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## LETTER FROM THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Lotusland Members and Friends,

In her autobiography, *Always Room at the Top*, Ganna Walska quotes Voltaire, "My life is a struggle." Madame confronted adversity with grace and resilience, and is an example

for us all. The pandemic has presented each of us with challenges and profound loss. As the world continues to adapt to the COVID-19 virus, so must Lotusland.



Lotusland reopened on May 13 for members after nearly two months required closure. Even under facemasks, we saw smiling eyes and heard audible squeals of delight from volunteers and visitors as they returned to this botanical nirvana. Using new technologies and social distancing practices to navigate the Garden, visitors experienced an immediate boost to the spirits upon entering Lotusland.

The healing sounds, sights, and smells of Lotusland soothe our anxiety and heartache with every step through her splendor. Science has proven that immersing yourself in nature boosts immune strength, reduces stress, and improves cognitive functioning. Beyond these physiological changes, time in nature also helps to deepen our relationship with the natural world. All of these benefits are needed now more than ever.

Revered and remembered Lifetime Honorary Trustee Michael Towbes called Lotusland, "An oasis of tranquility in a chaotic world." I couldn't agree more. I am grateful to each of our former and current Trustees who have served and preserved this magnificent hub of conservation and horticulture. I am equally thankful for you, our members and donors, who continue to sustain the Garden.

Your philanthropy and loyal support of membership and events enable Lotusland's conservation and sustainable horticulture work. Not only that, your support makes possible a welcoming place of solace, beauty, and respite for all who enter.

I invite you to return to experience the breathtaking bliss and magic of Lotusland for yourself. I am confident you will return home feeling refreshed and renewed.

Appreciatively,

Rebecca Anderson  
Interim Executive Director

*P.S. We have a serious revenue shortfall this year. If you are able, please make a gift today help during this difficult time or show your support as a sponsor for Lotusland Celebrates: Beyond the Pink Wall.*

#### 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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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Dear Members and Friends,

My, how times have changed since I last wrote to you. When I last wrote, the Board of Trustees was excitedly heading into a new season and looking forward to the changes that we saw on the horizon. Excited about our change in leadership and our executive search, excited about the robust economy and our renewed focus on financial

sustainability of the Garden, and excited to see all of you back in the Garden. Excited about transitioning from Winter into Spring. The changes we didn't see coming when I wrote to you in December, of course, were the world-wide changes brought about by the onslaught of COVID-19.

Because of COVID-19 and the related governmental orders, we were required to close the Garden on March 19, 2020. Since then, the staff and Board have been working assiduously—from our respective homes of course—on efforts to reimagine Lotusland in the COVID era. New programming and educational curriculum; new ways for you to stay involved with and enjoy the Garden while we are closed; new—and safe—ways for you to enjoy the Garden when we are allowed to reopen; and new ways to hold our annual gala “Celebrates” (about which you will hear more elsewhere in this newsletter); all with a commitment to the safety of our visitors, volunteers and staff. And, frankly, new ways to exist in these financially challenging times. Like most of you, we have been required to make some difficult choices, with more difficult choices on the horizon. But the organization, like the garden that we hold so dear, is resilient and strong, and we will get through this. We may have to do some “hard pruning” to get through this storm, but will shall come out of it stronger than ever.

And now, as we literally are “heading to the press” we received fantastic news—the County has announced that we can open (with safe-distancing requirements, of course). If all goes well, we will be open when you read this letter! So, schedule your visit to Lotusland now, it's beauty will calm your soul.

Please keep in touch with Lotusland through the “virtual world” of our website and our Facebook and Instagram pages; and if and when possible, please continue to support us through your membership and philanthropy.

And most importantly, please stay healthy and well.  
Lesley Cunningham





LOTUSLAND'S SUSTAINABLE HORTICULTURE

# Learning to Read the Book Mother Nature Gave Us

by Lizzy Fallows with Corey Welles

**THE CALIFORNIA DROUGHT IN THE 1980s** was extreme and challenged Lotusland's plant collections. The recent drought was worse, yet had less of an impact; few plants were lost and new gardens were added. What changed? The answer lies in Lotusland's evolved approach to garden management.

*“Sustainable horticulture matters for Lotusland and the world, because it’s a non-toxic method for ornamental landscape management and food production.”*

For the past three decades, the Lotusland team has committed itself to the art of sustainable horticulture and, as a result, manages a larger, healthier, and more resilient garden than ever. Building on the principles of sustainable horticulture, the garden has developed a protective armour of biology. Soil organisms, insects, spiders, and other critters thrive and balance the ecology of the soil while naturally managing pests.

**What is sustainable horticulture?** According to Elaine Ingham, a national leader in soil microbiology and research of the soil food web, sustainable horticulture is simply, “Growing plants the way Mother Nature intended.” The soil is deeply respected, never compacted, and only organic fertilizers, composts, and mulches are applied.

**How does it work?** Sustainable horticulture taps into nature's feedback loops — healthy soil begets healthy plants, begets healthy insects, begets healthy bird life — to optimize plant growth and health. More specifically, this is done by nourishing the soil and the microbes that thrive there via extensive composting and mulching, and by encouraging beneficial insects via insectary plantings that provide year-round pollen and nectar for pollinating insects and birds. Such an environment naturally manages disease and small pests.

**Why does it matter?** Sustainable horticulture matters for Lotusland and the world, because it's a non-toxic method for ornamental landscape management and food production. Sustainable horticulture, and Lotusland's practice of this art, proves that partnering with nature is good for the Garden *and* the planet.



**How did Lotusland get here?** In the Ganna Walska era, the Garden was managed, as most estate gardens were, using chemical pesticides and fertilizers; weeds and pests were killed along with important soil microbes critical for long-term plant health. The landscape design was impressive, but many of the individual plants and collections were suffering.

Change came in the late 1980s when Lotusland's affiliation with the American Association of Botanic Gardens began and the team was given latitude to find sustainable garden management solutions. Welcoming the public into the garden in 1993 also meant that toxic chemical soil treatments needed to be phased out. The team started reading deeply, meeting with local experts, and attending conferences at universities with leading horticultural programs. It was a talk at UCLA in 1997 that inspired Lotusland's former head of plant health care, John Lafleur, and Director of Grounds, Mike Iven, to move away from synthetic herbicide, pesticide, and rodenticide use on the property.

**Where is Lotusland going?** Today, Lotusland manages its 37 acres using a *smaller* team and *less* water than it did in 1990, when the developed areas were much smaller. "Nature does a lot of the work for us," explains Corey Welles, Lotusland's head of plant healthcare. The garden has benefitted hugely from the expansion of insectary plantings throughout the property, the additions of mulches and compost and brewing and spraying of thousands of gallons of compost tea. Welles and the Lotusland team understand that, as Ingham explains, "Pests and disease are Mother Nature's way of saying there's a problem; *they* are not the problem."

**How can you benefit?** One need not manage dozens of acres to garden sustainably. Even the smallest plots benefit from healthy soil. Ingham encourages gardeners and farmers to heighten their sensitivity to nature. "Learn to read the book Mother Nature has put in front of you," Ingham guides, and your garden will thrive. Below are four steps Corey Welles and Elaine Ingham have outlined for partnering with nature at home.

**Start with your roses.** As sensitive as they are fragrant and beautiful, roses do not need synthetic fertilizers to thrive. Try feeding your roses an organic fertilizer in March and July, and cover the soil with dark, finely ground mulch.

**Compost.** Learn how to make really good compost; it should smell like a forest. Apply compost once a month during the growing season. Then, brew compost tea and spray it on your plants.

**Plant insect attracting plants.** To protect your landscape, increase yield, and save water, plant native annuals and perennials. Start with native California wildflowers, milkweed, salvias, and ground covers.

**Welcome bees!** Bees are great pollinators. There are thousands of species of native bees, and when provided with native flowers on which to feed, native bees, as opposed to honey bees, will be the most effective pollinators in your garden.

To learn more about sustainable horticulture and how you can apply such practices to your garden, visit [lotusland.org](http://lotusland.org).



FROM TOP: Corey Welles sprays compost tea on an *Alocasia odora* (elephant's ear); honey bee in an *Echinocereus engelmannii* bloom; and a screech owl in a Lotusland owl box.

# Horticultural Happenings

## SENTINEL PLANT NETWORK SW REGIONAL CONFERENCE



Shothole Borer on  
*Prunus caroliniana*

**IN CONJUNCTION** with Lotusland's Sustainable Plant Healthcare Program, staff participated in the Sentinel Plant Network (SPN), a partnership between the American Public Gardens Association (APGA) and the National Plant Diagnostic Network (NPDN). SPN members contribute to plant

conservation by engaging public garden professionals, volunteers, and visitors in the early detection of serious plant pests and diseases. The SPN was launched in 2011 with financial support from the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) through the Farm Bill, Section 10007 and currently includes over 300 public gardens across North America.

In January, Lotusland was able to send two staff members, Anna Bower, Assistant Curator, and Hannah French, Gardener, to the SPN's Southwest Regional Training held at the San Diego Botanic Garden. They joined 70 professionals from 33 public gardens in the Southwest United States as well as diagnosticians from the region and a representative from the USDA's APHIS. Participants trained as "first detectors" and learned to identify signs and symptoms of regional and emerging pests and disease threats through observational skill walks and plant diagnostic lectures. Anna and Hanna were educated in best practices for monitoring and reporting through the NPDN. For more information about the Sentinel Plant Network, visit [sentinelplantnetwork.org](http://sentinelplantnetwork.org).

### BEWARE OF THESE REGIONAL PESTS AND DISEASE THREATS:

- Sudden Oak Death
- Asian Longhorned Beetle
- Huanglongbing Disease and Asian Citrus Psyllid
- Gypsy Moth
- Japanese Beetle
- South American Palm Weevil
- Polyphagous Shothole Borer
- Goldspotted Oak Borer
- Emerald Ash Borer

— Anna Bower, Assistant Curator

## Celebrating Corey Welles 30 Years at Lotusland

**COREY'S ROOTS AT LOTUSLAND** date back to the 1930s and the Gavit era when his grandmother's restaurant on Milpas Street would deliver tamales to *Cuesta Linda*. Fifty years later, Corey was studying at Santa Barbara City College when his cross-country coach hired him to work for his landscaping company. He was hired as a Lotusland gardener in 1990 and worked with John Lafleur who was instrumental in developing Lotusland's renowned Sustainable Horticulture program. Corey took the reins of the program in 2006 and while he is officially in charge of Plant Healthcare, his reach and expertise extend to nearly every aspect of our 37 acres. On any given day he can be found in his office studying soil samples under a microscope, helping to manage our bee hives, adding new plants to the Insectary, brewing another 100 gallon batch of compost tea, installing a new owl box, training a new intern, combatting an invasive pest or capturing stunning photographs of native insects.

Corey is a nationally recognized horticulturist whose speaking engagements have taken him to the Huntington, Berkeley, Descanso and Anderson gardens. He is a certified



expert in many aspects of plant health management and has been called to help troubleshoot serious challenges including the recent Asian citrus psyllid, shothole borers and using sustainable techniques to mitigate the effects of the drought. In Corey's 30 years at Lotusland he has been hands-on with numerous projects.

Among his most proud achievements was being part of the crew that saved the Cycad Garden from the *Armillaria* fungus – a five year renovation that was completed in 2003. All soil was replaced and infected roots and stems were pruned before being returned to newly renovated beds. Corey says he is proud to be part of an amazing Lotusland team "of great horticulturists working to create something lasting, bigger than ourselves."

Another of his most satisfying achievements was helping Eric Nagelmann create the Insectary Garden in 2016. "The Insectary is integral to our sustainable horticulture program as it attracts the beneficials that we depend on. It is a beautiful showcase that helps us teach how to be successful when partnering with the environment," says Corey.

We applaud and appreciate Corey for his many accomplishments and outstanding dedication to Lotusland.





## COLLECTIONS NEWS

# Replacing the Irreplaceable

**ONLY ONE YEAR AFTER PURCHASING THE PROPERTY** that would become Lotusland, Ganna Walska began to completely transform the traditional landscape in front of the main house, using her unique style and vision. She came up with creative ways to display cacti and euphorbias while working alongside renowned landscape architect Lockwood de Forest who later wrote, “You are wonderful! I never would have thought of using cactus at the front door or many of the other plantings you suggested. They are very handsome and I congratulate you.” He added that she had “the most unique landscape in California.”

Some of these original plants from 1942 still exist in the landscape, including the weeping form of *Euphorbia ingens*—one of the most iconic plants at Lotusland. Only two of the original *E. ingens* remain, with their Seussian limbs creeping on the ground, but sadly one has had a recent, rapid decline and must now be removed. The plant has become a hazard, shedding a large limb a few months ago with additional dead branches and a large cavity entirely through the trunk.

Unknown in the wild and uncommon in cultivation, this form of *Euphorbia ingens* is an enigma. Being unable to find a source for the plant, I reached out to Mike Tully of Terra Sol Garden Center in search of a replacement and he replied, “The only weeping euphorbias I know of are in front of a big pink house!” We now have a plan in place to move another large weeping *E. ingens* in the place of this plant. Our goal is to restore and maintain the original design of Madame Ganna Walska and Lockwood de Forest.

If upon your next visit this historical and emblematic plant is still in its place, take time to wish it farewell. If it is no longer there, be assured that as the weather warms its replacement will take this prominent position in this one-of-a kind landscape to impress our guests for years to come. —Paul Mills, Curator of the Living Collections

**TOP LEFT:** *Euphorbia ingens* in front of the Main House in 1955. **TOP RIGHT:** Santa Barbara Garden Club on their recent visit to Lotusland for a presentation on the *Euphorbia ingens*.

## LOTUSLAND JOINS Botanic Gardens Conservation International

Ganna Walska Lotusland has recently joined Botanic Gardens Conservation International (BGCI) as an institutional member. BGCI is the largest network of botanic gardens and plant conservation experts in the world with 600 institutional members in over 100 countries. Members, such as Lotusland, are committed to “help address the challenge of securing plant diversity, for the well-being of people and the planet.” By joining as an institutional member we at Lotusland further reinforce our dedication to plant conservation.

To support Lotusland's conservation plans and goals please contact Paul Mills at 805.565.4431.



## Monty Don's BBC Television Series Comes to Lotusland

Monty Don is a leading broadcaster and garden writer in the U.K. and he brought his BBC show to Lotusland last Fall to film a segment for his "American Gardens" series. In the third episode, Monty explores the richness of Lotusland's diverse garden settings. In his own words he says, "The collections at Lotusland serve an important horticultural purpose." And he goes on to say, "Lotusland is rightly famous for its individuality, for being quirky, but I think it's more than that. It's got a grandeur about it that comes from its collections of plants; its individuality is matched by very serious horticulture and it's that combination that makes it exceptional."

**"The collections  
at Lotusland serve  
an important  
horticultural purpose."**

Watch Monty Don at Lotusland on our website: [lotusland.org/montydon/](http://lotusland.org/montydon/)  
(The Lotusland segment begins at 33:00 minutes into the program.)

## LOTUSLAND'S ARCHIVES

# Cactophiles Unite

By Rose Thomas and Jennifer Davila

**GANNA WALSKA** had clearly been bitten by the cactus bug shortly after taking up residence in Montecito. Purchases of cacti from neighboring estates and consultations with several commercial growers during her early shopping expeditions contributed to her knowledge as well as her collection for the garden. But she wanted BIG and she wanted MORE. Through these nurserymen, Madame Walska was informed about the permit and inspection requirements for importing cactus to California from other states and Mexico and obtained an introduction to a botanical field collector from Arizona named Antonia Crowninshield.

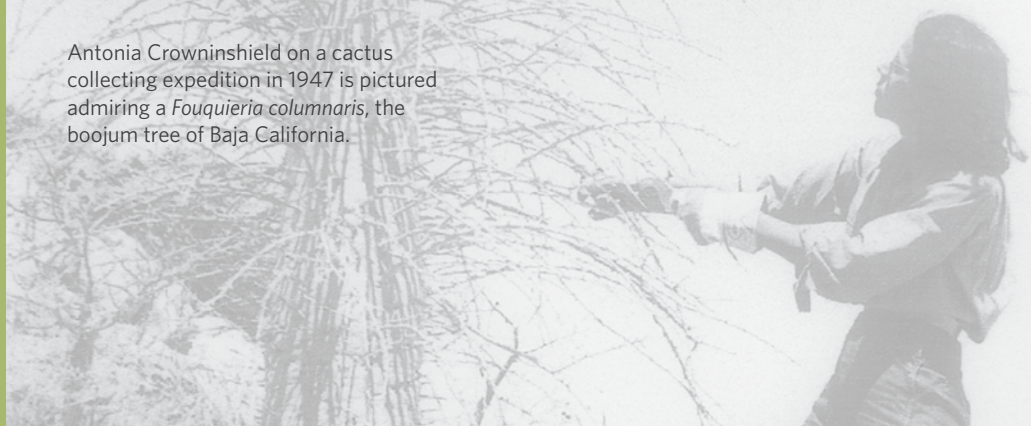
Crowninshield, a young widow with four children, continued with her husband's business after his death. Occupying her time during the winter months with garden design and installation, she did most of her field collecting during the summer when her teenage daughter could watch the youngest sibling. She would load her other children into the cab of her 1948 Ford flatbed pickup and drive into the deserts of Arizona and Mexico collecting plants for public parks and botanic gardens. Information about large or unusual cacti sometimes came to her from ranchers who had noticed them from horseback and Crowninshield took pride in her ability to move such plants without damage, using packing quilts for protection and custom built wooden crates for plants that needed to be commercially shipped.

Realizing that Crowninshield could help accomplish her vision, Ganna Walska wrote in a 1951 letter, "...and as you know, I am open to any other suggestion for anything interesting that you found lately or will find in the future; any cactus, any agaves, anything that is rare or beautiful."

Ganna Walska was not a person who readily asked for or accepted advice from anyone, but it appears that she held Crowninshield in high regard and accepted her knowledge of collecting and care of cacti without question. It is evident from the archival correspondence (dating from 1949–1952) that these two women bonded over their love of desert plants.

In a letter from 1950, Ganna Walska writes to Crowninshield, "Useless to say that I shall be very happy to see you again, independently of the plants that you will bring...I would love to see you for your wonderful self. But enough compliments: I beg you only to go slow and to take care of yourself. Rest on the way. The Italian proverb says: 'Who goes slow, goes fast as safely.'"

Antonia Crowninshield on a cactus collecting expedition in 1947 is pictured admiring a *Fouquieria columnaris*, the boojum tree of Baja California.







HANIA TALLMADGE, A STEWARD OF LOTUSLAND'S LEGACY

# Ganna Walska: Portraits of an Era

## **GANNA WALSKA: PORTRAITS OF AN ERA**

is a new book that offers a rich visual survey of times gone by,

along with personal insight into the life of an extraordinary personality. Through her niece's remembrances and rarely seen images, Madame Ganna Walska's story springs to life and reads like a Hollywood movie.

Throughout her long life—with endless energy and a lively intelligence—Ganna Walska pursued a love of beauty, music, self-realization, and personal fulfillment. Challenging traditional roles and behavior at a time when it took great courage for women to live life on their own terms, she cultivated influential friendships in Europe and America. Her social and professional commitments brought her in close contact with musical luminaries, artists, writers, politicians, financiers, actors, actresses, and international royalty.

Ultimately her life's journey led her to California and after decades of collaboration with notable landscape designers and skilled gardeners, she realized her greatest dream—leaving a living legacy behind—the world-class gardens of Lotusland.

In 1947, Hania Tallmadge and her parents, Leon and Marysia Puacz, were invited by Leon's older sister Ganna Walska to live in a cottage on her Lotusland estate in Montecito, California. Over the next decade, Hania became extremely close to her aunt and remained so for the rest of Ganna Walska's life—accompanying her on trips to Los Angeles, local theatre and musical performances, as well as helping host fundraising events and parties at Lotusland. Hania's 1957 wedding reception was planned by Madame Walska and held in the Lotusland gardens. In recording this celebration, *The Los Angeles Times* wrote, the "...iron gates of Lotusland swung open to a reception assemblage of international note."

Hania lives in Montecito and remains devoted to her aunt's memory and is still very much involved with Lotusland and the exceptional garden that her aunt helped to create.

*Portraits of an Era* is available for sale at [lotuslandshop.org](http://lotuslandshop.org).

**Just as Madame Ganna Walska sold her jewels in 1971 to benefit the Garden's growth, so too will her niece Hania Tallmadge this spring.**

In 1971 Madame Walska sold the bulk of her considerable jewelry collection at a Parke-Bernet auction in New York, which garnered close to a million dollars. These funds were immediately devoted to Lotusland, purchasing and installing the rare cycads that comprise the last garden created during her lifetime. This garden is now considered as one of the finest collections of cycads internationally, and of which she was justifiably proud.

**Ms. Tallmadge will continue the family tradition begun by her aunt by gifting a portion of the proceeds of the sale of the Cartier bracelet when it is auctioned by Sotheby's New York. We are immensely grateful to Hania for her commitment to her aunt's legacy and her continued support of Lotusland.**

The Sotheby's auction will take place from June 10–16. To bid online visit [www.sothebys.com/en/digital-catalogues/important-jewels](http://www.sothebys.com/en/digital-catalogues/important-jewels). Please contact Quig Bruning, Vice President, Specialist, Jewelry: 310.786.1860 / [quig.bruning@sothebys.com](mailto:quig.bruning@sothebys.com) with questions.



In June of 1932, following a telephone conversation with Madame Walska's secretary, the Paris branch of Cartier jewelers wrote to Madame Walska confirming her order of a three-row, ribbed coral bracelet, with a diamond on each ball of the center row, similar to the stock model which had been entrusted to her, minus the swivel clasp with diamonds that she did not want included. A letter regarding the delivery of the bracelet, an explanation of the new clasp, and a quoted price of \$7,200 Francs followed on July 7, 1932. The Cartier coral bracelet was not part of the 1971 Parke-Benet auction because it was handed down to her niece, Hania.



## BEYOND THE PINK WALL

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### LOTUSLAND CELEBRATES

Over the past 26 years *Lotusland Celebrates* has wowed as the most enjoyed Santa Barbara summer benefit. Our 2020 vision evolves this beloved garden affair into a reimagined program revealing Lotusland through a new lens! This year experience exquisite imagery and entertainment, tips and wisdom by garden experts as well as endearing moments shared by Lotusland Passionistas all on screen.

This virtual “feast for the senses” debuts on 7.25.20 offering a limitless audience, through film, a glimpse of Madame Ganna Walska’s vision for this magical garden to educate, inspire and enrich.

Alongside this virtual event will be the *Beyond the Pink Wall* online auction offering one-of-a-kind Lotusland treasures and experiences.

Join us as we take you “Virtually” *Beyond the Pink Wall* in support of the garden we all love.



Caroline Thompson and David Jones  
Trustees, Co-Chairs Lotusland Celebrates

Follow the virtual event on social media:

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#lotuslandcelebrates  
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### LOTUSLAND CELEBRATES: BEYOND THE PINK WALL PRESENTING SPONSORS



photo: Ellen von Unwerth

**Belle Hahn, Chair Emerita and Lily Hahn support Lotusland in honor of their parents.**

Belle and Lily Hahn fell in love with Madame Walska’s garden in early childhood. Their love grew deeper over the years as Lotusland gave evermore with endless offerings of imagination and inspiration. Both sisters cultivate their own gardens by planting trees and growing food from the earth.

With childhood memories of enchanted experiences at Lotusland, Belle and Lily chose to sponsor this year’s Gala with a gift in honor of their parents, Thomasine Richards and Stephen Hahn, “who taught us to love the garden and honor our community”.

**“Just as a garden continues to grow, Lotusland continues to need support. The sun still shines, the water still flows. Mother Earth takes care of us. It is our job to take care of her.”**

Belle, a Lotusland Trustee for the past six years, served as Co-Chair of Lotusland Celebrates for the past several years. Belle feels a special pleasure and pride in this year’s virtual event, as it allows Lotusland to expand “Beyond the pink wall” and invite the world in to join from benefits of the Garden, and learn from it. As Lily says, “It never stops growing.”



## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

To sponsor or support please visit  
[lotuslandcelebrates.org](https://lotuslandcelebrates.org) or call 805.969.3767.

### CYCAD VIRTUAL SPONSOR

**\$25,000**

- Access to Lotusland "Virtually" Celebrates: *Beyond The Pink Wall* 07.25.20 Virtual Program
- A private tour of Lotusland for 20 guests followed by a reception in the garden of your choice with hors d'oeuvres by duo catering with Barden Wines
- Recognition as a generous Philanthropic Partner
- Business Logo (if applicable) and weblink on Lotusland's website
- A Curated Lotusland gift box with treasures inspired by the Garden
- Gift of a Cultivator Membership for you or a friend for a year

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**\$10,000**

- Access to Lotusland "Virtually" Celebrates: *Beyond The Pink Wall* 07.25.20 Virtual Program
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**\$5,000**

- Access to Lotusland "Virtually" Celebrates: *Beyond The Pink Wall* 07.25.20 Virtual Program
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**\$1,500**

- Access to Lotusland "Virtually" Celebrates: *Beyond The Pink Wall* 07.25.20 Virtual Program
- A private tour of Lotusland for 4 guests with a glass of Margerum Wine in the garden of your choice
- Recognition as a Sponsor in the Virtual event invitation
- Business Logo (if applicable) and weblink on Lotusland's website
- Gift of a Friend Membership for you or a friend for a year

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**\$350**

- Access to Lotusland "Virtually" Celebrates: *Beyond The Pink Wall* 07.25.20 Virtual Program
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## HELP SUPPORT LOTUSLAND

# Maximize Your Tax Deduction

If you are age 70 1/2 or older and are taking distributions from your retirement accounts and writing checks for your charitable donations, you may not be getting the maximum tax deduction. We are pleased to accept Qualified Charitable Distributions. A QCD is a direct transfer of funds from your IRA custodian, payable to a qualified charity. QCDs can be counted toward satisfying your required minimum distributions (RMDs) for the year, as long as certain rules are met. In addition to the benefits of giving to charity, a QCD excludes the amount donated from taxable income, which is unlike regular withdrawals from an IRA. Keeping your taxable income lower may reduce the impact to certain tax credits and deductions, including Social Security and Medicare. Also, QCDs don't require that you itemize, which due to the recent tax law changes, means you may decide to take advantage of the higher standard deduction, but still use a QCD for charitable giving.

Your compassion and support for Lotusland is sincerely appreciated. Contact your tax advisor to determine if your IRA qualifies for QCDs. If you would like to speak to one of Lotusland's volunteer professionals to explore the benefits of planned gift tools please contact 805.324.8424 for a short list of advisors.

## THANK YOU FOR ENRICHING LOTUSLAND

# Supporting the Garden During the Crisis

**Even in challenging times, our mission continues.**

Lotusland exists because of our generous community of supporters. The Garden needs you now more than ever. Because of the Coronavirus, we have cancelled events and tours that bring in critical funds to sustain our work throughout the year. In addition, we have experienced dramatic revenue shortfalls from cancelled workshops, group tours, and have suspended education programs.

**Help sustain Lotusland by making a tax-deductible contribution. Lotusland accepts planned gifts, appreciated securities, or grants from a Donor Advised Fund (DAF).**

**There are many ways to support Lotusland without impacting your current income.**

Your gift supports the collections as well as the daily operations of the Garden. Contact 805.969.3767 to discuss your philanthropy and its impact on our people, plants, and programs.

**With your participation, Lotusland will adapt and thrive during this difficult time.**

## FREE RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN

# Activities and Lessons to Enjoy at Home

**Visit [lotusland.org/education](https://lotusland.org/education) to:**

- Download our Nature and Science Journal
- Watch online Life Science Lessons from Lotusland
- Color your own Lotusland Coloring Book
- Download a Lotusland screensaver or Zoom meeting background



## ECO-FRIENDLY

# Digital Membership Cards



### WE ARE EXCITED TO INTRODUCE

Lotusland's digital membership card. This new option will allow any Member to choose to support a more eco-friendly, digital card that lives on your smartphone. Lotusland will send all Members an email with a link to download the digital membership card, which will be housed inside the Wallet icon on your smartphone, with no need to use an additional app.

Using a digital membership card is your choice. Lotusland recognizes a physical card may be preferred. Physical membership cards will continue if that is your preference.

As stewards of Lotusland—one of the most nationally recognized botanic gardens for sustainable practices—we are proud to initiate this cutting-edge technology to support this environmentally-friendly convenience for our valued Members.

## Membership and Tax Deductibility

**MEMBERSHIP FEES INCLUDE A MULTITUDE OF BENEFITS**, primarily the benefit of admission. This has a \$50 per person value—which the IRS considers “received goods and services.” Lotusland has re-evaluated the structure of membership benefits in relation to the recent changes in the tax laws. Membership fees are no longer considered fully tax deductible as in the past. We have assigned the value of goods and services for each level and will include this valuation for your tax planning in your acknowledgment letter.

Members choose to decline any benefits to receive a full tax deduction for your charitable contribution when using your Donor Advised Fund.

You can recommend a membership gift by contacting your financial institution or foundation or by granting online. Please note: the gift will arrive at Lotusland with only the fund's name and address on it, unless you request otherwise.

## THANK YOU TO OUR GARDEN LOVER MEMBERS

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## WAYS TO STAY ENGAGED

- **SIGN UP FOR OUR E-BULLETINS**  
Look for the link on [lotusland.org](http://lotusland.org) or email [membership@lotusland.org](mailto:membership@lotusland.org)
- **EXPLORE EDUCATION MATERIALS FOR FAMILIES** at [lotusland.org/education](http://lotusland.org/education)
- **FOLLOW US on Facebook and Instagram** @gannawalskalotusland and #lotuslandgarden
- **RENEW ONLINE:**  
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## WISH LIST

# Help Advance Lotusland's Mission

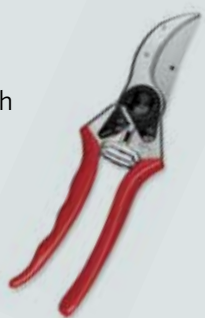


### Accessibility Guide

Help guests enjoy a clear route by underwriting signs indicating optimum pathways and providing a new map for mobility challenged guests. \$10,000.

### New Hand Pruners for Our Gardeners

All of Lotusland's garden crew are equipped with a pair of these iconic, classically designed and amazingly durable tools. They have forged alloy handles that are tough but easy to grip, with rubber shock absorbers for superior comfort. \$1,000.



### Botanical Display Signs

Inform and educate visitors as they navigate and learn from signs that identify the plant's family, genus and species, common name and nativity. If there is a sub-species, variety, form or cultivar it is included. \$2,000.



### Self Guided Tour Resources

QR coded signage and booklets provide valuable plant and garden information as visitors explore the Garden on their own. \$5,000.

**TO DONATE**, please call 805.969.3767, ext. 104. Thank you for supporting our Wish List. Your donations make a big difference in our day-to-day operations.



## MEMBERS' APPRECIATION

# Al Fresco Summer Picnics

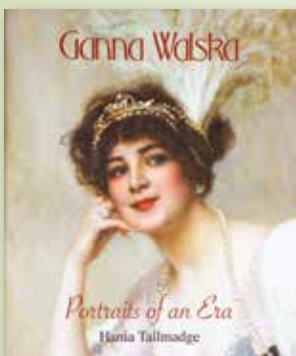
Our 2020 Lotusland Member appreciation events are being reinvented to adhere to current California mandates for social distancing. Because of these challenging times we've created a new way show you how much we value our community of members!

While picnicking is not permitted on regular tours, we have created a special invitation for Members to have a self-contained, intimate picnic on the Great Lawn midday on Tuesdays this summer. Member households may select a preferred date on a Tuesday for a picnic in July or August.

Watch your mailbox for dates and details. Space is limited. Online registration will begin July 1. \$40 per household vehicle. Summer Picnics are a privilege for Members-Only.

## LOTUSLAND GARDEN SHOP IS ONLINE

### Learn more about Ganna Walska, the Garden and its history at home



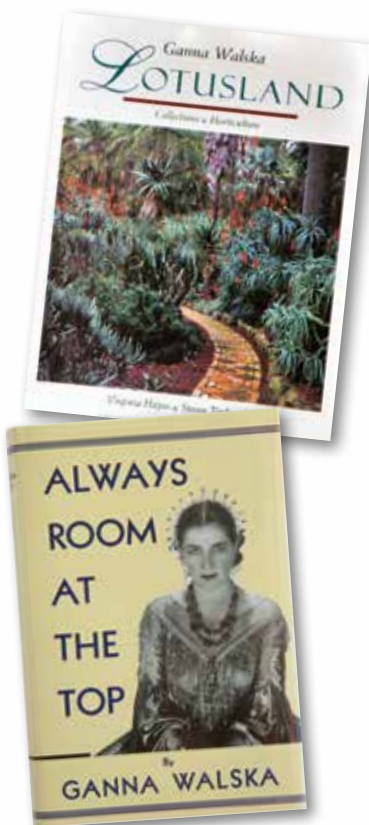
**Ganna Walska: Portraits of an Era** offers a rich visual survey of times gone by, along with personal insight into the life of an extraordinary personality. Ganna Walska's niece, Hania Tallmadge, offers a collection of her remembrances and rarely seen images.

**Always Room at the Top**, Ganna Walska's biography, is the story of the life of an internationally known personality —a woman of beauty and wit, and a patroness of the arts whose activities have always been directed toward fostering truth and beauty.

**The Garden and Its Creators** tells the complete story and history of Lotusland. You'll discover the rich history of the property as far back as 1877 and the original homestead land grant.

**Collections and Horticulture** is a wonderful assemblage of plant stories and photographs representing the diversity of the plant collections and emphasizes the vital role that Lotusland plays as a botanic garden.

Members receive a 10% discount. [lotuslandshop.org](http://lotuslandshop.org).



## IN MEMORIAM

### Patricia Tarkowska



**PATRICIA TARKOWSKA**, Ganna Walska's devoted secretary for the last 20 years of her life, passed away this January. Her family, long-time Lotusland friends, past staff members who worked with her, and many others whose lives she touched remember her with fondness and will miss her presence.

Born in Yorkshire, Patricia studied ballet as a child and when older became an assistant to prima ballerina Dame Margot Fonteyn. As a young mother married to a Polish pilot she lived in Pakistan, Burma, and New Zealand before coming to Santa Barbara at the invitation of friends. Answering an ad for a part-time secretary, she arrived at Lotusland and was immediately put to work. During her first few years, she was helpful in the negotiations to transfer the Théâtre

des Champs Élysées to the French government, as well as other business and garden-related management. Despite the rumors she had heard that Madame Walska could be difficult to work for, Patricia became more than hired help and for the last few years of Madame's life became her dedicated caregiver.

Over the years since Madame Walska's death in 1984, many people have spent time sorting through the boxes of papers, correspondence, and photographs, which Lotusland's founder left to the organization, but initially the task was undertaken by Patricia. She sorted through much of this material, labeling boxes and envelopes, and conducting research on what she found. Before her retirement in 1992, Patricia aided the Board of Trustees during their initial efforts to secure permits and open the Garden to the public.

Her friends of 30 years remember how much she enjoyed her own garden, going out for lunch, taking walks and drinking Yorkshire tea, her favorite.

For the selfless commitment she demonstrated while a part of Madame Walska's life and her allegiance to the organization and the Garden, Lotusland honors the memory of Patricia Tarkowska. —Rose Thomas



## BIRD SPECIES SEEN AT LOTUSLAND

### Morning Birdwalk for Members

Every January a small group of very fortunate Members experience the *Morning Birdwalk at Lotusland*. The morning tour focuses on seeing as many bird 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. In January Lotusland Research Associate, Jeff Chemnick, Satie Airamé, and a group of birders identified 27 species of birds in the Garden. Throughout the years, we have identified 86 different bird species at Lotusland. Keep an eye out for these feathered friends on your next visit.

**1.** Great Egret (*Ardea alba Ardeidae*) **2.** Barn Owl (*Tyto alba Tytonidae*) **3.** Band-tailed Pigeon (*Patagioenas fasciata Columbidae*) **4.** Mourning Dove (*Zenaida macroura Columbidae*) **5.** Anna's Hummingbird (*Calypte anna Trochilidae*) **6.** Selasphorus Hummingbird **7.** Belted Kingfisher (*Megasceryle alcyon Alcedinidae*) **8.** Acorn Woodpecker (*Melanerpes formicivorus Picidae*) **9.** Nuttall's Woodpecker (*Dryobates nuttallii Picidae*) **10.** Black Phoebe (*Sayornis nigricans Tyrannidae*) **11.** California Scrub Jay (*Aphelocoma californica Corvidae*) **12.** American Crow (*Corvus brachyrhynchos Corvidae*) **13.** Oak Titmouse (*Baeolophus inornatus Paridae*) **14.** Bewick's Wren (*Thryomanes bewickii Troglodytidae*) **15.** Ruby-crowned Kinglet (heard) (*Regulus calendula Regulidae*) **16.** American Robin (*Turdus migratorius Turdidae*) **17.** European Starling (*Sturnus vulgaris Sturnidae*) **18.** Orange-crowned Warbler (*Leiothlypis celata Parulidae*) **19.** Townsend's Warbler (*Setophaga townsendi Parulidae*) **20.** Yellow-rumped Warbler (Audubon's) (*Setophaga coronata Parulidae*) **21.** Common Yellowthroat (*Geothlypis trichas Parulidae*) **22.** Spotted Towhee (*Pipilo maculatus Passerellidae*) **23.** California Towhee (*Melospiza crissalis Passerellidae*) **24.** Golden-crowned Sparrow (*Zonotrichia atricapilla Passerellidae*) **25.** Song Sparrow (*Melospiza melodia Passerellidae*) **26.** Dark-eyed Junco (*Junco hyemalis Passerellidae*) **27.** Lesser Goldfinch (*Spinus psaltria Fringillidae*)



Great Egret



Anna's Hummingbird



Acorn Woodpecker



Black Phoebe



Oak Titmouse



American Robin



American Crow



Barn Owl

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December 2019, January and February 2020

## THE LOTUS SOCIETY

### NEW MEMBERS

Diana & Leland Walmsley  
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**We welcome new Members who joined in December 2019,  
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- Your reservation will specify an arrival time; 9:15, 9:30 or 9:45 for morning visits and 1:15, 1:30 or 1:45 for afternoons. Your punctuality is an important part of our new safety protocol.
- You will have two hours to spend in the Garden following your scheduled arrival time.
- Face coverings are required when you are in the Garden as per the State of California requirements.
- Maintain at least a six-foot distance to any visitors, Garden Attendants, staff, or others not in your household.
- Garden Attendants are present throughout Lotusland for your safety.
- Garden Attendants are there to provide directions and help with emergencies.
- Water fountains and water refill stations are closed.
- Visitor Center restrooms are sanitized daily.
- Hand sanitizer dispensers are located near handrails and is for sale in the Garden Shop.
- If you need assistance please call the Kiosk 805.565.4489 or ask a Garden Attendant.
- Use your phone camera or a QR reader app to access informational signage throughout the gardens.
- The County of Santa Barbara will allow us to stay open as long as we continue to adhere to these safety practices.
- If a garden space or pathway appears occupied, please take a different route.
- Please respect and follow all directional signage and stay on the pathways.
- If you have any symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, cough, shortness of breath) you will be required to reschedule your visit.

**Reservations**  
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## Introducing Quick Response Signs



There are new signs throughout Lotusland that display Quick Response (QR) codes you are able to scan with the camera on your smart phone. This leads you to in-depth plant information on our website. We encourage you to test this self-guiding technology using this example before your next visit to the Garden.