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## Ganna Walska's Scrapbooks

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**A**S A VOLUNTEER at Lotusland 25 years ago, I was assigned the job of going through a multitude of scrapbooks that Madame Ganna Walska had compiled from the late 1940s through the '60s. The pages of these scrapbooks are loaded with clippings from newspapers, periodicals and other sources, as well as material from Madame's personal life. Many of the scrapbooks contain handwritten notes, correspondence, photographs, cards and drawings that she inserted alongside the clippings. These private albums resonate with her spirit, revealing a woman with an encyclopedic curiosity about life and the world.

Individually created by her hand and organized by topic, most scrapbooks feature a single theme such as jewelry, hypnotism, health, costumes, yoga, Russia, Africa and even kitchen gadgets—just to name a few of the

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Scrapbook number nine, on lotus and water lilies, has numerous articles from various published sources, including several newspaper clippings of "Ripley's Believe It or Not" facts. The earliest dated article is 1949.

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## 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.*



Scrapbook number two is filled with a multitude of information and hundreds of images of palm trees. Madame was known to have the gardeners move her palms around the garden on occasion. A handwritten note pasted in this scrapbook states that, as of 1966, Lotusland had 691 palms.

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wide-ranging subjects covered in more than one hundred scrapbooks. Madame's inquiring mind guided her scissors and determined the assemblage of the materials that confirmed her taste and enlightened her mind. Her scrapbooks mimic her penchant for collecting, but they were also useful memory aids for events, ideas and knowledge from which she could revisit and retrieve information or facts.

Not surprisingly, a number of her scrapbooks are related to horticulture. Sources for these garden scrapbooks include *Santa Barbara News Press*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Desert Magazine*, *The New York Times*, *National Geographic Magazine*, *Arizona Highways* and *The Saturday Evening Post*. In addition, there are notes and postcards from friends and acquaintances, fellow garden enthusiasts and nursery owners providing information on plants they hoped she might have interest in.

Combining informative and visual material on plants and garden-related subjects, the majority of articles are about plant varieties and tips on care. Scrapbooks on ferns, cacti, flowers, palms, garden pests, aloes, Japanese gardens and other subjects reflect unique ideas such as grottos, driftwood, pebble mosaics and zodiac clocks—source books for the ideas she considered implementing in her garden.



Pasted into the lotus and water lily scrapbook is this original geometric artwork featuring a lotus with a small rhinestone floating above. It is signed "Janusz."



Around the time she was contemplating her own Japanese garden (1960s), several related scrapbooks about Japanese gardens show evidence of ideas and sources Madame had for Lotusland. Among clippings on crane sculptures, lanterns, walkways, bridges, contemporary Japanese gardens in Palos Verdes and Montecito are picturesque postcards of Japanese temples, shrines, pagodas and teahouses. One scrapbook holds correspondence and an invoice for the purchase of stone lanterns from neighbor Lolita Armour's *El Mirador* estate. Included in this same book are original drawings of a bamboo gate, a large entrance stone by a torii gate and another drawing of a small bamboo pond that appears to be the one that exists in our garden today. An excerpt from a magazine article pasted into one of these scrapbooks made me think particularly of Madame, "The Japanese garden designer at work. He is practical and frugal. He also can be extravagant and whimsical."

The lotus and water lily scrapbook is filled with clippings beginning with a 1955 *Ripley's Believe It or Not* clipping stating, "A giant lotus plant grown in Jumicho Village, Japan, had a leaf that would cover a 9 foot square room." This scrapbook holds clippings on water lilies, in particular the *Victoria (amazonica)* that Madame had in the water garden at one time. Several articles explain how to plant lilies, another

details the 100 varieties of water lilies and yet another claims "No Garden is Too Small for a Lily Pool." This album includes an original artwork with gold leaf and a small bedazzled lotus signed by an artist named Janusz.

Numerous scrapbooks feature cacti, one entirely devoted to blossoming cacti, with a page covered in colorful stamps of flowering varieties, plus an article on "Cactus Gardening for the Beginner." These books include Kodak snapshots picturing large mature specimens in the desert, some showing small children alongside the cactus to demonstrate comparative size. On the backs of these photos are handwritten descriptions, measurements, prices and commentary on the condition of each plant. An article on an adjoining page shows a giant 12-ton saguaro cactus padded in pliable mattresses and details its move from an Arizona desert to a private home in Tucson.

Madame loved palms. The clippings and photographs in this scrapbook provide information and varieties that she wished to collect. A *Sunset* article states that palms are best displayed in groups (something Madame felt intuitively) and goes on to explain the best way to use them for optimal and special effects, in addition to the best time to plant a palm. A *News Press* clipping showing a photo of Cabrillo Blvd. reads, "Bedraggled palms lining Cabrillo Boulevard look somewhat neglected and in need



One of three cacti-themed scrapbooks includes several pages with photos of desert cacti. Many of these photos show children alongside to demonstrate the plants' comparative size. In this image, a little girl is holding a large teddy bear.

of trimming." The caption mentions that lack of funds forced cutting this service from the city budget. In my capacity as research associate, I had previously found evidence in the archives that Madame Walska provided the necessary funds, and the palms were taken care of. Other local clippings show palms along Channel Drive, surrounding the Los Baños municipal pool, in front of stores on State Street and lining both sides of Las Palmas Drive in Hope Ranch. Among the scraps on one page is a written note by an unknown hand stating that, as of 1966, Lotusland had a total of 691 palms.

While Madame's scrapbooks are fragile due to their age and materials, they are of continuing interest. They teach us about the past and give us perspective on the present in a way nothing else can. They connect us to their creator and enlighten us to the times they were assembled. When scrapbooks are added to archives and libraries, they often bring complex preservation problems. Lotusland recognizes that we hold our collections in the public trust, and we bear the responsibility of keeping them safe and secure.

—Rose Thomas



There are numerous scrapbooks on esoterica, psychic phenomenon, hypnotism, spiritualism and religion. The pages of the horoscope scrapbook show zodiac symbols, related articles on the topic and images of unusual horoscope-type clocks. Note the Cartier clipping.

For close-up views, go to [lotusland.org/scrapbooks](http://lotusland.org/scrapbooks).

## Director's Letter

**L**OTUSLAND QUIETS down in late November, when our Conditional Use Permit requires that we suspend public tours for three months. Until we are permitted to open our gates again in mid-February, we may host members-only programs and events, and I hope you will take advantage of these few opportunities during a gorgeous season in the garden that only members get the chance to enjoy.

With only 15,000 tour reservations allotted annually by our Conditional Use Permit for the entire year—with all member visits included in that allotment—we are forced to turn away thousands of potential visitors each year. We are always saddened by this. Gardens are vital places where people can reconnect to nature, to themselves and to each other, and Madame Ganna Walska intended that countless people would be able to enjoy—and be inspired by—the tranquil and spiritual beauty of Lotusland.

Even with the price of admission at \$45 per adult, the revenue we are able to generate from reservations is profoundly constrained, composing only

11.8% of Lotusland's total annual budget. Therefore, in 2017, we will increase the adult admission to \$48 per visit, and the child admission to \$24. We believe these minor adjustments will be understood by our visitors, and we expect to sell out the 15,000 available reservations, as we do every year.

Lotusland is the most highly regulated and restricted garden in the United States, which is why it is among the most expensive to tour. Still, Lotusland is one of only a very few select gardens that continuously appears on top-ten lists of must-see gardens from around the world. Lotusland is internationally renowned as one of the most spectacular and important botanical treasures on Earth, and Santa Barbara residents get to claim it as ours.

Even though many more people want to visit Lotusland than the number of reservations available, we are committed to ensuring that our current members continue to have free visitation during tour season. We especially appreciate the essential financial support you provide through your annual membership, which funds about 15%



Gwen Stauffer

of Lotusland's total annual budget and helps to care for and preserve this very special and important garden. We are grateful to you, our members, for your stewardship. By increasing admission fees, we are asking non-member visitors to help share in the effort for the good of the garden.

Happy New Year, and I look forward to seeing you back in the garden!

With warmest regards,  
Gwen L. Stauffer

## Farewell, Iconic Friend



*The sentinel of the great lawn, Monterey cypress (*Hesperocyparis macrocarpa*), has been growing there for at least 130 years.*

**L**OTUSLAND'S ICONIC Monterey Cypress has approached the end of a very long life. More than 130 years ago what started as a seedling in Kinton Stevens' lath house would eventually become a defining icon on Lotusland's great lawn. In addition to being a reminder of earlier eras, it has become a hazard to the public. As plans are being made for its dismantle, we recognize that many members would appreciate a chance to get one last glimpse of what will become a fond memory in the annals of Lotusland lore.

We invite you to make a reservation for one last look when we open in 2017, as the tree will be felled at the end of February. Please call 805.969.9990 to make a reservation from Thursday, February 16, through Saturday, February 25, and say farewell to a Lotusland icon and friend.



# Horticultural Happenings

## THE CYCAD GARDEN

IN PREPARATION FOR the Japanese garden renovation, the koi and catfish need to be relocated. Santa Barbara Koi assisted in updating the cycad pond, which has been murky for years. A plan was hatched to relocate the koi from the Japanese garden to the renovated cycad garden pond. To make the pond inhabitable, the plumbing and gravel in the bio filter, the plumbing and gravel in the bio filter and the static water line from the filter to the pond were replaced. We added a new supply and return line to increase the amount of water being exchanged and to give the pond more water circulation, and installed an air pump and added air stones to help keep the water oxygenated. We also upgraded the electric and brought it up to code. We upgraded an existing surface drain below the bio filter and added stepping stones raised off the floor of the pond to support aquatic plants and to give the fish a place to both hide and stay out of the sun. After the Japanese garden renovation, most of the fish will return home. While the fish will never know the time and expense we went through to prepare their temporary home, I'm confident they will enjoy the change of scenery. —Tyler Diehl



The newly renovated cycad pond gives the koi a clear and fresh view of their surroundings.

## BUMBLE BEE

I RECENTLY REACHED OUT to Robbin Thorp, Professor Emeritus, Department of Entomology and Nematology at the University of California, Davis to help identify an insect I discovered in our newly renovated insectary garden. He identified it as a female bumble bee (*Bombus crotchii*). It appears to be a queen bumble bee (or more appropriately a gyne, since she does not have worker offspring yet), based on her size in relation to the flower parts. She will feed until her fat bodies are sufficient to carry her through her winter hibernation. Hopefully she has mated. She has probably already dug a small hibernation chamber for the winter and is just out foraging on a fine day. When it gets really cold, she will stay in her hibernaculum until the warm weather comes back in spring. —Corey Welles



COREY WELLES

A bumble bee in the insectary garden is seen on a Vitex agnus-castus or chaste tree.

## LOTUSLAND WELCOMES SCOTT LEON

SCOTT RECENTLY JOINED the Lotusland team as the facilities assistant. Scott, a Santa Barbara native, is an avid surfer, photographer and mixed-media artist. His hobbies reflect an appreciation for beauty and deep love for the ocean and outdoors. Scott worked for a number of years aboard the Condor Express, earning a captain's license and witnessing an amazing abundance of wildlife while developing a unique understanding of the Santa Barbara Channel. After Scott first visited Lotusland many years ago (with the woman who later became his wife), he returned several times and imagined it would be a marvelous place to work. Now, he is happy to contribute to the preservation of this precious jewel right in his own hometown.



Be sure to say hello to Scott Leon, the latest addition to the Lotusland staff.

## Ganna Walska Lotusland Financials Are Online

LOTUSLAND IS PROUD of its responsible financial stewardship, and our most recent financial reporting information is available on our website.

Go to Lotusland.org and in the "About Us" tab, navigate to "Financials" to view the current tax and reporting information, plus the 2015 Annual Report; IRS tax forms 990 and links to the audited financial statements are also available for your evaluation.

Ganna Walska Lotusland is a 501(c)(3) Public Charity. This same page has a link to the IRS website designating this listing.





As our magnificent cypress tree nears the end of its life, seeds have been collected and replacement plants are growing in the nursery. One of them will be chosen to continue the legacy that Kinton Stevens left in the late 1800s.

## COLLECTIONS NEWS

# Waiting in the Wings

LOTUSLAND'S NURSERY operation comprises several functions. One is to nurse damaged or diseased plants back to health. Another is to propagate the approximately 2,500 succulent plants that each Fourth Grade Outreach student gets to take home each year. But another, and quite significant purpose is to nurture new species for the overall collection.

Through plant and seed exchanges with other botanical institutions as well as collecting cuttings and seeds from Lotusland's collection, there are always a number of plants growing for future inclusion on public view. Currently, we have some interesting bromeliads from different sources that will make their way into the garden when they are

big enough and the season is right to plant them.

One donor to our Exceptional Plant Auction provided duplicate plants of *Puya weberbaueri* and *P. yakespala*, somewhat rare in cultivation and sure to be great additions to the display. Another puya, *P. gilmarinae*, was acquired through the International Succulent Introductions (ISI) program. This bromeliad is considered critically endangered in its coastal habitat in Chile, so being able to preserve some small part of the germplasm becomes more important. *Puya feruginea* came to Lotusland through the generosity of a local hobbyist plant collector, as did two species of *Hechtia*, which were grown from seeds that they collected on their journeys. —Virginia Hayes

## SAVE THE DATE

# Celebrate the Planting of the New Monterey Cypress

## APRIL 28, 2017

## Palmetum Ribbon-Cutting

THE PALMETUM is a wonderful new addition to Lotusland. The ground cover (*Carex divulsa*) is filling in, and the garden is becoming established. The pathways offer an interesting entrance to the water garden, and the palms frame a view of the original Gavit-era pool in an intriguing fashion. The view from the George Washington Smith bench down the historical 514'-long architectural axis is spellbinding.

Last summer, we honored the people who made it possible to build the Palmetum. Eric Nagelmann designed the garden, artfully weaving the old with the new, perfectly in sync with the design aesthetic of Lotusland. We are forever appreciative of this gift.

We thank the following individuals for their generosity in making this wonderful new garden possible: Philip and Patricia Bilden; Roger and Gail Haupt; The Ann Jackson Family Foundation; Suzanne and Gilbert Mathews—Lucifer

Lighting; and Ann Scarborough. Additional support was provided by: Cactus Joe; Custom Hardscape; Instant Jungle;

Pat Scott Masonry; Seacrest Nursery; Steve Hanson Landscape; and a donor who wishes to remain anonymous.



Jim Jackson, Joan Jackson, Eric Nagelmann, Gail Haupt, Chana Jackson and Suzanne Matthews at the Palmetum ribbon-cutting ceremony in July.



# Lotusland Membership Program Changes

## MEMBERS ARE VITAL TO LOTUSLAND'S SUCCESS!

HERE IS NO PLACE quite like Lotusland. Being a member allows you to visit free when the garden is open, as often as you like. You enjoy the unique privilege of self-guiding and exploring the garden on your own. On February 1, 2017, we are modifying the program and pricing to meet both the needs of our valued members and those of our treasured garden.



### LOTUSLAND MEMBERSHIP CHOOSE THE MEMBERSHIP LEVEL THAT'S BEST FOR YOU

#### Benefits for All Members

- Free admission when Lotusland is open
- Privilege to self-guide, sketch, paint, photograph
- 10% discount at the garden shop and online store
- Subscription to newsletter and e-bulletin
- Your membership contribution is tax deductible
- Invitation, advance notice, discount on classes and events
- Save \$10 (adult guests) on Thursdays; must arrive in 1 car
- Savings at over a dozen nursery and garden specialty stores
- Recognition in the annual report
- Annual member appreciation event

#### GENERAL MEMBERS

INDIVIDUAL	\$ 95	1 person
DUAL	\$155	2 people in same household
FAMILY	\$175	2 people in same household, plus their children or grandchildren under 18
FRIEND	\$295	DUAL or FAMILY benefits, plus 3 one-time-use guest admissions (\$144 value)

#### GARDEN LOVER MEMBERS ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

- Member discount price on event tickets for your guests
- Invitations to exclusive Garden Lover seasonal dinners
- Free Focus Tours, curator tours, lectures and exhibitions
- First opportunity for gala sponsorships
- Recognition in the Lotusland Newsletter
- Special tours during expanded time

#### ADVOCATE \$600

- 6 total one-time use guest admissions for tours (\$288 value)

#### CULTIVATOR \$1,000

- 10 total one-time use guest admissions (\$480 value)
- Invitation to a reception with the Board of Trustees
- Personal picnic between tours, per guidelines

#### CONSERVATOR \$2,500 ABOVE BENEFITS PLUS:

- 15 total one-time use guest admissions for tours (\$720 value)
- FAMILY level gift membership to give to a friend (\$175 value)
- Electric cart tour for up to 4; subject to availability

#### GUARDIAN \$5,000 ABOVE BENEFITS PLUS:

- 20 total one-time use guest admissions (\$960 value)
- 4-hour home garden consultation with horticultural staff
- Special recognition in the Lotusland Newsletter

Levels below enjoy GUARDIAN benefits and may host a private event. Guidelines and facility fees may apply.

#### STEWARD \$10,000

- Up to 30 guests; limit of 15 vehicles

#### CHAMPION \$25,000

- Up to 100 guests; limit of 35 vehicles

#### VISIONARY \$17,500

- Up to 60 guests; limit of 30 vehicles

#### INNOVATOR \$35,000

- Up to 140 guests; limit of 35 vehicles

#### LUMINARY \$50,000

- Up to 180 guests; limit of 60 vehicles

## Let's Talk

Members are vital to Lotusland's success, and we thank you for your input and ideas on membership. Feel free to pick up the phone or drop us an email, and let us assist, listen and guide you toward the level that best suits your needs.

Contact Bambi Leonard, Membership Manager, 805.969.3767, extension 120 or [bleonard@lotusland.org](mailto:bleonard@lotusland.org).

## IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT MEMBERSHIP

Q. WHY ARE THE PRICES AND BENEFITS CHANGING?

A. We have not raised prices in six years, and it now costs more to maintain the garden.

Q. WHEN DO THE NEW BENEFITS BEGIN?

A. February 1, 2017

Q. WHY ARE YOU ADDING A NEW DUAL MEMBERSHIP LEVEL?

A. To increase the flexibility of members with and without children.

Q. WHY ARE YOU ADDING GRANDCHILDREN AT THE FAMILY LEVEL OR HIGHER?

A. Members requested this and we appreciate that you want to share Lotusland with your family and future generations.

Q. CAN I STILL BRING MY GUESTS ON THURSDAYS AND RECEIVE A DISCOUNT?

A. Yes. Members save \$10 on adult guests when everyone arrives in the same car.

## In Memoriam: Frank Fujii

### 1917–2016

**I**N 1967, FRANK FUJII began working for Ganna Walska and launched a career at Lotusland that would span 40 years.

Frank was the son of Japanese parents who settled in Salt Lake City in 1917. Frank's family moved to Santa Barbara when he was nine years old, and he attended a one-room grammar school on the Mesa followed by Santa Barbara junior and senior high schools. He continued his studies at the State Teachers College, located on the Riviera, taking courses from the renowned nurseryman Peter Riedel. During WWII, Frank and his family were interned at the Gila River camp in Arizona for four years, after which they returned to Santa Barbara, where Frank went to work on the Kemper Williams estate for the next 27 years.

Frank earned his contractor's license in the 1950s and built a few Japanese-style gardens in the area, among them the Buddhist church on Montecito Street. As a landscape contractor, Frank met stonemason Oswald da Ros, who would later introduce him to Ganna Walska. In 1967, when Madame turned to da Ros to help her build her Japanese garden, Ozzie called upon Frank for his expertise. The three worked together, without a formal plan, building Lotusland's Japanese garden. Both Frank and Ozzie were very diplomatic when they would talk about the need to make

"compromises" based on Madame Walska's wishes. Frank insisted that simplicity be the basic design element, and this balanced Madame's tendencies for the dramatic.

According to Frank, "It gives you a feeling when you walk through the garden...of serenity, quietness. Makes you feel you want to meditate." Frank told colleagues that he was concerned that the garden was not yet finished by the time Madame Walska moved on to her next project. He wanted to complete the design by creating a more traditional, irregular-shaped pond and to include plants to the water's edge. Frank believed there needed to be a stepping stone path to the koi feeding area and wanted to create closer access to the lotus flowers.

During his four decades at Lotusland, the garden staff knew Frank well, and their memories of him are filled with respect, joy and a deep appreciation for his giving nature. Terri Clay, long-time coworker, spoke about what a "privilege" it was to work alongside Frank for 20 years and how "incredibly lucky she was to have spent so much of her life with someone who only made life

better." Mike Furner, 38-year Lotusland veteran, describes Frank as "a world-class guy." Mike's stories include Frank's famous and un-returnable ping pong shot, the "Fujii-flop," and he recalls Ganna Walska's rich resonant operatic voice summoning Frank to the pavilion with "Mr. Fujii...Mr. Fujii..." Mike Iven, (now retired) Director of Grounds for 31 years, once said, "I learned so much from Frank, he was the best teacher I ever had, but I think the most important thing he taught me was how to be a good human being." The many remembrances of Frank Fujii touch on the themes of "pruning azaleas, the value of humility, enriching lives and remembering his smile and kind spirit." To everyone who knew and worked with Frank, the consistent thread is abundantly clear: "it was an honor to know and work with Frank Fujii at Lotusland."

Frank is survived by his wife of 64 years, Dorothy; daughters Roberta Cook (Steve), Melanie Fujii and Doreen Sasaki (Glenn); and granddaughters Allie Ester (Chris) and Morgan Cook (fiancé Jonathan Russell). Frank also leaves behind his younger brother, Robert K. Fujii.



*Although Frank was a humble and unassuming person who most often didn't want to pose for photographs, here are a few from his many years in his beloved Japanese garden.*



# Japanese Garden Renovation

## DESIGN NEARS COMPLETION

**P**REPARING FOR the renovation of the Japanese garden requires considerable efforts from two teams. The first team of landscape architects, staff and skilled tradesmen is focused on the design and construction plans that will meet the primary objectives of the project. To date, the design documents are completed, and we anticipate that construction projects will be ready for contract bidding by April. A second team of staff and volunteers makes up the Japanese Garden Campaign Committee, which is working to raise funds to support the project. To date, the committee has raised nearly \$2.5 million in gifts and pledges toward the budget of \$4.6 million to renovate the garden.

Plans for the Japanese garden renovation honor the original vision of Madame Walska and Frank Fujii and blend new and existing features with outstanding design aesthetics while accommodating programming and practical needs for today's visitors. These improvements will enhance the garden's beauty and will realize three practical and critical physical improvements: 1) to make the garden accessible to wheelchairs so that all of our visitors may enter the garden; 2) to renovate the murky clay bottom pond to create a healthy, clean and clear pond ecosystem; and 3) to restore and enhance the original plant collections and landscape design. Although construction will not begin in earnest until late spring 2017, the Japanese garden will be closed during the entire 2017 tour season.

In the meantime, we have begun to move Madame's exquisite and historic Japanese lantern collection and her fascinating collection of koi fish. To protect the koi during the pond's reconstruction, we have renovated a small water feature in the cycad garden to serve as a safe sanctuary and home for the displaced koi until they are returned to the reconstructed Japanese garden pond in late 2018. The lanterns will be cataloged in their original setting and then carefully relocated to form a stunning temporary exhibit until they are returned to their original position in the Japanese garden as the renovation concludes in mid-2018. The temporary lantern exhibit will be shown along

the main drive, opposite the Japanese garden, and will beautifully showcase the lanterns as well as provide information on their significance, history and provenance.

These teams feel a renewed sense of urgency, as we head into winter. Lotusland's goal is to raise at least \$3 million before we break ground, but we must dig up and box the old and

finely pruned Japanese maples and pines before they break their dormancy in spring. We turn to you to ask for your support of this incredible project and invite you to view the plans and hear more about opportunities for involvement. For more information please contact Rebecca Anderson, Director of Development, at 805.965.3767 extension 104 or at [randerson@lotusland.org](mailto:randerson@lotusland.org).



## Ishi-Dōrō: A TEMPORARY INSTALLATION OF LOTUSLAND'S JAPANESE LANTERNS

**W**E ARE ASSEMBLING Lotusland's collection of stone lanterns along the lower main drive to create an Ishi-Dōrō installation to allow our guests an intimate view of these iconic garden elements.

Signage describing the styles, symbolism and historical significance in Japanese garden design will accompany the exhibit. This provides visitors a greater understanding and insight into Japanese-style gardens and ensures the safety of our extensive lantern collection during construction.

Visitors are sure to appreciate this addition as we work to renovate one of Madame's last passion projects here at Lotusland.





## The Spirit of Lotusland

*I*N NOVEMBER, we hosted the first annual The Spirit of Lotusland, "Cocktail Competition Inspired by the Garden." Guests journeyed through six gardens to sample a cocktail inspired by that specific garden. Snacks were served on the great lawn, and the prizes for the best cocktail were announced.

Hardworking judges were Stephen Gertman, Owner/Distiller, Ascendant Spirits; Mac Jones, Owner/Distiller, The Real McCoy Spirits; Matt Kettmann, Senior Editor, *Santa Barbara Independent*; and Gwen Stauffer, Lotusland Executive Director. The contestants were from The Good Lion, mixologist: Rob Tran, who won the People's Choice Award; Bobcat Room, mixologist: Shaun Belway;

The Lark, mixologist: Suzie Coughlin; Bar 7, mixologist: Drew Morehouse; SY Kitchen, mixologist: Alberto Battaglini; and Alcazar, mixologists: Alvaro Rojas and Kyle Peete, who won the best cocktail honors with "Pickle My Fancy." The winning recipe:

1.5 oz. mescal  
2 barspoons ginger juice  
.5 oz. lime juice  
1 oz. Prickly Pear purée  
.25 oz. cognac  
Egg white  
.25 oz. simple syrup

Serve with an absinthe zested watermelon, ginger, and dill palate cleanser.



*The judges' pick for best cocktail went to Alcazar mixologists Alvaro Rojas & Kyle Peete and their cactus garden-inspired cocktail "Pickle My Fancy."*

Special thanks to our sponsors, Ascendant Spirits, The Real McCoy Spirits, the Blue Owl, Black Sheep, Milk & Honey, The Shop and The Lark. Music provided courtesy of Valdas.



NELL CAMPBELL

*Everyone was all smiles as the event was a success as both a fundraiser and as a party. Executive Director Gwen Stauffer, Auctioneer Jeff Chemnick and Assistant Curator Paul Mills.*

## Exceptional Plants FIFTH ANNUAL LOTUSLAND AUCTION AND SALE

*A* WARM FALL AFTERNOON on the lawn at Lotusland was the perfect setting for this signature plant sale featuring an extensive silent auction with rare, unusual and very special plants. Guests enjoyed wine, beer, specialty cocktails and great food.

Exceptional Plants has become a veritable *Who's Who* of our area's most knowledgeable plant and garden design experts. The live auction was again a

rousing success with an incredible specimen *Calibanus x Beaucarnea* being sold for \$5,000. We appreciate the support and participation of all our colleagues, donors and volunteers in making this event so successful. We hope you will help us continue this tradition of sharing and celebrating our passion and curiosity for plants. For all those in attendance, it was indeed the ultimate plant party.



*Anne Dewey, pictured with Lifetime Honorary Trustee Arthur Gaudi, retired from Lotusland at the end of 2016.*



*Joanie Domingue, member since 1996, and Amelia Dallenbach, member since 1993, enjoy the afternoon at our recent long time member's appreciation event.*



## DONOR PROFILE

# Eric Nagelmann

ERIC NAGELMANN was once somewhat of a shy violet. One of nine children raised a stone's throw from Lotusland, he spent time quietly tending his family's garden as a child. He is rarely described as shy today, as he is not afraid to lend his voice as a champion for things close to his heart. Lotusland is grateful to be among Eric's passions. He has gifted us his design work pro-bono, as well as supporting many other local organizations including the Carpinteria Bluffs, the Carpinteria Arts Center, Santa Barbara High School's Green Academy, Elings Park and Planned Parenthood.

A preeminent landscape designer whose international work and reputation are unparalleled, Eric's generosity, energy and impact at Lotusland are immeasurable. Current professional projects include the Goldstein residence in Los Angeles, which was recently bequeathed to the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. Eric is leading a Lotusland field trip to the residence on February 10, 2017 (details on page 16). Another of Eric's recent projects is Cuixmala, a glamorous bohemian resort in Careyes, Mexico.

Eric was first introduced to Lotusland by a friend in the 1970s. He recalls a meeting with Madame Walska, who greeted him warmly and invited him to enjoy the property, long before it became open to the public. That visit left an impression that led to Eric's deep involvement as a long-time donor and designer at Lotusland. He

has gifted his talents on three significant gardens. First was the creation of the Dunlap cactus garden in 2003, which he fondly refers to as "Salvador Dali goes to the desert."

In 2015, Eric created the Palmetum, by reimagining the central garden and walkway between the water garden and the front of the historic Reginald Johnson-designed home and opening up an important 514'-long architectural axis reaching south to the wishing well. Most recently, Eric renovated our insectary garden, now a humming haven for beneficial insects and a valuable teaching tool for our Sus-

tainable Horticulture Program. While the cactus garden is arguably Eric's biggest achievement at Lotusland, the insectary represents Eric's deep connection to the garden. It is a garden that, like Eric, warmly draws you in, creates a buzz of positive activity and has a far-reaching benefit for the entire property and our community.

In spring of 2017, when the insectary is in full bloom, Lotusland will celebrate with a ribbon-cutting and reception. We hope you will join us to help recognize Eric, and please say thank you when you see him in the garden!

—Rebecca Anderson



## Gifts for the Garden

### Please Make Your Gift Today

LOTUSLAND is a place that nourishes everyone who enters, whether they are local school-children, college horticulture and botany students, neighbors or international tourists. Lotusland is for everyone, and we want to keep it that way. Please

help us by making your tax-deductible gift to help preserve and enhance this plant paradise for next year and beyond.

Lotusland is 100% privately funded. Annual gifts provide critical operating support to sustain our gardens and education programs. Lotusland relies

on members and donors to continue to be a center of excellence and beauty for all to enjoy, just as Madame Walska intended. Thank you for making a gift to the garden.

Please call 805.969.3767, extension 116, or donate online at [lotusland.org](http://lotusland.org).

## Lotusland Welcomes New Trustees

**T**HIS YEAR, we welcome two new members to the Board of Trustees.

### JOHN M. VAN DONGE

JOHN IS A Santa Barbara native and holds a Bachelor of Arts in history from the University of California at Santa Barbara with an emphasis in economics. He is Managing Director of Investments at Stifel Financial Corp., with more than 25 years of experience serving wealthy individuals and institutions. John joined Stifel in 2014 as a founding partner of the team and serves as the Branch Manager of Stifel's Santa Barbara South office. He leads relationship management for the team in the Western Region, including individual, corporate and foundation client relationships. John



John M. Van Donge

is a recognized wealth management leader in California, with a particular focus on practice management.

John's past experience includes a 17-year career at Merrill Lynch, where he served as the Resident Director of the Century City, California Wealth Management office. He was a member of the Merrill Lynch faculty and a frequent featured speaker at firmwide events. Prior to Merrill Lynch, John served as the Director of Investment Services and Regional President of a national investment advisor, where he was responsible for more than \$1 billion in client assets.

John is an Eagle Scout and a member of the National Eagle Scout Association. He served as President of the Board of Directors of the Santa Barbara Police Activities League and volunteers for the Santa Barbara Police Department K-9 unit.

A member of Lotusland since 2014, John attends *Lotusland Celebrates* and has served on Lotusland's Finance Committee since 2014. John resides in Santa Barbara with his wife and family.

### LESLEY CUNNINGHAM

ORIGINALLY FROM Pasadena, and a sixth generation Californian, Lesley first fell in love with Santa Barbara while attending UCSB. After a long paralegal career in San Francisco and Los Angeles, she went on to study and practice law in Los Angeles and the tri-county area. She has practiced as a civil litigator and

business transaction attorney, and has expanded her private practice to include estate planning.

Lesley has served on the Board of Trustees at the Museum of Contemporary Art Santa Barbara. She has been an active contributor to the Environmental Defense Center, the Santa Barbara County Bowl, the Food Bank of Santa Barbara, Pacific Pride Foundation and the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden, as well as Lotusland.

She is an avid environmental activist and gardener. A member of the Santa Barbara Yacht Club, her passions include sailing, outrigger paddling, growing orchids and succulents, cycling and studying guitar. Happily married, Lesley now enjoys golfing and spending time with her six grandchildren.



Lesley Cunningham

## Thanks to Our Outgoing Trustees

**M**ARC APPLETON, Susanne Tobey and Peggy Wiley each completed their terms on the Board of Trustees this year; all three have generously served since 2010. All of us are grateful to these individuals for donating their time, efforts, energy and more—all for the greater good of the garden. Your generosity helps make the garden amazing.

Marc Appleton has provided a

wealth of counsel to Lotusland with his vast experience both as an award-winning architect and as a successful businessman. Marc has been the Chair of the Facilities Committee for two years and a member for eight.

Susanne Tobey is a champion for Lotusland and held many roles on the board. Susanne has served on numerous committees, including Development, Governance/Nominating and Horticul-

ture, and chaired the Audit committee for three years.

Peggy Wiley chaired *The Lotus Society* committee for seven years and has helped us develop a series of Focus Tours for Garden Lover level members. Peggy's enthusiasm, dedication and hard work continue to be wonderful assets to Lotusland.

A heartfelt and sincere thank you from everyone at Lotusland.



## Lotusland's New Curatorial Office Ribbon-Cutting

**C**URATOR VIRGINIA HAYES and Assistant Curator Paul Mills have officially moved into their new offices located near the green cottage horticulture staff offices. A ribbon-cutting ceremony and reception celebrated the opening.

The spacious and bright quarters are reportedly suiting them quite well, and it is the only office at Lotusland with air conditioning.

Lotusland thanks those donors who made this project possible: Dan Bifano and Allan Brostrom, Bobbie Kinnear, Harlis Maggard, Lori K. Meschler, Dave and Judy Messick, Connie and John Percy, Anitra P. Sheen, Gwen Stauffer and Mark Taylor, John and Laurie Tilson, Christopher J. Toomey, John and Nancy Vasi, Rick and Sheila Vitelle, April N. Walstad and a donor who wishes to remain anonymous.



## Help Make Lotusland's Wishes Come True

### HALFWAY TO OUR GOAL: PROVIDE ACCESS FOR VISITORS WITH AN ALL- TERRAIN WHEELCHAIR TERRA TREK URBAN

LOTUSLAND'S GARDENS are experienced best from the pathways that wind among the plants. This style of wheelchair navigates the garden much more efficiently than a traditional wheelchair. We are halfway to our goal of \$4,600, Please help provide access for all Lotusland visitors. \$2,300.



### TUFF SHED FOR SUSTAINABLE HORTICULTURE

THIS NEW STRUCTURE will create greater efficiencies for all plant health care activities by housing all the components in a single location. There is a covered area for the tea spray rigs, a gas locker and specialized storage units for the various materials in the program. \$16,500.



### RUGGED CART FOR GARDEN USE CUSHMAN HAULER 1200

THIS VEHICLE has a rugged truck-like design better suited for heavier loads and is able to perform more tasks than our existing equipment. The Cushman Hauler will provide the garden staff with a more versatile, efficient and safe vehicle. \$13,000.



**T**O DONATE, please call Lotusland Director of Development Rebecca Anderson at 805.969.3767, ext. 104 or email her at [randerson@lotusland.org](mailto:randerson@lotusland.org). Thank you so much to our incredible members who have helped us with our Wish List items—it makes such a big difference in our day-to-day operations, and we are very grateful.



Kristin Lewis

**K**RISTIN FIRST VISITED Lotusland 12 years ago and her good friend, Anne Chewning, encouraged her to join the docent training class in 2013. Both became Lotusland docents and Master Gardeners. Kristin grew up in Santa Barbara, moving here at age 10, where her parents and grandmother were avid gardeners, instilling in her a love of plants that she relishes to this day. Kristin retired from Cottage Hospital in 2012 after a 16-year nursing career.

Kristin loves the peace and quiet that Lotusland provides. She says "It

always has a Zen feeling walking through the garden. I especially love the Japanese garden's design and serenity, and I feel Ganna Walska's presence everywhere." Spending time at Lotusland has helped Kristin develop a deep admiration for Madame, for her many talents and diverse interests. As a proud member of Lotusland, she is happy to support the garden as something she really believes in and she loves the discount at the garden shop.

The docent training program gave Kristin an excellent education about plants and helped build her knowledge on plant health care. Kristin has developed a whole new circle of friends from the docent corps and staff here at Lotusland. Many of her docent friends joined the Master Gardener program because of Kristin and her friend Anne. She enjoys meeting a wide variety of people at Lotusland from all parts of the world. Especially memorable was a Taiwanese family with two very well-informed young children.

Kristin has volunteered for special events like the Mother's Day Tour and

Tea and gallery sitting for exhibits. Now she is in the membership department and assists with all the new member information, event invitations, gifts acknowledgment letters and other communications.

She and her husband, Steve, love birds and gardening, and this shared joy often finds them together in their yard. Gardening at home has become challenging with the severe drought, so they joined the Santa Barbara County Horticulture Society, the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden and Lotusland to be able to enjoy more time in some of the wonderful gardens of our community. They both are very committed to the Master Gardener program, where Kristin is the membership chair. She helps out at the Santa Barbara Museum of Art, the Natural History Museum, the Horticulture Society and is the secretary of the Decorative Arts Group.

Kristin demonstrates her dedication to Lotusland in many ways, including her hard work, and we are very thankful for everything she does.

—Kitty Thomassin

## PASSIONATE ABOUT LOTUSLAND? Become a Volunteer

**B**RING YOUR SKILLS, passion and enthusiasm, and we'll put you to work. Immerse yourself in the beauty and tranquility of the garden while you also help us fulfill our mission. We are always interested in recruiting volunteers willing to donate their special talents or share their valuable work/life experiences in ways that would benefit the garden. More than 250 people help us by working in the garden, giving tours, performing office duties, serving as trustees, working on committees and volunteering to assist at events.

Volunteering at Lotusland is a fun and rewarding way to make new friends and to further engage in something amazing. If you are skilled in painting, writing, proof-reading, design, languages, online media, fundraising, sales, business or any skill that can help our organization, we would love to hear from you. Lotusland is a great place to connect with plants and with people.

To find out more about volunteering at Lotusland, please contact Kitty Thomassin at 805.969.3767 or [kthomassin@lotusland.org](mailto:kthomassin@lotusland.org).



Some of the many happy faces of Lotusland volunteers.



## Check Out These New Garden Shop Items

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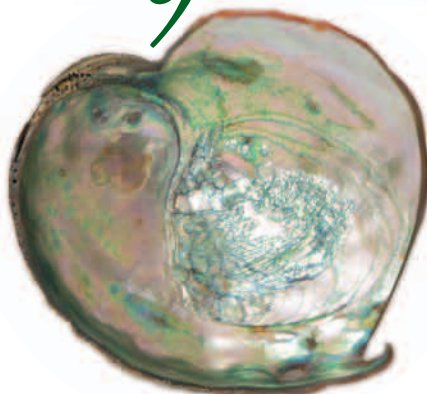
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# Sheats Goldstein Residence: A Lautner Masterpiece

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10 • 9:00 AM TO 4:30 PM

**T**HE SHEATS GOLDSTEIN residence was built in 1963 by Architect John Lautner, a student of Frank Lloyd Wright, who was responsible for many cutting edge and futuristic residences built in the 1960s. Today it is owned by James Goldstein, a multi-millionaire "NBA superfan," who is also known for his flair for things stylish and fashionable. James bought the residence in the 1970s and hired Lautner to return and make improvements to the previously neglected house. Introducing technology that was not available 30 years ago, Goldstein and Duncan Nicholson, who took over the project

after Lautner's death in 1994, continue to push the envelope with upgrades and changes that make this home a sought-after location for parties, photo shoots and movie locations.

Landscape Architect Eric Nagelmann, who has worked for more than 25 years with Goldstein on the landscaping, has offered Lotusland members a rare opportunity to tour the residence and grounds. Transportation by motor coach from Lotusland to Beverly Hills and lunch are included in this memorable outing. Cost is \$250 for members and \$275 for nonmembers. Please call 805.969.9990 for reservations.

*PLEASE NOTE:* As this is a private residence, there is no disabled access to the many outside stairways. Comfortable walking shoes are a must.



Exterior of the Sheats Goldstein residence.

WOOLF HAXTON

## Winter Walk

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21 • 1:30 TO 3:30 PM



Experience the Aloe garden in glorious bloom.

**I**N THE WINTER MONTHS, the spectacular blooms of the aloes make the garden come alive in a most colorful fashion. Enjoy this unique educational opportunity to see the garden when Lotusland is closed for public tours. Spend an afternoon enjoying more than 140 species and cultivars of aloes on a crisp winter day. This is a special privilege for Lotusland members and their guests only. Admission is \$25 for members and \$35 for members' guests. Reservations are required and may be made by calling 805.969.9990.

## Morning Bird Walk at Lotusland

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11 • 9:00 TO 11:30 AM

**J**OIN LOTUSLAND research associate Jeff Chemnick, with bird experts Satie Airmé and Mark Holmgren, as they lead the annual bird walk. The morning tour focuses on seeing as many species as possible. This is a wonderful opportunity for both experienced birders and beginners to discover our feathered friends that spend the winter in Santa Barbara. We have several pairs of binoculars to lend if you don't have your own. Cost is \$50 for members and \$55 for members' guests. For questions or reservations, please call 805.969.9990.



A group of birders pauses on the great lawn to catch a glimpse of an orange-crowned warbler flying toward the cactus garden.

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SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2016

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## Winter 2017 Member Events

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

### **Saturday, January 21**

*Winter Walk*

1:30 TO 3:30 PM

See details on page 16. Please call  
805.969.9990 to register.

### **Friday, February 10**

*Sheats Goldstein Residence:*

*A Lautner Masterpiece*

9:00 AM TO 4:30 PM

See details on page 16. Please call  
805.969.9990 to register.

### **Saturday, February 11**

*Morning Bird Walk at Lotusland*

9:00 TO 11:30 AM

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805.969.9990 to register.

### **Thursday, February 16**

Garden reopens for public tours after  
winter recess.

*Printed on recycled and recyclable paper  
with vegetable-based inks*

### **SAVE THE DATE Friday, April 28**

Celebrate the planting of the new  
Monterey Cypress.

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### **Arrival Times for Members**

**AM Visit:** Gate opens at 9:30 and  
closes at 10:00 AM.

**PM Visit:** Gate opens at 1:00 and  
closes at 1:30 PM.

Call 805.969.9990 for reservations.

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