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LETTER FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Members and Friends,

WHEN PLANTS GO EXTINCT, THEY RARELY MAKE NEWS. The loss of animal species makes big headlines, yet many more species of plants have disappeared from Earth. At



least 571 species of seed-bearing plants around the world are known to have gone extinct in the last 250 years – more than twice the number of birds, mammals and amphibians that have gone extinct.

Sadly, the true amount of plant extinction is likely to be much higher since scientists only list species they have studied and recorded. Of the more than 300,000 known species of plants, scientists have evaluated only 12,914 and found that about 68% of them are threatened with extinction. Where plants are most threatened and where most plant extinctions occur is in isolated geographic areas such as

islands, or in areas with rich biodiversity with numerous and unique species found nowhere else on the planet, such as the tropics and areas with a Mediterranean climate.

Species survival matters because all organisms live in an ecological community in which they are intricately connected. The foundation of these communities lies with plants on which millions of other species depend, humans included, and permanently losing any of these can lead to a whole cascade of extinctions in other organisms.

Lotusland is one of many partners in the international scientific community engaged in the critical work of conserving endangered species of plants from around the world and saving some of Earth's most threatened from extinction. Lotusland is one of a small number of botanic gardens in the entire world to hold some of the rarest species of cycads and is most likely the only public garden to have produced seed of one of the rarest cycads of all — the *Encephalartos heenanii*, now considered extinct in its habitat in South Africa — with the goal to repatriate these plants back into their home.

These are not the only plants Lotusland is saving. We are protecting rare cacti from the Galapagos Islands, rare palms from Chile, and many vulnerable and threatened plants from other Mediterranean regions of the world. Lotusland is a life raft for some of the scarcest and most precious plants on earth.

To fuel Lotusland's vital and urgent conservation work, we have established the Conservation Fund, dedicated solely to our plant conservation activities. Lotusland's role in species survival has become increasingly important, and donor investments in the Fund help us save plants on which all life on Earth depends.

Gwen L. Stauffer
Chief Executive Officer

MISSION

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.

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LOTUSLAND WELCOMES New Trustee

RACHAEL DOUGLAS is a Montecito based real estate agent, specializing in unique and architecturally significant properties, including equestrian. Originally from Illinois, she spent most of her life in Telluride, Colorado, where she was a menswear buyer and later became a real estate broker. Her first visit to Ganna Walska Lotusland was upon joining the Santa Barbara Newcomers in 2006. She was so moved by her initial visit to Lotusland that she made it a goal to become a docent. Nine years later she completed the docent training and has since been leading VIP and private tours. Rachael's enthusiasm regarding the history and the evolution of the property starting with *Tanglewood* to our present beloved Lotusland is palpable as she guides her groups.

She currently sits on the Board of the Berkshire Hathaway Charitable Foundation, and is a supporter of the Music Academy of the West and Direct Relief International. Rachael is proud to be a member of the *Lotus Society* and adopted a lantern as a way to honor her grandfather and invest in the Japanese Garden Renovation. Rachael resides in Montecito with her Affenpinscher, Lulu.

Plant Conservation

by Paul Mills



BOTANIC GARDENS ACROSS THE WORLD play a leading role in plant conservation and, with over 500 million visitors a year, are in a unique position to sound the siren for safeguarding the planet's flora. Conservation is not only vital for the sake of plants but for all life on the planet, especially us – humans cannot survive without plants. We depend on them for food with just over 100 different plants providing more than 90% of the calories that we consume. More than 60% of the people on the planet depend directly on plants for medicine. Plants supply material for clothing and shelter, and bring beauty, wellness and inspiration into our lives.

Plants underpin entire ecosystems and the loss of a single species can begin the domino effect of ecosystem deterioration. Plants help regulate the atmosphere by producing oxygen while removing carbon dioxide, control erosion and protect watersheds. Plants are the green glue of the Earth. Yet, threats to plants are many — from climate change and habitat destruction, degradation and fragmentation, to over-exploitation and competition from invasive species. One single invasive plant, yellow star thistle (*Centaurea solstitialis*), invades 12 million acres in California alone.

Earth's biodiversity is not distributed equally across the globe but concentrated in areas called biodiversity hot spots. Thirty-four hot spots, covering only 2.5% of Earth's surface, have particularly high densities of many different species and many endemic plants that are found nowhere else. These areas are

of special conservation concern because they are especially vulnerable to disturbance and deterioration. Many plants in Lotusland's collections are native to these biodiversity hotspots, requiring us to take on an increasingly critical role in plant conservation, and collaborate with many global partners in the fight against plant extinctions.

The International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) is a crucially important conservation organization that monitors the status of Earth's biodiversity from ecosystems to species, and helps botanic gardens determine their conservation priorities. The IUCN produces the Red List - a global assessment of the levels of threat for Earth's plants and animals, ranked from extinct (EX) when a species is no longer existing in the wild or in captivity, to least concern (LC) when a species is widespread and abundant.

The *Encephalartos woodii* cycad, of which there are three in Lotusland's collection, are red listed as Extinct in the Wild (EW). Only one individual clump of this species of South African cycad was ever found in the wild. Seven offsets and four branches (comprising the entire plant) were collected between 1903 and 1916. All *E. woodii* in the world's collections come from vegetative propagation of this one plant.

Plants listed as Critically Endangered (CR) are at risk of extinction in the immediate future. *Encephalartos whitelockii*, a species in our cycad collection, was moved from Vulnerable (VU) status directly to CR because of a hydroelectric dam project in its habitat in Uganda.



Golden Barrel Cactus

Echinocactus grusonii (golden barrel cactus) represented on our main drive, was considered CR due to more than a century of over collecting and a 90% decline in the only known population because of a hydroelectric project in Mexico. When a second population was discovered in the wild, the species' status was downgraded to Endangered (EN), at risk of extinction in the near future.

Plants listed as Vulnerable (VU) are at risk of extinction in medium-term future. *Jubaea chilensis* (Chilean wine palm), featured prominently in the Aloe Garden, once numbered in the millions in central Chile, but were cleared for agriculture and over harvested for its sweet sap so that only about 120,000 trees remain in protected areas.

More than 40% of species in our cycad collection are threatened with extinction

Many plants in Lotusland's collections are threatened with extinction, with at least four South African cycads believed to be extinct in the wild. More than 40% of species in our cycad collection are threatened with extinction – 19 critically endangered, 22 endangered, and 36 vulnerable.

Generally, botanic gardens are involved in two methods of plant conservation that complement each other. *In situ* plant conservation means "on site" and involves protection of ecosystems and/or target species within an ecosystem. Almost 15% of Earth's land is in protected areas but inadequate management is limiting their effectiveness. *Ex situ* conservation means "off site" and is a large part of what botanic gardens — and Lotusland — do by maintaining living collections, seed banks and pollen banks. *Ex situ* collections provide protective custody for genetic resources and play a vital role in reintroduction and restoration projects. Altogether, botanic gardens hold more than 30% of known plant species and 90% of known plant families in their *ex situ* living collections, of which 40% are known to be threatened.

The Convention on International Trade of Endangered Species (CITES), signed in 1973 and put in effect in 1975, is an extremely

important treaty designed to ensure that no species of wild flora (or fauna) is subjected to unsustainable exploitation because of international trade. All cycads, cacti, orchids, euphorbias and aloes are listed on CITES. Lotusland is registered with the CITES as a scientific institution and has a CITES permit for the scientific exchange of plant material between international conservation partners.

Botanic gardens have established stronger networks to more easily share information between institutions. Botanic Gardens Conservation International (BGCI) was founded in 1987 to link botanic gardens in a cooperating global network for effective plant conservation, and provide technical guidance, data and support to over 800 institutional members in more than 100 countries. BGCI developed the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation and the International Agenda for Botanic Gardens in Conservation - both aiming to halt the loss of plant



E. whitelockii



E. heenanii

diversity and to aid in the development of individual botanic gardens' roles in plant conservation. Lotusland is a member of BGCI's specialized cycad conservation group.

In the 1990s, the American Public Gardens Association (APGA) formed the Plant Collections Network of botanical gardens and arboreta to coordinate a continent-wide approach to plant germplasm preservation, and to promote high standards of plant collections management. Lotusland's cycad collection is part of an accredited multi-site collection whose member institutions collaborate on cycad conservation initiatives.

Around every corner at Lotusland there are plants that are threatened with extinction. Thanks to generous donations to our new Conservation Fund at this year's *Lotusland Celebrates* gala, we can now expand our efforts on a number of conservation initiatives. Most especially, the fund allows us to begin work with colleagues in South Africa on a species survival plan for the enigmatic *Encephalartos heenanii*, a cycad that is now believed to be extinct in the wild, and to establish an *E. heenanii* assurance colony right here at Lotusland.

SARAH SIEBACH

Sustainable Plant Healthcare Intern



THIS PAST SUMMER

I've had the pleasure of participating in Lotusland's Sustainable Plant Healthcare internship. I browsed many public garden internships over the past few years and found this one to be

unique. The opportunity to work and learn alongside Plant Healthcare Coordinator and guru Corey Welles and the other terrific horticulturalists in a garden focused on the improvement and integration of natural ecological systems has been educational, engaging and inspiring.

The renovation of the new Japanese Garden was an opportunity to see many aspects of this approach in action. I saw how vital it is to be diligent up front to ensure new plantings get a strong start and that the most critical component to having healthy plants above ground is having healthy soils below. The opportunity to help monitor beds for good soil structure, moisture content, and plant stress reiterated the importance of follow-up with newly established plantings.

Healthy gardens include wildlife (some more desirable than others). The insectary plantings are beautiful pollinator classrooms, and it was fun to learn to trap rodents and other critters that begin to overstep their bounds. I saw how the use of predatory insects can help rein in harmful pests and injecting the soil with beneficial microbes boosts soil ecosystems. I was impressed with the compost tea fertility regimen adapted to the diversity of each garden's particular needs. The concept of sustainable plant care is not just a nice idea, but a fundamental principle I witnessed daily being applied to the majority of decisions made in the gardens.

Other internship highlights have included visiting nearby nurseries and private collections. I've found field-trips are one of the most eye-opening and impactful activities for interns. It's been terrific to be able to live on site and explore the native vegetation of the beautiful Santa Barbara coast and foothills beyond the Garden.

My gratitude goes to Mr. Arthur Gaudi and the John Percival and Mary C. Jefferson Endowment Fund—thank you for investing in us and Lotusland! — Sarah Siebach

Horticultural Happenings

CACTUS BED RENOVATION ON THE MAIN DRIVE



LOTUSLAND'S PLANT COLLECTIONS ARE VERY DIVERSE, so the soil in each garden must be suitable for specific growing needs of the plants. During Madame's time, cacti were planted along the Main Drive among olive trees, and as the trees grew the sun loving cacti were lost in shade. The olives were removed, and the stumps left and covered with soil. Years later, the stumps were removed to prevent armillaria root rot in the cacti collection and the soil was replaced with a variety of soil mixtures to test suitability for growing cacti. The information gained from this experiment was used to develop the Cactus Garden soil mix we now use. This year, we determined that the cacti beds along the Main Drive should be renovated to make the soil uniform throughout the collection. Luckily, the former Lotusland cactus/aloe gardener, Alejandro Chavez, was available to spearhead the project. Small and medium cacti and decorative rocks were removed, leaving large specimen plants in place. After the soil was replaced, the cacti and decorative rocks were replanted in their original locations. Staff also moved cacti that were over crowded to open spaces in the bed in front of the pavilion. — Tyler Diehl

ZERO ASIAN CITRUS PSYLLID

IN THE SUMMER 2017 NEWSLETTER Corey Welles, Plant Health Care Coordinator reported on Lotusland's preventative measures to control the Asian Citrus Psyllid (ACP), a citrus tree pest that can carry the lethal disease, huanglongbing (HLB). Recently the California state monitoring agent reported that "the last two monitoring sessions at Lotusland had zero ACP detections." She further added that, "I was so surprised to see none. You never get that around here," particularly since Lotusland is surrounded by infested private orchards. We are proud of this proof that our sustainable programs are highly effective.



COLLECTION NEWS

Lotusland's Namesake Plant in the Japanese Garden

WHEN MADAME GANNA WALSKA BOUGHT LOTUSLAND IN 1941, the pond that would later become the centerpiece of the Japanese Garden already had sacred lotus (*Nelumbo nucifera*) well established. These plants likely dated to Ralph Kinton Stevens' time in the late 1800s, when he initially excavated the pond as a reservoir for water for his ever expanding nursery and orchards. His introduction of lotus is said to have eventually filled the pond. Stevens' lotus are no longer with us but the lotus plants that are now surrounding the new Lotus Viewing Deck in the Japanese Garden have an interesting history.

Located in the historic center of the city, Echo Park in Los Angeles has long been known for its expansive display of lotus, once being described as the largest lotus planting in the nation and celebrated with an annual lotus festival. The lotus in the Echo Park Lake are believed to have been imported from China in the 1920s and are thought to be the pure species, *Nelumbo nucifera*, as opposed to one of the thousands of cultivars and hybrids that exist. Eight decades later, in 2005, the famed lotus were beginning to decline and were completely gone by 2008. Many experts were brought in to consult on the possible causes of the disappearance of the lotus, including Virginia Hayes, a renowned expert on *Nelumbo* and previous Curator of the Living Collections at Lotusland. A number of theories of possible causes were proposed, including polluted water entering the lake from storm runoff to decimation by grazing turtles. Ultimately, they decided that the best solution was to renovate the pond and re-establish the lotus.

Enter Randy McDonald, a noted horticulturist and water plant expert who in 2005 had "liberated" a few tubers of the original lotus in Echo Park Lake. After growing the plant for years and sharing it with other nurseries, such as Southwest Aquatics in central California, he had enough plant material to sell back to the city of Los Angeles to re-populate the lake.

Our lotus plants on display in the Japanese Garden are from this original plant from Echo Park, acquired from Southwest Aquatics. The soft pink and cream colored flowers make this the ideal lotus for the Japanese Garden – understated, yet magnificent. — *Paul Mills*

Lotusland Conservation Fund to Protect Plants from Extinction

LOTUSLAND IS FREQUENTLY CITED

as one of the world's most beautiful and unique botanic gardens. Still, most visitors are not aware of the critical work taking place behind the scenes to protect threatened and endangered species from around the world. Over our quarter century as a public garden, we have firmly established a strong international presence in the global scientific conservation community — and our role in species survival has become increasingly important.

At this year's *Lotusland Celebrates* gala, guests were invited to help launch a new Conservation Fund to advance and accelerate this critical work. Please join us in supporting Lotusland's vital conservation work to save some of the Earth's rarest and most special plants.

For more information, or to make a gift to strengthen our Conservation Fund and help grow our international conservation collaborations and enable the international exchange of plants for their repatriation, please contact Rebecca Anderson, Executive Director of Philanthropy at 805.969.3767, ext. 104.

Your investment will help us expand Lotusland's nursery and purchase new equipment to support the development of critical assurance colonies on which the success of our work will depend.

Thank you for your generous support of Lotusland.

LOTUSLAND'S ARCHIVES

Fact or Fiction: Ganna Walska didn't like flowers?



Early flowerbed at Lotusland

A small notebook was recently found in the archival collection concerning Madame Ganna Walska's gardens at her country house outside of Versailles. Dated 1938 and divided into seasons and months, the notations concerning what and when to plant are in Madame's hand. It lists numerous types of flowers with which she landscaped her extensive property located 30 miles from

Paris. Surrounding the 17th century Chateau de Galluis, with its small forest of ancient trees and shady woodland paths, were orchards, vegetable gardens and... flowers. Along with the Roseriae and formal parterre near the pool, there were fountains, planters and beds full of iris and crocus. Scattered throughout the property and around the outbuildings and grotto were lilacs, daffodils, hyacinths, forsythia, petunias, violets, lupines, buttercups, and dahlias. The young son of a close neighbor recalls fields of red and white tulips in honor of the colors of the Polish national flag. Black and white photographs show the beauty of this property but cannot convey the brilliant effect of color that these select floral plantings created.

With the advent of World War II, Ganna Walska returned to America and soon afterward purchased the *Cuesta Linda* estate, investing her considerable energy, creativity and substantial funds into what would become Lotusland. Realizing the arid nature of the property and caring for what already existed from previous owners, Madame Walska saw the potential of creating garden rooms and landscapes that fit her vision, but also the climate of California.

While visitors will find some evidence of Ganna Walska's selection of floral plantings in today's garden, most of the early plantings no longer exist, but photographs, invoices and bills reveal quite an assortment of flowers being planted around the estate during the early days of her residency.

Vines of honeysuckle, passionflower, cup of gold and bougainvillea lined the walls of the house and various cottages. The patios were filled with orchids and fuchsias, and calla lilies were planted by the water garden pool and also underneath the old oak trees. Dahlias, Iceland poppies, and hollyhocks were purchased and grown. The location of the insectary garden was once Madame Walska's flower garden. Her niece remembers being allowed to cut flowers for herself and for special events hosted by her aunt at Lotusland. — *Rose Thomas*

WELCOME New Staff



WE WELCOME NIKKI EVANS, the Education Outreach Coordinator. Nikki assists with all educational activities, including the Fourth Grade Outreach Program. Nikki is a

native of Illinois where she received her PhD in Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences at the University of Illinois, Urbana Champagne. After relocating to Santa Barbara with her husband, who accepted a position at the University of California, Santa Barbara, Nikki worked at the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation as the Museum Manager for Casa de la Guerra, where she developed and provided interpretive programs for children and adults, as well as supervised operations for the house museum. Nikki is a Certified California Naturalist and brings much experience with volunteers, beginning with her position with AmeriCorps in the Montana State Parks, where she developed and managed their volunteer program. Since moving to Santa Barbara, Nikki has enjoyed the area's hiking trails and natural beauty, and is excited to join the team at Lotusland in her new role.



ANNAMARIE VON HAUNALTER is our new Membership Associate. She is a recent graduate of Westmont College, where she majored in Business and minored in Art History. She was

first introduced to Lotusland when she took a tour with her art history class, and she fell in love with work that is done to preserve and conserve the history of Ganna Walska and her garden. AnnaMarie loves that her job includes being able to discuss this incredible garden with Members. She recently got married and enjoys drinking coffee and completing puzzles with her husband. AnnaMarie loves mystery novels, and you can often find her reading in the Lower Bromeliad Garden, her favorite garden at Lotusland.



LOTUSLAND CELEBRATES

Memoirs of a Garden

ON JULY 27 sponsors and friends of Lotusland gathered for *Lotusland Celebrates*, the one-of-a-kind smashingly successful annual gala, which debuted in 1995 and continues to be the premier summer fundraising event in Santa Barbara.

This year's theme, *Memoirs of a Garden*, was an elaborate celebration of the reopening of Madame Walska's iconic Japanese Garden. Italian fashion house ETRO was the premier partner, and many ETRO-attired guests, including Gwen Stauffer CEO, top sponsor Evelina Pivavarava, and celebrities January Jones and Camilla Belle were clad in ETRO's signature colorful prints.

Led by Chairs Setenay Osman, Nati Smith, Lotusland Trustee Belle Hahn, and Vice-Chairs Oz Arconian and Winnie Dunbar, the *Lotusland Celebrates* Event Committee conceived of an elegant and whimsical vision where the 500 guests were transported on a journey to Japan with lively entertainment and an elegant seated dinner on the Great Lawn.

The Squire Foundation enhanced the garden walk by supporting breathtaking classical Japanese dance in the Japanese Garden, thrilling Taiko Drummers on the Great Lawn, giant origami folding and operatic selections from *Madame Butterfly* in the Insectary Garden.

The Garden also featured an exhibition of Bonsai presented by the Santa Barbara Bonsai Club, a string quartet in the Dracaena Circle (dressed by designer Heidi Merrick) and 1,000 paper cranes embellishing the Lemon Arbor.

Guests enjoyed a specialty cocktail by The Glass House, plus local wines donated by Babcock, Margerum and Brander wineries and a delicious Japanese-inspired dinner menu by duo catering & events. During the seated dinner, Grammy award-winning Yukiko Matsuyama performed on the ancient 7th century koto.

The evening continued with a rousing live auction led by renowned auctioneer August O. Uribe, Head of the Impressionist and Modern Art Department at Sotheby's. The crescendo took place when Lady Leslie Ridley-Tree, a top sponsor of the event, raised her paddle for top dollar to host the first private dinner party in the newly renovated Japanese Garden. The phenomenal results of our Auction Co-Chairs David M. Jones and Suzanne Mathews was an overwhelming success.

Trustee and landscape designer Joseph Marek kept the momentum going and raised more than \$50,000 for Lotusland's new Conservation Fund, supporting rare and endangered plant conservation around the world.

Special thanks to all sponsors, entertainers, underwriters, supporters and attendees for your generosity and commitment to supporting the year-round conservation, care and operations during one spectacular summer evening.



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LOTUSLAND CELEBRATES Memoirs of a Garden

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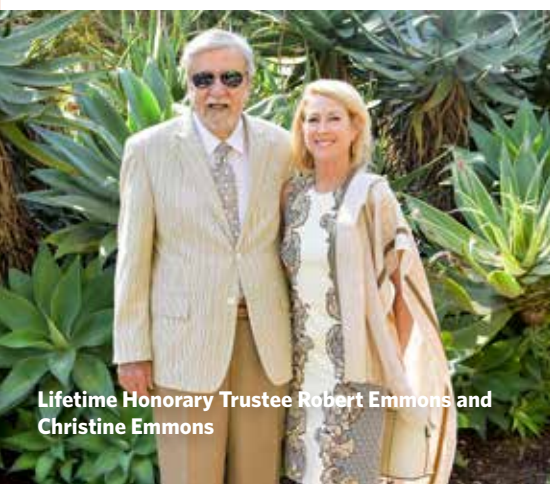
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GIFT MEMBERSHIPS

Give a green and long-lasting present

This holiday give a heartfelt gift that lasts for the entire year — a Lotusland Membership. With the purchase of a new gift membership, you will introduce your family and friends to the awe and wonder of Lotusland, including the newly renovated Japanese Garden. Only Members receive the exclusive benefit of self-guided tours of the Garden. If you start your family or friends at a beginning level membership, they can upgrade their membership level anytime to add more robust benefits. Members enjoy early-bird event discounts, savings at nearly 20 garden and nursery shops and free admission to Lotusland when the garden is open! To give a gift membership simply call or go online. Lotusland will send the gift membership packet to your friend or family member.

AS AN ADDED BONUS, purchase a new gift membership by November 30 and we will send your recipient a 2020 Lotusland Wall Calendar.

Lotusland gift memberships are packaged and beautifully wrapped (see photo). It's easy to have this perfect gift boxed and ready to give to your special someone with a certificate inside with instructions on how to activate the membership. Gift memberships are available for Individual (\$95), Dual (\$155), Family (\$175) or Friend (\$295) levels. To order, please call 805.969.3767, ext. 115, or visit our online store at LotuslandShop.org. Order early to allow for a timely U.S. Mail delivery.



Membership Renewal Appreciation Gift

Renew your Membership and receive a special gift from Lotusland as a token of our appreciation. When you renew, you will receive an invitation coupon to be mailed for a free one-year subscription to either *Better Homes & Gardens* or *Martha Stewart Living*.

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VOLUNTEER PROFILE

Peggy Koegler

PEGGY KOEGLER has been a volunteer at Lotusland for about one and a half years. She helps in the Garden Shop, assists our Communications Director Bob Craig with proofreading, helps with events including our annual plant auction, and serves as a docent. She even helped at the reception desk so the staff could participate in our annual Staff Wellness Day. Peggy is always willing to help wherever we need her and she does it with a beautiful smile.

Peggy became acquainted with Lotusland when she worked at San Marcos Growers. She had the pleasure of meeting Virginia Hayes, the previous Curator of the Living Collections at Lotusland. She then had the opportunity to tour Lotusland with the California Association of Nurserymen where her romance with Lotusland began.

Peggy is passionate about the plants, and she resonates with our mission to educate, preserve, and share the collections. She loves that we share our knowledge about sustainable gardens with other botanic gardens.

Her favorite thing to do at Lotusland is looking up at the trees, appreciating their beauty and grandeur. She also appreciates the historical value of Lotusland. She states, "Everyone here has so much passion for what they do, and it shows. I feel privileged to be a part of such a wonderful place with such an important mission. I feel very lucky to be a part of Lotusland, and I feel very valued as a volunteer."

We certainly do appreciate Peggy, as well as all of our other volunteers at Lotusland. We could not operate without them.

If you are interested in volunteering at Lotusland, we have several opportunities to offer depending upon your interests. Please contact Volunteer Coordinator Kitty Thomassin at kthomassin@lotusland.org.



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CULTIVATING JUNIOR BOTANISTS

Fourth Grade Outreach

LOTUSLAND'S FOURTH GRADE OUTREACH Program serves over 2,350 children in 100 classrooms from over 40 schools across Santa Barbara County. The program is a partnership with each school, provided at no cost. This program, which is funded by a generous donor, integrates the California fourth grade curriculum for plant sciences improving each student's STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics) comprehension. Learning is achieved through a sensory experience in the garden that contains over 3,500 species of plants, a visual presentation in the classroom, and a hands-on project.

The program emphasizes the interrelationships of the natural world, including plants, animals and humans. The program stresses the critical role plants play in sustaining life on Earth and our part in their conservation. Students learn the life cycle of a plant and how oxygen, carbon dioxide, plants, animals, humans and our shared habitats are all bound together and how plant adaptation is critical for plant survival. The hands-on field study increases the retention of topics and learning objectives.

Specially trained docents lead the Garden tours. Bonnie Blakley, an Outreach docent states, "It's great to teach the kids to care about plant life. I feel that doing Outreach tours is really contributing to our community by teaching children to respect and appreciate plants and the environment."

If you are interested in learning more about becoming an Outreach docent at Lotusland, please contact Education Outreach Coordinator Nikki Evans at nevans@lotusland.org.

Campaign Complete: *Restoring Body & Spirit*



"I fell in love with Lotusland upon arrival. I was inspired by Madame Ganna Walska and the creativity and diversity of the garden for which she had such romantic and passionate vision. Our family respects and values nature and those who tend and cultivate gardens. It is a privilege and honor to support this world class treasure which graces our community."

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE the completion of the Restoring Body & Spirit Renovation and Endowment Campaign. Gifts and pledges total more than \$9 million.

With the incredible community support of hundreds of donors, including community members, corporations, volunteers, staff and docents, we are pleased to announce our fundraising success topping \$9 million, and with it the completion of the *Restoring Body & Spirit* Campaign to renovate and endow the Japanese Garden.

Dr. Kendall Brown, historian, curator and author of several books, including: *Quiet Beauty: The Japanese Gardens of North America*, proclaimed, "Lotusland's Japanese Garden restoration is a triumph. It honors the spirit and legacy of the original Garden, enhances its natural character, and creates a space resonant in wonder. The Garden compels visitors to explore, to pause, and to be calm."

Restoring the Garden to heighten the healing benefits of nature was a particular goal of Lotusland's as part of the renovation and was made possible by the Manitou Fund and trustee Nora McNeely Hurley in memory of Ann Sasaki. This leadership gift helped to complete the capital portion of the campaign — enabling the renovation of key features including the rebuilding of the Waterfall, and the creation of a new Lotus Viewing Deck, all of which are critical features of the garden. The balance of the Manitou Fund gift supports the Japanese Garden

Endowment Fund which is dedicated solely to the perpetual care of the Japanese Garden, ensuring that the revived Japanese Garden continues to provide future generations with a natural environment for tranquil, meditative and inspiring experiences.

Lotusland celebrates Nora's direction of a transformative gift from her family's foundation the Manitou Fund to help complete the Restoring Body & Spirit Japanese Garden renovation and endowment campaign.

"To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow" is a favorite quote of Nora's by Audrey Hepburn that she feels recognizes the importance of caring for the Garden into perpetuity to insure today's and future generations of visitors a tranquil, meditative, and inspiring encounter with nature.

"I have experienced firsthand the incredible benefits to one's physical, spiritual and mental well-being from time spent in a garden and believe in the rejuvenating and enriching properties, peacefulness and clarity gardens bring to all who seek the company of nature."

—Nora McNeely Hurley



Gifts for the Garden

GANNA WALSKA LOTUSLAND is a non-profit organization sustained solely by the generosity of members and friends. Each year at this time, Lotusland appeals to you to help sustain and grow this exquisite garden.

Lotusland relies on private donations to keep the Garden open to the public and to secure this extraordinary legacy as a treasured community resource and wonderful outdoor classroom.

Gifts for the Garden support year-round garden operations, plant displays and collections, engaging educational and community outreach programs for children and adults and conservation work to protect endangered plants across the globe.

YOUR GIFT HELPS TO :

GROW Lotusland's **living collections** and stunning botanical displays.

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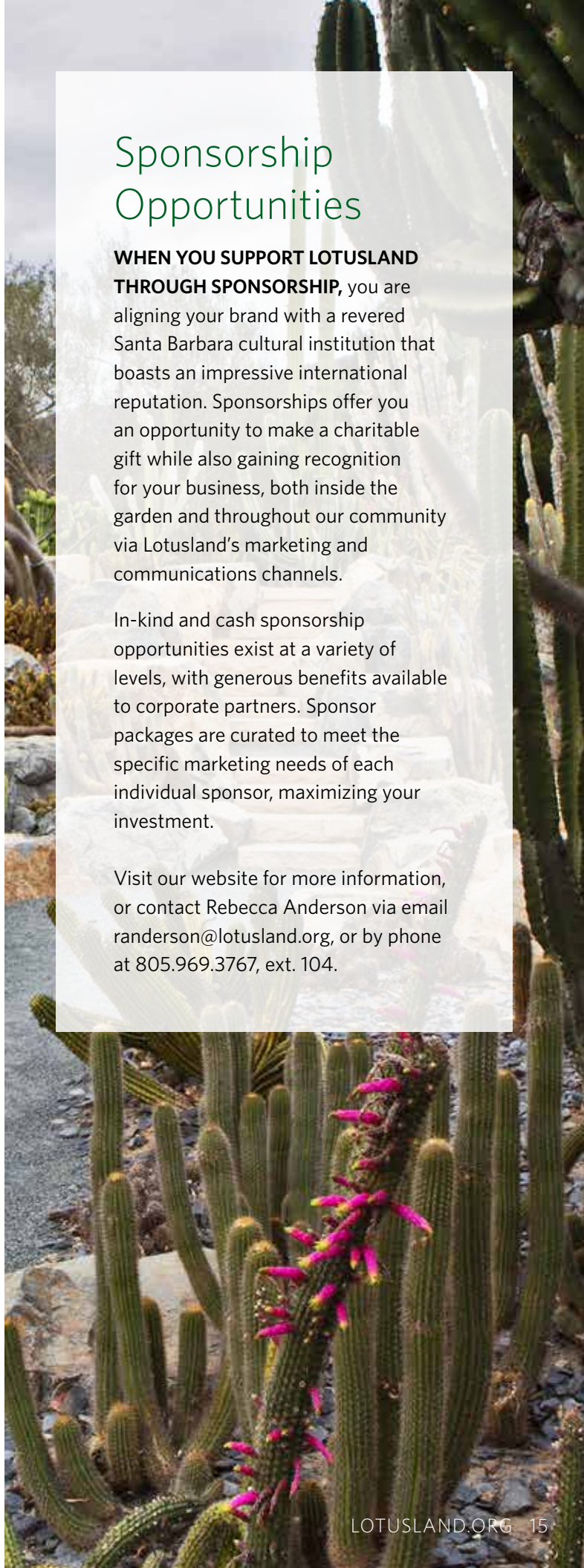
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WHEN YOU SUPPORT LOTUSLAND THROUGH SPONSORSHIP, you are aligning your brand with a revered Santa Barbara cultural institution that boasts an impressive international reputation. Sponsorships offer you an opportunity to make a charitable gift while also gaining recognition for your business, both inside the garden and throughout our community via Lotusland's marketing and communications channels.

In-kind and cash sponsorship opportunities exist at a variety of levels, with generous benefits available to corporate partners. Sponsor packages are curated to meet the specific marketing needs of each individual sponsor, maximizing your investment.

Visit our website for more information, or contact Rebecca Anderson via email randerson@lotusland.org, or by phone at 805.969.3767, ext. 104.



UPCOMING EVENTS



Saturday, October 5 • 1:30 to 5:30 PM **Exceptional Plants: Lotusland Auction & Sale**

ATTEND LOTUSLAND'S 8TH ANNUAL spectacular plant lovers' event. This is a most unique and enjoyable day on the Great Lawn featuring more than 200 rare and specimen plants for sale. Proceeds from the event care for and support Lotusland's botanical collection. Tickets are \$85 for Members and \$105 for non-members. Come for the plants, stay for the party! Buy tickets online or call 805.969.9990 for reservations.

Thursday, October 17 or Friday, October 18 **9:30 to 11:30 AM** **Succulent Wreath Making Workshop**

MAKE YOUR OWN LIVING WREATH! This workshop leads you through the steps needed to build a beautiful living succulent wreath that can be used year-round. All necessary materials to construct one 14-inch wreath are included. This member-only event is limited to 15 adults. Members may bring a guest. Tickets are \$85 for Members; \$105 for Members' guests. Call 805.969.9990 for reservations.



Saturday, November 16 • 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM **Natural Dyeing Workshop**

LEARN HOW TO DYE SILK SCARVES with plant-based dyes! Join Lotusland's Assistant Curator, Anna Bower, for a lesson in dyeing with loquat (*Eriobotrya japonica*) from Lotusland and woad (*Isatis tinctoria*). Learn resist techniques for making patterns in fabric and receive a mini-lesson in dye extraction from plants along with instructions for basic natural dyeing. All materials are included in the workshop fee and participants will leave with two naturally dyed silk scarves of their own design. This event is limited to 12 participants. Tickets are \$140 for Members and \$160 for non-members.

Friday, November 29 • 1:00 to 4:00 PM **Members' Holiday in the Garden**

ENJOY THE GARDEN in the glory of autumn with a docent or on a self-guided tour. Afterward, purchase exclusive Lotusland gifts and treasures in the Garden Shop. Member admission is free and their guests are \$25, children 3-17 are \$12.50 and under 3 are free (as long as everyone arrives in one car). Friend level and *Garden Lover* members may use their guest admissions. Space is limited. Please call 805.969.9990 for reservations.



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Saturday, October 5

Exceptional Plants: Auction & Sale

1:30 to 5:30 PM

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Monday, October 7

Prodigious Palms of Lotusland Focus Tour with Don Hodel for Garden

Lover Members

3:00 to 5:00 PM

See postcard invitation

Thursday, October 17

or Friday, October 18

Succulent Wreath Making Workshop

9:30 to 11:30 AM

See page 16

Friday, November 15

Last Day of Tours for 2019

Saturday, November 16

Natural Dyeing Workshop

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

See page 16

Friday, November 29

Members' Holiday in the Garden

1:00 to 4:00 PM

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Arrival Times for Tours

Including self-guiding 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.

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