water for the first time since Lotusland opened to the public. More than that, Lotusland is a healthy and gratifying antidote to the



RICK CARTER

*Gwen Stauffer*

pressures of daily life, and I invite you to visit often for a regular dose.

Warmest wishes for  
a Happy New Year,



## NEW TO THE COLLECTIONS

# Historic Evergreens

**I**N DECIDING WHAT PLANTS to use in recreating the long brick walk and renovating the water stairs, it was important to replicate the original look and feel of the space. It is clear from the old photographs that Italian cypresses flanked the brick walk with a ground cover of ivy below. Italian cypress (*Cupressus sempervirens*), in spite of its common name, is not native to Italy, but rather to several other eastern Mediterranean countries including Crete, Greece and Turkey. In their native



Italian cypresses flank the brick path and 'Rushmore' arborvitae will enclose the wishing well.



Exact placement of the arborvitae will ensure their growth into a uniform hedge.

habitat, trees can reach more than 100 feet in height and have been known to live for 1,000 years or more. In garden situations, they rarely achieve either of these extremes. They grow as narrow columns, only three or four feet in width and perhaps 50 feet in height, although they can be topped to maintain a lower profile.

The hedges that enclosed the wishing well and water stairs are more difficult to identify from the photographs.

They are clearly some sort of evergreen with fine-textured dark foliage. After considering a number of choices from junipers to more Italian cypresses, the decision was made to plant a dark green selection of arborvitae, *Thuja occidentalis* 'Rushmore'. They are planted three feet apart and should fill in to form a dense hedge in just a few years. More ivy (*Hedera helix*) lines the flagstone paths on either side of the water stairs.

—Virginia Hayes

## Help Make Lotusland's Wishes Come True

**W**E HAVE A wish list of items big and small. To support any of these projects please go to [www.lotusland.org](http://www.lotusland.org) and click on Giving to Lotusland; send a check to Ganna Walska Lotusland, Attn: Wish List, 695 Ashley Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93108; or contact Anne Dewey at 805.969.3767 ext. 105 or [andewey@lotusland.org](mailto:andewey@lotusland.org). You never know, wishes just might come true. Thank you!

### 🐛INSECTARY PLANT SEEDS

Seeds are needed for insectary planting beds that are maintained throughout the year to provide a habitat for beneficial insects. \$125

### 🪴CONTAINER GARDENS FOR VISITOR CENTER ~ NEED THREE

To enhance the visitor center entrance, we need decorative planters to display Australian native plants. \$200 each

### 🪑ERGONOMIC OFFICE CHAIRS ~ NEED FIVE

Ergonomically designed chairs reduce fatigue, provide stress-free support and increase comfort. \$250 each



## HORTICULTURAL HAPPENINGS

## A Year in the Life of the Garden

*G*ARDENING IS CIVIL and social, but it wants the vigor and freedom of the forest and the outlaw.  
—Henry David Thoreau

So went 2008 at Lotusland. The garden and the sustainable horticulture program continued to evolve with the help and the challenges of nature. Mulches, compost and compost tea applications contributed to improved soil conditions better able to provide nutrients to plants and withstand the drying effects of drought. The implementation of planting bed renovation projects helped assure long-term cultural conditions conducive to plant health. Thoughtful planning of new restoration projects and major storm-related clean-ups allowed us to maintain the historical integrity of Ganna Walska's garden.

The year began with the garden seriously damaged by wind. Large oaks, eucalyptuses, succulents and palms blew over or lost major branches. Understory plantings were damaged and others lost the shade they required. It wasn't the worst storm experienced by the garden in the past 25 years, but it was significant and probably in the top five considering the amount of damage done.

Conditions related to the 2007 Japanese pond silt removal project continued into 2008 as staff and consultants worked to implement a system favorable to the restoration of an ecological



PHOTOS BY MICHAEL IVEN

*Lotusland's many exquisite features, including this horticultural clock, bring to mind a quote from Thomas Cooper. "A garden is never so good as it will be next year."*

balance. Too many fish, turtles and crayfish created comical situations at times, as we tried to lower those populations to improve water clarity and promote plant growth.

Throughout the year Plant Healthcare Coordinator Corey Welles made presentations to clubs, schools, botanical gardens, individuals and city and county committees interested in Lotusland's sustainable horticultural program.

A hard-to-find leak in the reservoir supply line became the biggest mystery of the year. Video cameras sent up and down the pipe and some intuitive

detective work by staff and contractors led to a successful repair.

Lotusland hosted two visiting horticulturists in 2008. Kat McCullough, a gardener at Longwood Gardens in Pennsylvania, worked and shared information with Lotusland grounds staff in April. Jamie McCormack, a gardener at the Eden Project in Cornwall, England, visited Lotusland and worked with grounds and curatorial staff in August.

Drought continued to be a concern during the year. The water table dropped below the 2007 average, which was lower than the 2006 average, but the well pump continued to supply sufficient water for grounds operations. Many portable low-flow systems were constructed and employed to deliver water exactly where needed, and to use water more efficiently.

The water stairs and brick pathway project involved six contractors from various trades working with Lotusland staff to implement the re-creation. A wonderful old feature of Lotusland can again be viewed and appreciated by all.

The year ended with challenges we will continue to face throughout 2009. Economic conditions are affecting us all and will influence Lotusland's operations to a certain extent, but systems are in place and staff will continue to maintain high standards of grounds maintenance.

—Michael Iven



*During a winter storm, large euphorbias blew over and revealed roots that were infected with armillaria (oak root fungus).*





## The LOTUS SOCIETY

### LOUISE THIELST

**T**HE LEGACY OF Madame Ganna Walska has captured the imagination of every visitor who comes to Lotusland, but what would it have been like to actually meet her? Spend an afternoon with Louise Thielst, the widow of Gunnar Thielst, Madame's right-hand man for more than 30 years, and you will become familiar with the indomitable Madame Walska.

Louise and her daughter emigrated to the United States from Germany in 1956. Her first home was in the Santa Ynez Valley, where she met Gunnar through mutual Danish connections. Now 95 years old and a resident of Montecito, Louise lived at Lotusland



MICHAEL IVEN

Louise Thielst

while her husband worked side by side with Madame Walska to build the incredible gardens we all enjoy today.

Louise was more than just the wife of Madame's most trusted staff member—she was a personal and intimate friend of Madame Walska, accompanying her on shopping trips and to concerts. "No woman was more beautiful than Ganna Walska," Louise told me. "And the hats were fantastic!" she exclaims, as she described her shared adventures with Madame.

Louise's husband first met Madame Walska when she visited his ironworks studio on Milpas Street and happened to see the fabulous garden he created and cultivated behind his shop. Madame Walska convinced Gunnar to leave his ironworks business and help her build the gardens of Lotusland. Eventually she urged him to move his wife and family to Lotusland. Louise did not want to move because it would mean losing the luxury of her own private bath in the house she and Gunnar owned. "I cried to leave," she says. But in short order, Louise and Ganna, both of European descent and with European sensibilities, became comfortable companions. "She was a grand woman," Louise recalls. "I miss her terribly."

Louise was fascinated with Lotusland, as all the exotic plants and stylized gardens were something new to her. As she watched the gardens develop through the collaboration of Gunnar and Madame, she soon took on a few favorites, including the botanical clock with the iron zodiac signs designed and created by her husband, the blue garden inspired by Madame Walska's flair for color and drama, and the water stairs that feature classic European garden design.

"Madame spent all day and night in the garden," explains Louise. "She had breakfast at five o'clock in the morning and never stopped working in the garden all day. She never sat—she was always on the move." Louise told me of the day when Ganna called her, in tears, because one of the large California Coast Live Oaks had fallen over. "To lose one oak tree would make her cry," Louise says, "and she did everything she could to protect all of them." It would be hard to imagine that Madame Walska had one favorite garden in all of the spectacular vignettes throughout

Lotusland, but Louise assured me that Ganna Walska's most cherished place was the Japanese garden.

Despite that one day, long ago, when Louise cried to leave home, her love and support of Lotusland has only grown, and that is why she joined *The Lotus Society*. Louise's passion might even rival Madame Walska's as she reminds me, with a jubilant smile and a sparkle in her eyes, "Lotusland is something very special, and people come from all over the world to see it."

—Gwen Stauffer



### NEW MEMBERS

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

Bonnie Kelm and Bill Malis  
in memory of Michael Kelm

Susan B. Levin

Dorothy and Stan Shaner  
in memory of Barbara Sherwood Cullen

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.

RICK CARTER

## Ruth Mahoney

### HER GENEROSITY CONTINUES

**L**OTUSLAND RECENTLY LEARNED that we are the recipient of an additional and very generous bequest from the estate of Ruth Mahoney, who passed away on August 24, 2007 in Winter Park, Florida. She was 80 years old and living with her niece Mary Ellen Soule. Ruth's husband Jack predeceased her in 2002.

Ruth and her husband Jack fell in love with Lotusland in the mid-sixties while on a Santa Barbara Beautiful tour with famed Santa Barbara preservationist Pearl Chase. When Lotusland opened in 1993, the Mahoneys became members and when Lotusland started its planned

giving program, *The Lotus Society*, in 2001 they were among the first to join with an outright gift. "We wanted our gift to go to work for Lotusland immediately, and we especially like knowing that our support will go toward keeping the garden in peak condition on into the future and allow Lotusland to use every opportunity to educate the public, from school children to landscape professionals, about sustainable gardening."

We miss seeing Ruth and Jack in the garden and are very grateful for their vision in sustaining Lotusland well into the future.  
—Anne Dewey



Ruth Mahoney

DEANNA HATCH

## LOTUSLAND INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE THE OPENING OF THE REFURBISHED WATER STAIRS AND WISHING WELL AND THE RE-CREATED CYPRESS ALLÉE DURING

# Reduced Admission Days

Members may reserve a  
self-guided or docent-guided tour for \$20  
**Wednesday February 18 through Friday, March 13.**  
To make a reservation, please call 805.969.9990.

Most visitors to Lotusland are not aware that there was once a cypress allée that connected the water garden and bathhouse to a water staircase. For the first time since Lotusland opened to the public in 1993, the water is flowing from the charming wishing well over the water stairs.

(See cover story.)



## THANK YOU TO MARGO AND ROBERT FEINBERG FOR HOSTING The President's Party

*L*OTUSLAND IS VERY APPRECIATIVE of the support of our wonderful donors, and we like to thank them in a very special way. Each year we honor our Garden Patrons, Benefactors and Sponsors, members of *The Lotus Society*, upper level *Lotusland Celebrates* sponsors and individual major donors at our President's Party.

We were very fortunate that Margo and Robert Feinberg opened their beautiful Montecito home and garden for this year's event. Guests had the pleasure of meeting architect Britt Jewett whose inspired designs were admired by everyone. The Feinbergs' extensive art collection, including huge clay pots from Vietnam and stunning garden sculptures, fascinated guests as they explored the property. Guests also enjoyed seeing the tropical pool and pool house, the dance studio where Margo practices, and the putting green and tennis court.

The wine and hors d'oeuvres were delicious, and the Feinbergs' home provided the perfect setting to thank our supporters for their generosity to Lotusland. —Anne Dewey



Executive Director Gwen Stauffer with Robert and Margo Feinberg, who graciously hosted the President's Party at their beautiful home and garden.



Board President Mason Farrell warmly thanked Lotusland's wonderful donors for their generosity.



Lifetime Honorary Trustee Michael Towbes, Nancy Lessner and Paul Glenn are long-time Lotusland supporters.



Lotus Society member Mary Lou Ardohain and her guest Bob Warden enjoyed the delectable wines and delicious hors d'oeuvres.



Barbara Bradley and David Myrick admired the lovely setting at the annual President's Party.



SPACE IS STILL AVAILABLE

## Aloe Outing

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17  
1:30 TO 4:00 PM

*A*LOES DISPLAY THEIR spectacular blooms when most plants are dormant during the winter months—and when Lotusland is closed for public tours. This opportunity to visit Lotusland and enjoy more than 170 species and cultivars of aloes during the winter recess is a special privilege for members only.

Admission is \$20 or one membership admission pass.  
Please call 805.969.9990 to make a reservation.

—Dorothy Shaner



JANET EATON

## Member Appreciation Day

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

1:30 TO 4:00 PM

As a special Valentine's Day treat,  
every paying member may bring  
one guest at no charge for a delightful  
and leisurely stroll in the garden.

Champagne, sparkling cider and Valentine sweets  
will be served in the main house.

The cost is \$35 or one member admission pass  
for two people.

For questions or to make a reservation,  
please call 805.969.9990.



## LOTUSLAND THANKS Mish, New York

**L**OTUSLAND WAS PLEASED to be the recipient of a generous percentage of the sales from the west coast trunk show of Mish, New York.

Mish's fabulous jewelry, including his new Wakaya Collection, was the star of a luncheon and a cocktail party at the home of Lotusland Trustee Sandra Nicholson and her husband William. The show continued at the charming William Laman furniture, garden and antique store in Montecito.

Lotusland is extremely grateful to the Nicholsons, William Laman and all of those who bought beautiful pieces of jewelry for making this a very successful fundraising effort. —Anne Dewey



FROM LEFT: Executive Director Gwen Stauffer, Trustee Kisa Heyer, Susan Jackson, Mish Tworowski and Laura Shelburne enjoyed a luncheon the Nicholsons' lovely home Solana.



Lotusland trustee Sandra Nicholson and Mish Tworowski at the cocktail party, where guests tried on jewelry and enjoyed delicious hors d'oeuvres and wine.



Lotusland supporter Bui Simon (RIGHT) is a big fan of Mish and his unique and stunning creations.

## Fruit Tree Pruning Workshop

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24  
9:30 TO 11:30 AM

**J**OIN LOTUSLAND AND Arbor Services staff members for a morning workshop that focuses on the techniques used to prune different types of fruit trees.

Personalized instruction that guides participants through each step of the process will be provided.

The cost is \$25. As space is limited, please register early by calling 805.969.9990.



VIRGINIA HAYES



## Volunteer Profile: Cathy Rose

### AMBASSADOR FOR PLANTS



COURTESY PHOTO

Cathy Rose

mother was among the first and longest-serving docents at the Huntington.

Becoming a docent at Lotusland was a far cry from Cathy's other experiences with plants, which consisted of roaming around California from Cook and Green Pass at the Oregon border to Anza-Borrego Desert in the south. Cathy had always loved learning as much as teaching and enjoyed the docent program at Lotusland, especially the wonderful session by Paul Mills about the new cactus garden. It remains her favorite garden, "mysterious and challenging, with its astonishing diversity of the cacti of the Americas." She has the greatest admiration for Eric Nagelmann's design and says, "Entering that garden takes your breath away." Cathy is especially fond of a plant in the garden that is a cactus relative, the boojum tree, for its literary and botanical associations. (The tree appears in author Lewis Carroll's poem "The Hunting of the Snark".) Cathy taught at Crane School in Montecito for many years, and first saw the boojums from the window of a bus full of Crane students on the way to Bahia del Los Angeles in Baja, California. "Stop the bus!" she demanded as she and the eighth graders rolled out to admire the weirdest plant of all in a wildly eccentric flora.

For Cathy, the joys of Lotusland are not strictly botanical. She loves bird watching and always goes with Jeff

Chemnick and Steve Timbrook when they lead Lotusland's annual bird walk. She was delighted when fellow enthusiast and long-time Lotusland staff member Mike Furner discovered Hooded Mergansers last year in the Japanese garden.

Cathy has especially enjoyed renewing old friendships at Lotusland. She taught Sally Fairbank's son and Lori Meschler's daughter at Crane and among the newer docents is Lisa Keller, a highly memorable student of Cathy's from the 1960s in Pasadena.

Cathy spends summers in the Sierras, and she has been a "docent in the sky" leading botanical walks at locations above 10,000 feet in Yosemite for the National Park Service for the last dozen years. Migrating in front of the snow, Cathy is happy to return to Santa Barbara and Lotusland in early fall. She has served as a docent for a botanist from Kew Gardens, a member of the Board of Supervisors and dozens of travelers from hither and yon as well as local garden lovers.

Each Lotusland tour is a special event, an opportunity to celebrate the lives of plants and to remind visitors of our dependence upon plants and the importance of their conservation here and in the world. In Cathy's words, "It's a privilege to be an ambassador for plants in such a beautiful and original place."

—M. Burns

## Morning Bird Walk at Lotusland

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21  
9:00 AM TO NOON

JOIN LOTUSLAND RESEARCH Associate Jeff Chemnick and Director Emeritus Steven Timbrook as they lead their annual winter bird walk.

This is a great way for both experienced birders and beginners to

seek out avian "tourists" that spend the winter in Santa Barbara. We will have several pairs of binoculars to loan if you don't have your own.

The cost is \$25. For questions or to make a reservation, please call 805.969.9990.



LARRY JON FRIESEN, SATURDAYS.NET



## Cacti and Cocktails

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

3:00 TO 5:00 PM

LOTUSLAND'S NEWEST GARDEN, the cactus garden, is also one of its most spectacular. Photographs that date from its installation in 2003 will be on display so you can see how much the cacti have grown and changed in just six years.

Take advantage of this opportunity to enjoy the cactus garden—and other gardens as well—in the late afternoon light. Specialty cocktails, wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served.

The cost is \$40 for members and \$50 for nonmembers. To make a reservation, please call 805.969.9990.

## Sustainable Gardening Workshop

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

1:00 TO 4:00 PM

SPEND THE AFTERNOON learning about Lotusland's ecological approach to plant healthcare and taking a closer look at the world of insects. Lotusland's Sustainable Plant Healthcare Coordinator Corey Welles will talk about "Lotusland's Best Sustainable Management Practices," and Santa Barbara City College Professor of Biological Sciences Dr. Larry Friesen will present "Insects Are Not Pests."

These two presentations will be

followed by demonstrations in the garden conducted by the Lotusland garden staff members.

Don't miss this entertaining and informative afternoon. The admission fee for members is \$35 or one member admission pass; the fee for nonmembers is \$40. A special price of \$10 is available for students with valid student I.D.

For more information or to make a reservation, please call 805.969.9990.



Praying mantises eat insect pests.

LARRY JON FRIESEN, SATURDAYS.NET

## Spring Garden Tour

With VIRGINIA HAYES

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

9:15 AM TO 4:00 PM

(GATES OPEN AT 9:00 AM)

SPRING IS JUST AROUND the corner, and it is the perfect time to join Curator Virginia Hayes for a tour of some local Santa Barbara gardens. Many of these homes have never been open to the public and may never be again, so plan on enjoying this rare opportunity.

The bus will depart Lotusland at 9:15 and return by 4:00. Please plan to arrive at 9:00 to facilitate this early departure. The fee of \$100 for Lotusland members and \$110 for nonmembers covers transportation, admission and a delicious buffet lunch. Space is very limited, and this popular tour fills up quickly. Please use the coupon on page 15 to reserve your space.



MADLINE PETRINI

*We are extremely grateful to all of the firefighters who protected Lotusland from the devastating Tea Fire that raged so near to us and destroyed the homes of several of our members and volunteers. Local firefighters pose in front of a banner that Lotusland staff members created and hung on the "pink wall" bordering Sycamore Canyon Road.*



# Lotusland Gratefully Acknowledges Donations

## SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2008

### ANNUAL APPEAL GENERAL FUND

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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.

### **Saturday, January 17**

#### *Aloe Outing*

1:30 TO 4:00 PM

See details on page 9.

Call 805.969.9990 for reservations.

### **Saturday, January 24**

#### *Fruit Tree Pruning Workshop*

9:30 TO 11:30 AM

See details on page 10.

Call 805.969.9990 for reservations.

### **Saturday, February 14**

#### *Member Appreciation Day*

1:30 TO 4:00 PM

See details on page 9.

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### **Wednesday, February 18**

Garden reopens after winter recess.

### **Wednesday February 18 through Friday, March 13**

#### *Reduced Admission Days*

See details on page 7.

Call 805.969.9990 for reservations.

### **Saturday, February 21**

#### *Morning Bird Walk at Lotusland*

9:00 AM TO NOON

See details on page 11.

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### **Saturday, March 14**

#### *Cacti and Cocktails*

3:00 TO 5:00 PM

See details on page 12.

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### **Saturday, March 21**

#### *Sustainable Gardening Workshop*

1:00 TO 4:00 PM

See details on page 12.

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### **Saturday, April 4**

#### *Spring Garden Tour*

*with Virginia Hayes*

9:15 TO 4:00 PM

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

### **Saturday, April 25**

#### *Garden Tour Series*

*Three Eras of Lotusland:*

*Plants of Kinton Stevens*

1:30 TO 3:30 PM

See details in Spring Lotusland

*Newsletter for Members.*

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