



LOTUSLAND

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Passage to Lotusland

BY VIRGINIA HAYES

FROM THE TWO ancient Chilean wine palms outside the gates on Sycamore Canyon Road to the courtyard in front of the main house, visitors in Madame Walska's day would pass through a sampling of many of the myriad types of plants in her garden. While most estates with long curving driveways would be lined with a stately march of trees or discretely enclosed by hedges, the driveway at Lotusland offers much more. Turning a corner within the garden reveals a new and different collection of plants from aloes to bamboos, cacti to palms and waterlilies. The sections of the main drive reflect those adjacent gardens in some places, but they may also serve as a collection in their own right.

Ralph Stevens was responsible for the aloes, agaves and sedums that flank the road just inside the gate, but traveling on, they abruptly end to be replaced by completely different plants. On one side are glimpses into the Japanese garden with maples, pines and other shrubs, while on the other side, uniform clumps of Kentia palms perch on the edge of the tropical garden. Palms continue sporadically (with the addition of a bunya-bunya or two) along the next stretch, but include a mix of king palms, Mexican fan palms, shaving brush palms and Guadalupe palms. This array ends with another old Chilean wine palm, available for hugging and marveling.

Again, the two sides are asymmetrical for the next short stretch with various palms: many impressive old clumps of the European fan palm, dwarf Weddell palms and a rare species, the Franceschi palm, allowing peeks at the aloe garden. On the other side is a border of blue agaves and gray

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PHOTOS BY BOB CRAIG

The uniform plantings of agaves, aloes and sedums soon give way to an exotic mix of palms and more.

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One of the many quirky scenarios along the way at Lotusland – Kentia palms on the right and Torii gate entrance to the Japanese garden on the left.

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bromeliads that mark the boundary of the blue garden behind.

Then the drama really begins. Madame's haphazard plantings of cacti and succulent euphorbias were separated and massed on opposite sides of the roadway in the 1970s. Their similarities and differences are on display. These are truly gardens in their own right as they are not designed to allow views into the surrounding areas and are completely

unique in their nature. The spiky forms continue right up to the front door with the grotesque, twisting arms of *Euphorbia ingens* flanking the entrance.

Taking a stroll along the nearly 300 yards from gate to house, a visitor will experience saturated senses, from an explosion of wild, yet monochromatic forms to dark and cloistered passageways and exotically dramatic views. In short, a theatrical entrance only Lotusland could provide.



In the 1970s Charlie Glass and Bob Foster rearranged Madame Walska's cacti and euphorbia collections, displaying them on opposite sides of the drive near the house.

Mission Statement

We preserve and enhance the unique historic estate of Madame Ganna Walska, care for and improve its collections, and develop its conservation and horticulture programs, so they educate us, inspire us, and advance our understanding and appreciation of the importance of plants in our lives and in the life of the planet.



Two ancient Chilean wine palms outside the gates on Sycamore Canyon Road frame the entrance to Madame Ganna Walska's estate and mark the beginning of the driveway leading to her home.



Madame Walska collected plants as well as many other ornaments. Scattered throughout the gardens are interesting minerals such as these large amethyst crystals that grace the euphorbia plantings.

Director's Letter

LOTUSLAND LOVES SPRING! The gardens are exquisitely beautiful every day of the year, but we especially love this season when we may open our gates once again and welcome you back into the garden. Why does Lotusland close for winter? The short answer is that the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) issued by Santa Barbara County, under which we are required to operate, obliges us to close from mid-November to mid-February. This is one of many constraints that were negotiated in 64 public hearings over nine years, finally permitting Lotusland's public opening in 1993.

The terms of our CUP are restrictive and complicated, so the start of a new tour season is the perfect occasion for a crash course on the most important CUP protocols you should know to plan your future visits to Lotusland.

Besides a limit on the length of our tour season, there is a limit on the number of days we may be open to the

public—Wednesday through Saturday only. We are permitted 200 guests per day and 35 cars per day (40 cars are allowed on Saturdays and in summer when primary schools are out of session). When we reach our limit of cars, we may no longer accept visitor reservations, even if we have not reached our limit for quantity of guests. The CUP also controls the garden's hours of operation and when guests may enter or leave the garden.

To monitor our compliance with these basic rules, the county has mandated that we accept visits by reservation only and that we report to them all the statistical data about the reservations, including number of guests and cars per day and the year's overall total, which may not exceed 15,000 guests. That annual limit includes not only tours and members' visits, but also every single program and event.

If your head is spinning over these complex rules, consider a simple analogy.



LEA ANNA DROWN

Gwen Stauffer

To attend a movie or performance, you must buy a ticket, typically in advance to guarantee your seat in a theater with limited seats and a specific show time. Never assume we are sold out—always call, even if at the last minute.

We look forward to seeing you in the garden!

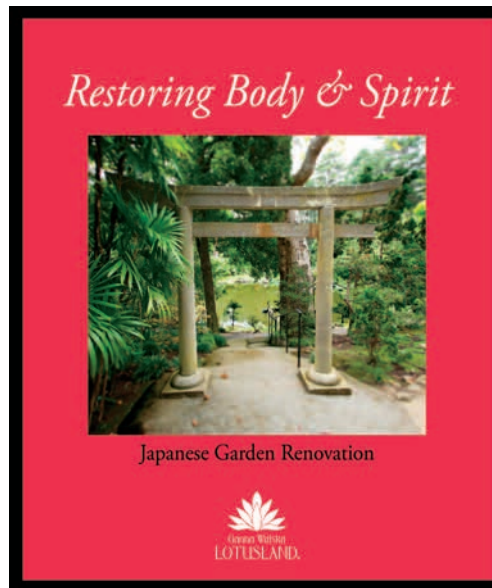
Warm regards,
Gwen L. Stauffer

Japanese Garden Renovation: *Restoring Body & Spirit*

THE ANCIENT PURPOSE of Japanese gardens was to distill the energy of nature into a place that attracted divine spirits, thereby allowing humans to consort with them and become enlightened and renewed. In Japanese garden design, “living” stones and plants are arranged specifically to release their positive energy vibrations for humans to receive. In modern history, Japanese gardens have long been appreciated and understood as places where individuals can experience peace and tranquility. In fact, recent medical research has demonstrated lowered heart rates and increased brain function in people who are in a Japanese garden. The healing effects of gardens is a phenomenon gardeners have known intuitively, but is now being proven with empirical data.

Lotusland’s Japanese garden, where nature and visitors meet in artful and mindful respite, is the most popular of the gardens at Lotusland and a place where one can begin to restore body and spirit.

In that essence of peace and rejuvenation, we chose *Restoring Body & Spirit* as the theme for our campaign to renovate and endow the Japanese garden. This theme is a metaphor for the actions we will take to improve and enhance the physical condition of the



garden and restore Madame’s vision. We will restore the body and soul of the Japanese garden, making it possible for members and visitors to do the same. The Torii gate, chosen as the symbol for our campaign, symbolizes the transition from a chaotic and mundane world into a sacred and peaceful space. Indeed, it is our intent that all visitors, no matter their physical, mental or emotional condition, may enter the Japanese garden and leave their hectic lives and a troubling world behind to be refreshed and restored.

There are a few key aspects to the Japanese Garden Renovation Project. The pathway system will be modified to be fully accessible to visitors with physical disabilities, as well as to frame views and reveal garden elements to inspire and delight visitors. New gathering spaces along the paths will allow visitors to simply be in that space to view and contemplate the garden—something that is currently not possible. The new gathering spaces will also enable unprecedented programming.

We will also reconstruct the pond with a liner and biofiltration system so the water is clear and the Koi fish may be observed, further enhancing the human-nature connection and the energy of the garden. We will rebuild structural elements, replace aging plants and restore original plantings.

Finally, we will seek endowment support so that the Japanese garden will be sustained in perpetuity, thereby sustaining the body and spirit of future generations of visitors to the garden.

For more information about the Japanese Garden Renovation Project, or if you are interested in learning how you can support this project, please contact Jon Glasoe at 805.969.3767, ext. 124 or at jglasoe@lotusland.org.

—Gwen Stauffer

Welcome Tyler Diehl LOTUSLAND’S NEW DIRECTOR OF GARDENS AND FACILITIES

LOTUSLAND IS HAPPY to welcome Tyler Diehl who became the new Director of Gardens and Facilities on March 14.

Tyler comes to Lotusland from Ladew Topiary Gardens in Monkton, Maryland, where he served as Director of Horticulture and Facilities since 2002. Tyler will reside in the Gate Cottage, and his family will join him when the school year ends. Tyler is originally from California and studied

Ornamental Horticulture at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. Tyler says, “Lotusland offers a unique opportunity to relocate and to expand upon my commitment toward historic gardens and environmental sustainability. Being from California and attending Cal Poly, I have a deep appreciation of the California plant palates, and I look forward to expanding upon my commitment toward environmental beauty and sustainability at Lotusland.”



Tyler Diehl



The LOTUS SOCIETY

A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE WITH PEGGY WILEY AND WILSON QUARRÉ

LOTUSLAND TRUSTEE PEGGY WILEY understands that the future of Lotusland depends upon growing endowment, which is why she is the Chair of our legacy program *The Lotus Society*. Peggy and her husband, Wilson Quarrré, believe that Lotusland is an incredible treasure, an oasis of beauty and solace, and a spectacular collection

of exotic plants. They want to make sure that Lotusland continues to be exciting and relevant for their three grandchildren to enjoy right now and for many years to come, which is why they joined *The Lotus Society* in 2006. Peggy has been a Lotusland trustee since 2010, and her enthusiasm for all things Lotusland is contagious. She is the creative inspiration behind Lotusland's behind-the-scenes "focus tours" that have been so popular with our *Lotus Keepers* (members at \$500 and above). Peggy also serves on the board of the Santa Barbara Zoo, and Wilson, a real estate agent with Sotheby's International Realty in the Upper Village, serves on the board of the Santa Barbara Maritime Museum, which keeps them both extremely busy!

Please go to our website and click on "Walk on the Wild Side with Peggy and Wilson" to see a video of them talking about why they passionately support *The Lotus Society*.

There are many benefits of making a gift to Lotusland through your estate plans, including perpetuating your passion to preserve and maintain this invaluable gift to the community, retaining control of your assets during your lifetime and taking advantage of tax laws that are helpful for your estate. There are also many easy and tax-



Lotusland trustee Peggy Wiley with her husband, Wilson Quarrré, Angel, Rosemary, Dela and Dutcher.

efficient ways to make a bequest to Lotusland, such as using assets from your retirement plans, life insurance policies or financial accounts such as a bank or certificate of deposit.

All planned gifts of \$10,000 or more are honored by membership in *The Lotus Society*. For more information please contact Anne Dewey, Director of Development at adewey@lotusland.org or 805.969.3767 ext. 105.

Lotusland Welcomes New Trustee George Schoellkopf



George Schoellkopf

GEORGE SCHOELLKOPF is originally from Dallas, Texas, where he planted his first garden. He holds a Master's degree in Art History from Columbia University in New York City, where for many years he ran a gallery specializing in 18th- and 19th-century American antiques and folk art. He now divides his time between his home, Hollister House, in Washington, Connecticut, and his home in Santa Barbara.

The Hollister House garden is an American interpretation of classic English gardens—formal in its structure but informal and rather wild in its style of planting. Begun in 1979 by George and Ron Johnson, the garden has since evolved under George's direction into a unique synthesis of the formal and the natural, with a magnificent

backdrop of exuberant plantings. In 2005, George entered into an agreement with the Garden Conservancy to donate the entire property—including the house, garden and 25 acres—to the non-profit Hollister House Garden Inc., where George serves as President of the Board of Directors. George is also a trustee of the Garden Conservancy and the Santa Barbara Museum of Art. He has authored numerous articles on gardening in *Town & Country*, *House & Garden*, *House Beautiful* and many other publications. George and his partner, Gerald Incandella, built a beautiful home and created magnificent gardens on a hilltop in Summerland where they hosted a luncheon for members of *The Lotus Society* in 2012. George has been a Lotusland member since the garden opened in 1993.

COLLECTIONS NEWS Press Clippings



One of hundreds of pages in the archives of Romeike Press Clipping Bureau that hold a treasure trove of information about Madame's life prior to Lotusland.

MADAME WALSKA was pursued by the paparazzi of her day as much as any modern-day diva. Before the age of electronic information sharing, there were more tactile ways that people connected with each other and preserved their moments in the spotlight. Unlike today's Twitter or Facebook posts, most publicity occurred in newspapers—the main source of information for many people. To know who was talking about whom, people would employ a press clipping service. Madame used Romeike, which was one of the first services in existence and was started in 1881. For several decades, every time her name appeared in the printed media, Madame Walska's faithful

service would actually cut out each instance of printed copy that referenced her and send it to her for her personal archives. These clippings were carefully pasted into hardbound scrapbooks, which are now housed in the Lotusland archives. These scrapbooks hold a wealth of information, not only about Madame Walska, but about the time when she was in the eye of the public. While most of Madame Walska's accomplishments and activities are well known, these clippings preserve a fleeting moment in time that may yet yield hidden insights into our enigmatic benefactress.

The scrapbooks are fragile mementos of history and are being preserved for future investigations. —Virginia Hayes

Lotusland Graduates 26 New Docents



L TO R: Steve Veros, Janice Thomson, Harry Linden, Colleen Poulsen, Carol Wagner, Jim Snelling, Renee Marie Newell, Michael Steinfeld, Janet Patton, Suzanne Rubin, Mary Glink, Rachael Douglas, Michael DeRousse, Barb Kennedy, Duane Sikorski, Penny Conlin, Wendy de la Cruz, Nancy Dorey, Debbie Heaps, Joan Hazell. Not pictured: Suzan Stratford.

GANNA WALSKA LOTUSLAND recently graduated 26 new docents. After completing a rigorous 10-week training program, this group of enthusiastic and dedicated men and women are ready to lead tours of Lotusland and its various gardens, interpret the exotic plant collections for visitors and share the history of the garden. The extensive docent training program provides top-notch lectures, classes and training. The next docent training program begins in October 2016. For more information about becoming a docent, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Kitty Thomassin at 805.969.3767 ext. 112.

Fourth Grade Lotusland Essay Winners

WE ARE PROUD to announce the winners of Lotusland's very first essay contest! Our public school education program reaches nearly every fourth grader in southern Santa Barbara County and is now reaching out to schools in North County as well. Students learn the botanical concepts of photosynthesis and plant adaptations before having a glorious day in the garden interacting with the plants. Then, it is back to the classroom to translate their experience into essay

format, writing about the science and beauty that inspired them.

Congratulations to all six winning writers—Katherine Lopez and Madison Dewett from Solvang School, Noa Margalith and Allison Ray from Monte Vista School, and Bode Andrulaitis and Finnegan Wright from Peabody School—and their teachers for earning a summer trip to see the lotus in bloom! Jennifer Lebell, Lotusland's Outreach Coordinator, loves students writing about the gardens.



Noa Margalith from Monte Vista School, Jennifer Lebell, Lotusland's Outreach Coordinator, and Bode Andrulaitis from Peabody School.

HORTICULTURAL HAPPENINGS

Plant Selection for the Insectary

LOTUSLAND'S HORTICULTURE TEAM spent the winter completing the renovation of the butterfly garden, now called the insectary garden. Originally a garden where Madame grew cut flowers, it was later transformed into our first insectary. There we raised and collected beneficial insects to distribute throughout the garden in the early years of our sustainable horticulture program. As we added insectaries on the outside edges of the garden, populations of the beneficial insects grew and spread on their own. Thanks to several donors, we have renovated the insectary as a model to demonstrate how an insectary works.

There are several important keys to an insectary's success. A wide variety of plants is needed to attract a diversity of pollinators and predators, and they should flower throughout the year to provide the beneficial insects with nectar and pollen when their life cycles require it. This is best achieved with a mix of 50% California native plants and 50% exotic plants in a dedicated habitat. At least 16 square feet of each plant species is enough to support a robust population of the beneficials it attracts. A source of water is also important for pollinators, predators and birds.

Our sustainable horticulture program depends on attracting insect predators. One of them, the tiny wasp *Aphidius* ssp. is less than 1/8 inch long, yet it is



A Braconid wasp ovipositing an egg in a aphid.

ALEX WILD, UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

the most effective beneficial insect at Lotusland. These tiny non-stinging wasps parasitize aphids by laying their eggs in the aphid. The wasp larvae emerge, eating the aphid to death. The wasps can lay hundreds of eggs. In this way they can wipe out an entire colony of aphids. Adult wasps also need to eat, and that's where the insectary comes in. California native plants and exotic plants with tiny flowers provide necessary pollen and nectar for the adult wasps.



Yarrow helps attract beneficial insects to your garden by providing nectar and habitat.

Large predator insects like adult praying mantis and lady bug larvae also eat pests, but they are not nearly as efficient at combating entire colonies of pests as the larvae of these tiny wasps. *Aphidius* and other Braconid wasps eat a wide range of pests such as aphids, beetle larvae, leaf miners, flies, bugs and sawflies. Braconids also parasitize the larvae of sphinx moths and cabbage butterflies. These wasps are joined by dozens of species of parasitic flies that are equally effective at devouring pests.

The first plants to bloom during the winter/spring season quickly support these beneficial insects, enabling massive biocontrol of pests. Verbena, baby blue eyes (*Nemophila menziesii*), manzanita, ceanothus and sage are some of the earliest blooming plants that attract these parasitic insects with their pollen, nectar, and shelter.

Years of practical experience and research-driven plant selection have made our insectaries highly productive. Insectaries are critical tools in our program to ensure the health of our precious plant collections. Please visit our renovated insectary garden for ideas to add both beauty and brawn to your garden, and also visit our website to see a list of insectary garden plants, when they bloom, the beneficials they attract and the pests those control.

—Corey Welles



Members' Family Day • *It's All About Bugs!*

SATURDAY, MAY 21 • NOON TO 4:00 PM

Lotusland wants to thank you, our members, for your support by hosting our 19th annual Members' Family Day. All members are invited, especially children of all ages!

Generously Sponsored by
Thomas & Nancy Crawford, Jr. in Honor of Their Grandchildren



Activities will include:



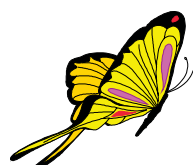
CHRIS EMERICK



BOB DEBRIS

Michael Katz of Boxtales presents a family-friendly storytelling to educate and entertain in the theatre garden • 1:30 TO 2:15 PM and again at 2:45 TO 3:30 PM
Dress up in bug-themed costumes and pose for your free souvenir photo taken by photographer extraordinaire Bob DeBris • NOON TO 3:30 PM
On the main lawn, everyone can enjoy activities and crafts, face painting by Anji Lawson and the giant mural by Kathy Mills • NOON TO 3:30 PM

Garden Admission to Members' Family Day IS FREE!



You must reserve space for your family by mailing in the reservation form,
along with a non-refundable vehicle fee of \$15.

Due to the popularity of this event and to allow as many members as possible to attend,
Lotusland requests one vehicle per membership.

Members are welcome to bring family or friends, but please leave four legged friends at home.
Don't have enough room in your vehicle? Please consider asking your guests to become members
and purchase their own vehicle pass. All vehicles are valet parked.

Mail your reservation form early to assure your attendance as this event often quickly fills to capacity.

No phone or email reservations, please.
Call Member Services 805.969.3767 ext. 120 or ext. 115 if you have questions
or need a membership brochure mailed to be able to include more guests.

Bring your own lunch basket and enjoy a picnic on the lawn!
Remember: No food will be available to purchase.



Complimentary lemonade, iced tea, juice boxes and water will be available all afternoon.
Enjoy a complimentary ice cream cone served on the patio from 1:00 TO 3:00 PM.
A limited number of picnic blankets will be available, or you can bring your own.

Please return this reservation form to: Ganna Walska Lotusland, Attn: FAMILY DAY RSVP, 695 Ashley Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93108.
Your confirmation, parking pass for entry and a map will be mailed to you upon receipt of your reservation form.

Reservation Form

Member Name(s) _____ Total no. in vehicle _____

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

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

Best Email Address _____ Knowing children's ages helps us to plan activities.

Best Phone Number _____

☐ Enclosed is our family's non-refundable one vehicle
fee of \$15.

**We know to bring our lunch basket if we choose!
There will be no food to purchase.**

All vehicles are valet parked;
no neighborhood parking allowed.

Complimentary assorted drinks will be available all afternoon.

**Don't delay mailing your reservation form
as this event always fills to capacity.**

Payment Method:

☐ Check # _____ enclosed
made payable to Ganna Walska Lotusland

☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard ☐ AMEX ☐ Discover

Card Number _____ Security Code _____

Exp. Date _____

Signature _____



Tell Them You Love Us

SOCIAL MEDIA AND LOTUSLAND

THE WORLD'S MOST believable advertising is a person-to-person referral—word of mouth. Lotusland's ability to attract visitors is greatly enhanced by social media recommendations. Trip Advisor, the travelers information site, sent more than 6,000 visitors to our website last

year. Facebook, Yelp, Pinterest and Instagram also enable people searching for Lotusland. We encourage everyone who visits to take pictures and share their stories on any or all of these social media platforms. It's fun and amazingly helpful for Lotusland. Please take a few minutes and write a Trip Advisor

review. Visit Ganna Walska Lotusland on Facebook and give us a "like," write a "comment" or, even better, "share" a post. Facebook is an excellent place to see the most up-to-date garden happenings. Use Instagram and tag your photo with #lotusland to share your pictures with the world—tell them you love us.



ANNUAL MEETING

Recapping the Highlights of 2015

BOARD PRESIDENT Connie Percy welcomed guests to the 2016 annual meeting and thanked her fellow board members and the Lotusland staff and for their enthusiasm and positive outlook. Mick Thomas, Board Treasurer, recapped the financial highlights of 2015, and everyone was pleased to hear him report that "Lotusland is poised to meet the challenges ahead."

Executive Director Gwen Stauffer delivered the State of the Garden address in which she highlighted a number of Lotusland's success stories for 2015 and discussed the challenges of staying relevant as a botanic garden, a cultural entity and a public charity.

Some 2015 highlights included:

- *FLOCK: Birds on the Brink* was a tremendous success, generating enormous media attention and significant kudos for being visionary, meaningful and relevant.

- Membership grew to 249 *Lotus Keeper* members and 1,349 general members.

- *Lotusland Celebrates* broke a fundraising record with a net income of \$377,605.

- *Fourth Grade Outreach* continues to grow, and in 2015 one-half of the students were from the more financially challenged Title One schools.

- *The Lotus Society* welcomed six new members.

In closing, Gwen thanked the staff,

the volunteers, the Board and President Connie Percy for "being positive, practical, asking the right questions, keeping it real and moving forward."

See the complete text of Gwen's 2015 Year in Review address and view Lotusland's current financials online under the "About Us" tab at Lotusland.org.



Board Treasurer Mick Thomas, Lotusland Executive Director Gwen Stauffer and Connie Percy, President of the Lotusland Board of Trustees.

Enemy of the Average Honor Roll

IS THERE AN "ENEMY OF THE AVERAGE" IN YOUR LIFE TO HONOR WITH A SPECIAL TRIBUTE?



IN HER AUTOBIOGRAPHY, Madame Ganna Walska proclaims herself to be an "enemy of the average." In celebration of her remarkable spirit, we invite you to nominate a woman who exemplifies what it means to be an "enemy of the average." They will be included in our honor roll of extraordinary personalities who, like Madame Ganna Walska, never accept the status quo.

Tribute donations of \$100 or more will be included in the Enemy of the Average Honor Roll on the Lotusland website and listed in the *Newsletter for Members*, and honorees will receive a special certificate announcing their nomination.

Learn more at www.lotusland.org/ea or contact Courtney at 805.969.3767, ext. 116 or cgentler@lotusland.org.

Mother's Day Tea and Tour

SATURDAY, MAY 7 • 1:30 TO 4:00 PM

ONE OF OUR most popular events is celebrating Mother's Day—the Saturday before Mother's Day—by touring the garden and enjoying tea and refreshments in our pavilion patio. Tours are docent-led or members may explore the garden on their own. This

is the perfect treat for someone special in your life.

Tickets are \$75 for members, \$85 for non-members and \$30 for children ages 3–12. Advance reservations are required and may be made by calling 805.969.9990.



Celebrating Mother's Day—the Saturday before Mother's Day—on the geranium terrace.

A Thorny Conversation!

A FOCUS TOUR OF LOTUSLAND'S CACTUS GARDEN FOR LOTUS KEEPER MEMBERS

TUESDAY, MAY 10 • 3:00 TO 5:00 PM



Esau Ramirez, Lotusland's Grounds Supervisor, Eric Nagelmann, Lotusland's cactus garden designer, and Paul Mills, Assistant Curator.

SAVE THE DATE and join renowned garden designer Eric Nagelmann, the creative genius behind Lotusland's incredible cactus garden, for the inside scoop on how the garden came to be. Eric will share his inspiration for designing the garden and talk about the many unusual elements that make the cactus garden unique and amazingly surreal.

The focus tour includes Lotusland's Assistant Curator, Paul Mills, and Grounds Supervisor Esau Ramirez, who will tell you the story of caring for the prized cactus collection that belonged to Merritt Dunlap before it came to Lotusland and how they managed to

prepare and transport this huge collection of prickly plants to Lotusland.

Following the onsite garden conversation, enjoy light refreshments in the shade of the olive allée with time for you to continue to enjoy the gardens in the beautiful late afternoon light.

An invitation to the focus tour will be sent to all Lotus Keeper members in mid-April.

If you are interested in attending these exclusive events for *Lotus Keepers* (Advocate level of \$500 and above) and would like more information, please contact Bambi Leonard, Membership Manager, at 805.969-3767, ext. 120 or bleonard@lotusland.org.

747 Wing House

ARCHITECTURAL TOUR IN MALIBU FOOTHILLS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

PLEASE JOIN US for this rare opportunity to visit the 747 Wing House on an enjoyable and unique Lotusland day trip to Malibu. This unusual home was built on a 55-acre property in the remote hills of Malibu with rugged topography and panoramic views looking out to a nearby mountain range, a valley and the Pacific Ocean with islands in the distance. Architect David Randall Hertz utilized an entire 747 to construct a main residence and six ancillary structures that are environmentally sustainable in

that the material being used is 100% post-consumer waste. Solar power, radiant heating and natural ventilation are incorporated as well as high-performance heat mirror glazing.

Transportation from Lotusland to Malibu and a catered lunch are included in this memorable outing. Cost is \$275 for members, \$300 for non-members. Please call 805.969.9990 for reservations. *PLEASE NOTE:* This is a private residence; there is no disabled access and comfortable walking shoes are recommended.



Enjoy a rare opportunity to visit this unique home on a 55-acre property in the remote foothills of Malibu

Summer Bounty: A LOTUSLAND FOOD AND WINE FÊTE SAVE THE DATE! SATURDAY, JUNE 18

OUR 4TH ANNUAL intimate culinary celebration provides an experience like no other. You will enjoy an exceptional feast inspired by the garden that is expertly paired with cellar select wines during the evening twilight at Lotusland.

Legendary winemaker Greg Brewer, of Brewer-Clifton and his personal label, Diatom, will lead the conversation as he shares his passion for selecting the perfect wine pairings.

Preparing the meal will be Chef

Draden Medina, whose clients include Matthew McConaughey, Tim Burton



and the Sundance Film Festival. His creative approach to preparing the dinner will result in a gastronomic masterpiece.

This unique and unforgettable Lotusland dining experience is an exclusive benefit for *Lotus Keeper* members, who will receive an invitation in mid-May.

Please call Bambi Leonard at 805.969.3767, ext. 120 with questions or to become a *Lotus Keeper* member and join the fun.

June Solstice Twilight Tour SATURDAY, JUNE 25 • 4:00 TO 6:30 PM

SEE THE GARDEN in a totally different light—the magical light of the late afternoon—with blooms and colors that are unique to the season. Our popular June Solstice Twilight Tour invites guests to enjoy the long days during a very special late-afternoon stroll through the garden.

Members and their guests can

choose to reserve a docent-guided tour or explore the garden on their own. Wine and light hors d'oeuvres are served from 5:00 to 6:00 PM on the geranium terrace overlooking the main lawn.

\$65/members, \$75/non-members. Reservations are required. Please call 805.969.9990.



Take advantage of this unique opportunity to experience Lotusland in the late afternoon summer light and enjoy a glass of wine on the geranium terrace.



LotusFest!

SATURDAY, JULY 9 • 2:00 TO 5:00 PM

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 • Smooth jazz • Delectable hors d'oeuvres • 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.

Tickets are \$95 for Lotusland members and \$105 for non-members. To register for this fun and enlightening event, please call 805.969.9990.

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Celebrates Committee from 1995 to 1999, the Topiary Garden Campaign Committee in 2000, and the Buildings and Grounds and Horticulture Committees from 1987 until her retirement in 2006. Lotusland honored Anne Jones by electing her a Lifetime Honorary Trustee in 2007.

It was a great privilege and a pleasure to work with Anne on so many of Lotusland's important projects and programs. Her legacy at Lotusland will always be remembered.

—Anne Dewey, Director of Development



Visitor Center groundbreaking with Arthur Gaudi, Carol Valentine, Anne Jones and Michael Towbes.



LOTUSLAND CELEBRATES
GODS & GODDESSES
Sunday, July 31, 2016

4:00 TO 8:00 PM

Lotusland's signature event, *Lotusland Celebrates*, is our annual fundraising gala, the hottest ticket of Santa Barbara's summer social scene and always a sold-out affair.

Space is limited. Pre-sale of tables and patron-level tickets are available now.

Invitations will be mailed to members in mid-June. Individual tickets will be available at that time as space permits.

Reserve your space now at www.lotusland.org, by emailing ctentler@lotusland.org, or by calling Courtney at 805.969.3767, ext. 116.

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Monday, April 18

Education Insights: Lotusland's Rocks and Minerals with Dr. Bruce Tiffney
9:30 AM

For docents and Friend and above members. Please call 805.969.9990 to register.

Saturday, May 7

Mother's Day Tea and Tour
1:30 TO 4:00 PM

See details page 11. Please call 805.969.9990 to register.

Tuesday, May 10

A Thorny Conversation! Focus Tour
3:00 TO 5:00 PM

For Lotus Keeper members. See details page 11. Please call 805.969.9990 to register.

Wednesday, May 11

747 Wing House Architectural Tour
See details page 11. Please call 805.969.9990 to register.

Monday, May 16

Education Insights: The Dunlap Cactus Collection with Paul Mills
9:30 AM

For docents and Friend and above members. Please call 805.969.9990 to register.

Saturday, May 21

Members' Family Day
12:00 TO 4:00 PM
See details pages 8 and 9 to register.

Sunday, June 5

*The Lotus Society:
Annual Recognition Luncheon*
11:30 AM TO 2:00 PM
An invitation will be sent to The Lotus Society members.

Monday, June 6

Volunteer Picnic
12:00 PM
Invitations will be sent to all volunteers.

Saturday, June 18

Summer Bounty: A Lotusland Food and Wine Fête
For Lotus Keeper members. See details page 12.

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Saturday, June 25

June Solstice Twilight Tour
4:00 TO 6:30 PM
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Saturday, July 9

LotusFest!
2:00 TO 5:00 PM
See details page 12. Please call 805.969.9990 to register.

Monday, July 18

Education Insights: Aquatic Plants with Virginia Hayes
9:30 AM
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Sunday, July 31

*Lotusland Celebrates:
Gods & Goddesses*
4:00 TO 8:00 PM
See details page 13.

Tours

Tours are offered at 10:00 AM and 1:30 PM, Wednesday through Saturday from February 17 to November 12. Call 805.969.9990 for reservations.
