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## LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

Over 121 million people visit public gardens in the United States every year. While Ganna Walska Lotusland is a cultural asset with unparalleled living collections and unrivaled beauty, it is perhaps the most private public garden anywhere.



Our operational permit with the County of Santa Barbara allows just 15,000 people each year to experience this botanical nirvana. Part of what makes a visit to Lotusland special is its intimacy and connection to nature, without interference from droves of guests.

Despite restrictions, we are dedicated to providing access to Lotusland. We have a strong commitment to supporting and subsidizing these visits whenever possible. Whether we are welcoming school aged children, college students or nonprofit partners, we are motivated to share the Garden as a community resource.

Like our visitor base, the Lotusland community is enriched by its diversity. A complex ecosystem of people keeps the Garden healthy and accessible. Volunteers help care for the collections and guide and inform guests while protecting the property. Staff are for the Garden, operate our programs, and keep daily operations run smoothly. Trustees provide governance and build community support. Generous donors provide the resources to make all this possible.

In these troubled times much of the world's population lives in a state of disconnection from one another and from nature. Lotusland offers an antidote to this malaise with our network of people and plants working in a natural landscape to cultivate this shared, precious resource. Our mission is to preserve and enhance this treasured botanical garden and estate together as a connected community enterprise.

I hope you will join us!

Sincerely,

Rebecca Anderson  
Executive Director

#### 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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ONE OF THE BEST PLANT GROUPS ON DISPLAY

## Bromeliads

**THE BROMELIACEAE** (the bromeliads) are a family of monocot flowering plants native mainly to the tropical Americas, with several species found in the American subtropics. Bromeliads are ornamental, both for their unique foliage and flowers, with innumerable hybrids and cultivars. This diverse plant group contains over 3,000 species and can be found growing from sea level to over 14,000 feet and from the tropics to deserts.

The bromeliad collection at Lotusland is arguably one of our best displays of any plant group in the Garden. Recently we completed an inventory of the Bromeliaceae, thanks to the dedication of Assistant Curator Anna Bower aided by the expertise and decades of experience of volunteers Bob and Ginny Guess. This monumental task was achieved with their shared vision, hard work and tenacity. Bob and Ginny write:

***"Anna's completed inventory of the Bromeliaceae at Lotusland is an outstanding documentation of this family of plants at the Garden. It far exceeds any expectation of the final outcome that we had when she started this project. She not only compiled a massive amount of data, she carefully scrutinized each species to determine if it had been properly identified. It was a mammoth task that she took on with determination, skill and dedication. We have yearned for such a record and baseline from the very first days we started in the Bromeliad Gardens nearly 17 years ago. We are delighted that the observations we have made over those years were not in vain and in some small way were useful to her project. A job well done!"***





AN ADVENTUROUS AND ABUNDANT SPIRIT

# A Tribute to Hania Tallmadge

By Rose Thomas, Lotusland Research Associate

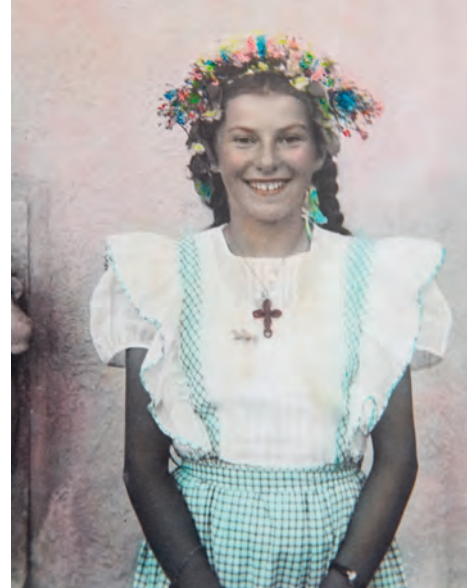
CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Hania in the cutting garden at Lotusland, c. 1950. Hania's 14th birthday party at Lotusland, 1947. Hania on horseback, c. 1947.

**AS OUR LAST NEWSLETTER** was going to print, we learned of the passing of Hania Tallmadge, Madame Ganna Walska's niece and a Lotusland legend. We have gathered some favorite anecdotes to celebrate Hania's adventurous and abundant spirit.

Hania, her father Leon and mother Marysia Puacz immigrated to California from their native Poland in 1947. Thanks

to years of effort by Madame Ganna Walska and her lawyers, they obtained visas and passports and left their war-ravaged country to live in peace and comfort at Lotusland.

Although Ganna Walska loved children, she never had any of her own and considered Hania a surrogate daughter. Hania attended the Montecito School for Girls on the beautiful grounds of Casa



*Dorinda*. Upon her arrival, she spoke no English, but within a few short years she mastered the language and graduated at the top of her class as Salutatorian. "My aunt insisted that I would be fluent in French, so I had daily conversations with her French secretary Mademoiselle Marquette."

Summers were Hania's favorite time. She recalled, "We swam every day in the summer at 11 a.m., followed by lunch on the Geranium Terrace." The Fern



Garden pool was built shortly after her family's arrival so that Hania could learn to swim. Montecito School for Girls also nurtured cultural activities and sports that appealed to Hania. She had a love of horseback riding, sailing and art, even exhibiting with other students at the Santa Barbara Museum of Art.

Hania shared, "My aunt was crazy about going to the theater. Four or five seats, front row, left and side were reserved for my aunt for any performances given at the Lobero, Granada or Fox theaters. She liked going to the master classes given by Lottie Lehman at the Music Academy. I was included in all the above, always in evening dresses, furs and theater coats, and my aunt would check if I had all my best jewelry on."

Other recollections from Hania's high school years were drives to Beverly Hills with Madame Walska, shopping, lunching at Romanoff's, fashion shows at designer Adrian's showroom and getting the autographs of movie stars — Hania was, as she said, "star struck."



Hania and friend.  
Santa Barbara Harbor, c. 1950s.

On December 20, 1953, Hania and her parents received an early Christmas present by becoming naturalized citizens. In an interview several years ago, Hania remembered how much it meant to them. While they were proud of being Polish, American citizenship meant the world to her family. In a newspaper clipping, her father is quoted as saying he was, "happy beyond words to be an American."

After graduating from Scripps College with a degree in International Relations, Hania was engaged to Mark Bacon who she met at Pomona College. One of her fondest memories was their wedding reception at Lotusland in 1957.

"It was a beautiful day on the lawn. I threw my bouquet from the second story balcony to the patio below and we were driven away by Troy, my aunt's chauffeur, in an open Cadillac convertible to a spray of rice, down the main driveway and off to a honeymoon in Hawaii." Sadly, Mark Bacon died at age 25, three years after their wedding, leaving Hania a widow with a young son.

She stayed in Montecito, and later married prominent attorney Harold C. Tallmadge. Harold is credited with saving the Lotusland Foundation when he discovered that the foundation had lapsed and needed to be renewed. Lotusland has since become a nonprofit public charity. This was of vital consequence to Lotusland and its opening to the public in 1993. Harold and Hania lived in Montecito and traveled the world for years, until his death in 1989.

Hania served the community by sitting on boards such as the Santa Barbara Museum of Art and the Santa Barbara Historical Society, and continued to participate in activities and generously support Lotusland throughout her lifetime. Her experiences with and



Easter, Polish style. Madame Walska, Hania, and friends, c. 1957.

knowledge of her aunt and the garden made her the go-to person to fact check stories and legends about its history. The archives at Lotusland would not exist without Hania's contributions of keepsakes, funds and memorabilia.

Bob Craig, Lotusland's marketing director from 2013-2021, and I worked closely with Hania during the preparation of her book, *Ganna Walska—Portraits of an Era*, published in 2019. She researched the artists, people and places that were a part of Madame Walska's life story and along with her personal recollections, created the book as a love letter to her aunt. She fondly acknowledged Ganna Walska's influence on her and expressed her deep appreciation for the quality of life that she and her family enjoyed because of her aunt. Hania continued this family tradition with a generous bequest to the Garden's endowment to maintain the tradition of a lasting and secure Lotusland legacy.

Hania was considered a celebrity at Lotusland. Although she was shy and did not like being singled out at large gatherings as Madame Walska's niece, in smaller groups or one-on-one, she relished sharing experiences about her aunt and her life at Lotusland.

Words cannot express how much Hania will be missed — her astonishing smile, compassionate heart, and melodic voice will live on in our hearts.

# Horticultural Happenings

## WATER WISE GARDENING AT LOTUSLAND

**BECOMING MORE MINDFUL** of water use and practicing sustainable horticulture is imperative to maintaining a healthy environment that supports all life, including ours. As drought conditions are becoming the norm, these sustainable gardening practices are critical to maintaining a lush, interesting and healthy garden.

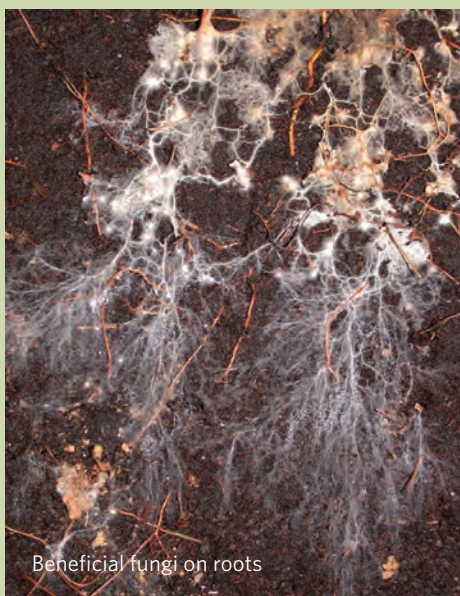
The gardens of Lotusland continue to thrive despite significant dry periods. Drought conditions are the new normal due to the real impacts of long-term shifts in temperatures and changing weather patterns. Lotusland's plant healthcare techniques help to maintain the vitality of our exotic and diverse plant collections. Here are some of Lotusland's drought strategies you can apply at home:



Build organic soil

### THE SOIL

The key to your success is all in the soil. Use compost, mulch and organic fertilizers to build your soil for plant and garden longevity. Loose, moisture retentive soil that is full of worms creates the best possible condition for plants to thrive. Plants do not appear to be slow growing when you see the rich green foliage at Lotusland, but slow and strong organically fertilized growth is far superior to the rapid growth that might be possible with chemical fertilizers. When you compare organic soil with soil that has been chemically fertilized, the chemical soil is dry, cracked, hard and lifeless. Plants wilt easily and have pest issues under the chemical regime, because the soil is stressed.



Beneficial fungi on roots

### THE ROOTS

Abundant soil ecology thrives at Lotusland. Most of the plants in the gardens use half the water of similar plants elsewhere, mainly because of their extensive, healthy root systems that are better at capturing water. Even when plants wilt in extreme heat, we see complete recovery when the weather cools. Symbiotic relationships in the soil between roots, beneficial fungi, and bacteria make the root system 100 times more effective. Mulch your garden, gently fertilize if needed, amend with compost, and over time you will start enjoying the benefits of improved soil biology and healthy plants.



Succulent Garden at Lotusland

### PLANT CHOICE

Select a ratio of sustainable plants to those that need a higher degree of care. Several of Lotusland's gardens are comprised entirely of succulents (Dunlap Cactus, euphorbia, aloe), and other areas include an array of drought tolerant plants. Many areas on our property are home to drought tolerant native habitat plantings surrounding their perimeter for screening. Our commitment to optimal growing conditions allows Lotusland to grow a larger variety of plants more sustainably every year.

While our aesthetic goal is to make the garden lush and vibrant, high input plants (roses, ferns, begonias) make up only a small part of Lotusland's total living collections. These plants receive extra attention to make them as efficient as possible. Sustainable plantings make up roughly 75% of Lotusland's total plants.

**Align your practices with nature and with the local ecology, pick plants carefully, and improve conditions in your soil through composting, mulching, and using only safe organic fertilizers for best results.**

*Corey Welles, Manager of Sustainability*



# Save the Cycads

By Paul Mills, Director of Conservation and Curator of the Living Collections

**AS WE FINISH PHASE ONE** of the *Save the Cycads* remediation efforts, we must acknowledge that our immense success on this project would not have been possible without the support of our generous donors. What started out as a worst-case scenario with our most important plant collection being attacked by a fungus has turned into an opportunity to not only greatly improve the design and access of the garden but to expand and improve the collection.

The initial area to be excavated in search of *Armillaria* (oak root fungus) host material – buried tree stumps and roots – expanded significantly once the project began and ultimately 130 individual plants were removed and inspected. Of those, about 80 showed different levels of infection, and after being excised of infected tissue and harvesting many offshoots, those plants turned into more than 260 pieces, many of which are already re-rooting in the “cycad hospital” hoop house. A good example is one large clump of *Ceratozamia kuesteriana*, a critically endangered Mexican cycad that was turned into 20 plants, giving us the opportunity to share material with other botanical institutions. After the *Armillaria* host material was removed, an intricate network of subterranean and surface drains was installed, and beds were rebuilt with a sandy, fast draining soil and partially replanted with uninfected plants. As the previously infected, but now clean, cycad “cuttings” re-root they will be reintroduced to the new *Armillaria* free beds.

The Cycad Remediation Committee and our staff partnered with Derrik Eichelberger of Arcadia Studio to rethink the design and layout of the garden. After months of careful planning, about 650 feet of pathway was regraded and widened to assure wheelchair accessibility, three pathway nodes were expanded and we incorporated a new gathering area and garden overlook above what is known as “Horridus Hill,” where the blue *Encephalartos spp.* are found.

By June, the garden will be fully reopened but not completely re-planted. Some areas are being intentionally left open for the return of recovered plants, and this time gives us the opportunity to think about possible companion plantings, not only for aesthetics but for improved soil health.

We continue to raise funds to address other areas with buried eucalyptus stumps that could cause future *Armillaria* flare-ups. Phase two will require significant funds. Gifts are gratefully accepted for this work. For more information or to make a gift, contact me or Patricia Sadeghian, Director of Development.

Lotusland is simultaneously a historic garden and a work in progress, and we have plans for continued improvements such as reinstating a defunct pathway along the south side of the garden and creating a much-needed gathering area southeast of the pond to more comfortably admire the three towering specimens of *Encephalartos woodii*.



Enormous *Encephalartos natalensis* being replanted.



Two different species of *Ceratozamia* re-rooted in the cycad hospital.

**Thank you to these generous contributors without whom this project would not have been possible.**

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House Finch



Common Yellowthroat

## FOR THE BIRDS

# A Beautiful Soundscape

By Nicole Evans, PhD, Director of Visitor Services and Public Programs

### THE LANDSCAPES OF LOTUSLAND

are sweetened daily by the soundscape of birdsong. To date, 86 species of birds have been observed in the gardens, their numbers and behaviors fluctuating with the changing seasons.

Spring brings a profusion of courtship songs and rituals; Common Yellowthroats can be heard in the Water Garden singing a distinctive song they are known to repeat persistently, patiently awaiting an interested female. Male Anna's Hummingbirds can sometimes be seen doing their three-part dance for love. He swoops back and forth in front of the female, then zips way up into the sky. The finale is a dramatic dive that can reach 60 miles per hour, making a loud squeak as he descends, which researchers have recently discovered comes from wind through his tail feathers.

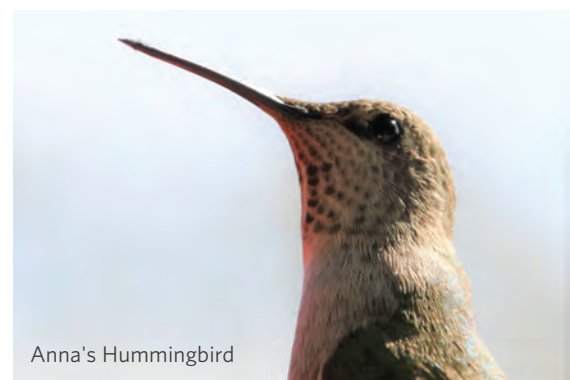
Winter brings many species of sparrows and waterfowl who flock to the region for the mild climate; During these

months, White-crowned and Golden-crowned Sparrows are frequently observed in the Theatre Garden foraging in the grasses near the African boxwood hedges (*Myrsine africana*). They look for seeds and insects using a unique foraging technique they share with Towhees, a two-footed backwards scratch and hop. Hooded Mergansers visit the Japanese Garden Reflecting Pond, diving for small fish and aquatic insects, while Orange-crowned Warblers frequent the Aloe Garden to feed on nectar from the aloes' winter-blooming flowers.

On the hot days of summer, many birds hide and become quiet during the heat of the day, but come to life during the cooler hours. Summer is a great time to spot birds fluffing and preening as they enjoy taking a cooling bath in Lotusland's fountains. Some birds have multiple broods a year and the summer continues to be a good time to watch young nestlings grow into fledglings. Amidst the gardens of Lotusland, birds are living their best lives.

Native plants are key to our avian diversity. Many birds depend on the fruits and seeds of native plants. For example, Acorn Woodpeckers at Lotusland depend on the acorns from our native coast live oaks. Native plants also host large numbers of insects for birds to consume. Many people are familiar with the host plant specialization of milkweed (*Asclepias* spp.) and monarchs, but there are many other native insects that require particular plants to survive. These relationships are important to the functioning of the ecosystem and are a key to keeping insect cycles synced

PHOTOS: Nicole Evans



Anna's Hummingbird





Hooded Merganser



Green Heron  
PHOTO: Nicole Evans

up with the birds who have evolved to match these rhythms. Lotusland has organic insectaries and has been strategically placing habitat hedgerows around the property, made entirely of California native plants, for 27 years. Our hope is that other estates follow suit and incorporate native species as part of a garden's grand design. Alongside the dramatic displays of euphorbias, aloes, cycads, and other exotic plants of Lotusland are nestled an amazing 275 plant taxa native to California.

Organic gardening keeps our feathered friends healthy. Pesticides kill more than pests. When birds eat insects laden with pesticide, they too become poisoned. Nearly all birds are under threat. Even species who subsist on fruit and seeds most of the year tend to incorporate a healthy diet of insects during the spring when extra protein and fat are needed for making eggs and feeding young hatchlings. The link between pesticides and bird health is what Rachel Carson wrote about in *Silent Spring*, warning that their continued use might lead to springs without the beauty of birdsong. Lotusland is proud to be pesticide-free, opting for more ecologically sound ways of managing the gardens and protecting the beauty of birdsong. The birds contribute to this approach, consuming many garden pests. A recent study estimated birds collectively eat more than 400 million tons of insects each year. Ecological gardening is for the plants and for the birds, as well as for all of us!

## SEASON OF DISCOVERY Warby Parker Partners with Lotusland to Promote Birding

*To promote beneficial landscapes and habitat to help restore the threatened bird populations, Warby Parker has joined with Lotusland to help guests experience the abundant avian life in the garden.*

This summer, Warby Parker, the premier eyewear brand, brings a new level of sight and exploration at Lotusland. Visitors will receive complementary *Birdoculars* with a *Birds of Lotusland* guide to make every visit a bird walk.

Healthy landscapes include birds. Birds need native plants to maintain healthy population levels. Lotusland creates a life filled habitat and a safe haven for plants and birds.

From July 25 through our 2022 season in November, guests will receive a free pair of *Birdoculars* with each reservation upon arrival.

This season, BIRD is the word at Lotusland.







Left to right: Lisa Romerein, Photographer; Caroline Thompson, Jane Seymour and Anne Smith Towbes, Honorary Co-Chairs



Valerie Rice, Erik Nickel, Michael Loftis and friend

## LAUNCH PARTY A Publishing Milestone

In a gathering of community, on Saturday May 21, 275 guests joined to venerate the publication of the coveted new book, *LOTUSLAND, Eccentric Garden Paradise*.

Honorary Co-Chairs, actress Jane Seymour and community volunteer and philanthropist Anne Smith Towbes spoke to the importance of preserving the legacy of historic gardens and the people who protect and grow these cultural gems. Director of Conservation and Curator of the Living Collections, Paul Mills, relayed the tales of the making of the book. Lisa Romerein signed books for guests as they wandered the Garden, enjoyed a luncheon on the Lawn, and explored Ganna Walska's scrapbooks and a selection of specimen plants artfully displayed in an outdoor gallery.

Special thanks to event sponsors Babcock Winery, Montecito Bank & Trust and Santa Barbara Magazine.

PHOTOS: Isaac Hernandez

## INSPIRING *LOTUSLAND*, the Book

*LOTUSLAND*, the book captures the unique beauty of the gardens. It highlights the vast diversity of the plant collections, while touching on their global importance. This long-awaited book was conceived by current and former Trustees Dorothy Gardner, Suzanne Mathews, Alexandra Morse and Marc Appleton, to share the garden with a wider audience. The book is available at fine booksellers everywhere, including Lotusland's Garden Shop.

*Botanic gardens have always played an important role in the conservation of plants, the vital group of organisms that are crucial for our existence and that of the planet. LOTUSLAND will not only inspire its audience by highlighting the immense diversity that exists within the plant kingdom but will raise awareness of the need to protect this fragile resource at every opportunity.*

— PAUL MILLS, DIRECTOR OF CONSERVATION AND CURATOR OF THE LIVING COLLECTION



Emcee and Trustee, Caroline Thompson with Ginni Dreier, Honorary Council and Lesley Cunningham, Board President



Paul Mills, Director of Conservation and Curator of the Living Collections, delivers Keynote





## MEMBERSHIP

# Reservations and Garden Access

### MEMBERSHIP

Membership has never been more important to steward our horticulture, education and historic preservation. Members receive priority access for all tour dates.

If you are interested in supporting the Garden while discovering Lotusland's horticultural splendor, behind-the-scenes tours, lectures and receptions, and deepening your support of our mission, consider becoming a Garden Lover Member.

#### **Membership has its privileges!**

To join, please contact Shannon Grant at [sgrant@lotusland.org](mailto:sgrant@lotusland.org) for more information.

### PRIORITY ACCESS FOR MEMBERS

The Garden has experienced unprecedented demand since opening for the 2022 season. Please keep in mind, Lotusland is a public garden in a residential neighborhood and operates under strict limitations set by the County of Santa Barbara. Due to limited yearly visitation (15,000 per year for all Members' visits, events and public programs), we recommend you make reservations 3-4 weeks in advance of your desired visit date.

Tickets are currently available through August. Our next ticket release will be for September and October 2022.

Save the date of Tuesday, July 19 for the Fall 2022 advance release of tickets for Members (General Admission tickets are released on August 2).

### NEW: ONLINE RESERVATIONS

Check availability and make your reservation through our new online **reservations portal: [lotusland.org/visit](https://lotusland.org/visit)**.

To activate your membership benefits and receive discounted pricing, please log into the reservations portal with your email or Member ID (found on your digital membership card).

#### **We can't wait to see you in the Garden!**

*While priority reservations are available for current Members, membership does not guarantee garden access when capacity is reached according to our daily limitations imposed by Santa Barbara County. Plan in advance of your visit for the best availability, especially in the popular spring and summer months, for best success of booking your desired dates.*



# LOTUSLAND CELEBRATES BIRDSONG

This year's LOTUSLAND CELEBRATES  
gala will soar beyond your wildest imagination!

**On Saturday, July 23 from 3:30 until 8:00 PM**

*Lotusland Celebrates: Birdsong* will be a multi-sensory event featuring  
craft cocktails, curated wines, gourmet meal and live music.

A surprise musical performance will enliven the Gardens with ambient music and  
sonic vibrations. Discover birding in the biodiverse habitat of Lotusland with gifted  
Birdoculars by Warby Parker.

Watch for the Lotusland Celebrates online auction to launch in mid-July.

Visit [lotuslandcelebrates.org](https://lotuslandcelebrates.org) to reserve your table or to sponsor the event.

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Merryl Brown, *Lotusland Trustee*  
Mary Ta

**ACROSS CALIFORNIA** and around the world, bird populations have been ravaged by fire  
and drought, with some habitats losing more than 40 percent of their species, according to  
studies in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Drawing inspiration from Grammy Award winning music supervisor Randall Poster's *For the  
Birds: The Birdsong Project* with creative consultation by Merryl Brown and Mary Ta, we come  
together for an event in the Garden to raise awareness of bird conservation across the nation.

Poster is collaborating with Lotusland in the West and the Brooklyn Botanic Garden in the  
East for inspiring summer events and programs.



## SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

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Lotusland relies on its vital sponsors of Lotusland Celebrates to provide a foundation of operating support. Along with a substantial tax deduction, sponsors receive benefits corresponding to their gift level.

### **CALIFORNIA CONDOR • \$50,000**

#### **Private Experience for Twenty (1 available)**

- Host a private party within the party — This is your opportunity for a private dining experience for 20 at a beautifully set table in the wilds of the Olive Allée - one of Lotusland's most iconic garden spaces
  - Your experience will include a gourmet picnic dinner, a dedicated bartender and full bar access, and spectacular wine pairings by Domaine Serene
  - Sponsor gifts for event host and guests
  - Local transportation to the Motor Court for table host to and from event
  - Ten VIP parking passes for table host and guests
  - Two tickets for the Patron Party on Thursday, July 21, hosted by Rosewood Miramar Beach
  - Reserved tables near the main bar during cocktail hour
  - Special recognition from the stage and in the event invitation, website, and event program, and on social channels as desired
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### **GREAT BLUE HERON • \$25,000**

#### **Sponsored Table for Twelve**

- Choose between placement on the Great Lawn or in a private Garden location
- Priority placement for you and your guests at a beautifully styled table for twelve with an elegant picnic dinner and spectacular wine pairings
- Four VIP parking passes
- Two tickets for the Patron Party on Thursday, July 21, hosted by Rosewood Miramar Beach
- Sponsor gift for event host and guests
- Reserved lounge seating during cocktail hour
- Optional recognition on social channels and in the event invitation, website, and event program

### **NORTHERN MOCKINGBIRD • \$20,000**

#### **Sponsored Table for Ten**

- Choose between table placement on the Great Lawn or availability in a private Garden location
- Preferred placement for beautifully styled table for ten with an elegant picnic dinner and spectacular wine pairings
- Three VIP parking passes for event host and two guests
- Sponsor gift for table host
- Two tickets for the Patron Party on Thursday, July 21, hosted by Rosewood Miramar Beach
- Recognition in the event invitation, website, and event program. Optional recognition on social channels

### **YELLOW WARBLER • \$15,000**

#### **Sponsored Table for Eight**

- A beautifully styled table on the Great Lawn for eight with an elegant picnic dinner and spectacular wine pairings
  - One VIP parking pass for event host
  - Sponsor gift for table host
  - Two tickets for the Patron Party on Thursday, July 21, hosted by Rosewood Miramar Beach
  - Recognition in the event invitation, website, and event program
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### **AMERICAN GOLDFINCH • \$10,000**

#### **Table for Eight**

- A beautifully styled table on the Great Lawn for eight with an elegant picnic dinner and spectacular wine pairings
- Table host appreciation gift
- Two tickets for the Patron Party on Thursday, July 21, hosted by Rosewood Miramar Beach
- Recognition in the event invitation, website, and event program

### **ANNA'S HUMMINGBIRD • \$3,000**

#### **Two Individual Sponsor Tickets**

- Preferred seating for two on the Great Lawn with an elegant picnic dinner and spectacular wine pairings
- One VIP parking pass
- Special gift of appreciation
- Recognition in the event invitation, website, and event program

### **GENERAL ADMISSION TICKETS**

will be released in late June, space permitting. To be notified of their release contact [lotuslandcelebrates@lotusland.org](mailto:lotuslandcelebrates@lotusland.org) or 805.969.3767, ext. 122.



## TAX-WISE IDEAS

# Charitable Gifting in 2022

**LOTUSLAND**, a 501(c)3 nonprofit, is grateful for and relies upon generous charitable gifts to maintain our rare plant collections, programs and sustainable gardens. Below are gifting possibilities to consider that minimize IRS limitations for current gift rules:

**GIFTING REAL ESTATE.** With real estate at record levels, this would be an optimal time to consider gifting real estate to Lotusland. Gain a sizeable tax deduction now or in your estate plan.

**GIFTS OF STOCK.** Gifting highly appreciated securities from your portfolio to Lotusland avoids taxes on selling and you receive a substantial tax deduction, subject to limitations.

**IRA GIFTS.** If you're 70.5 or older, consider gifting part or all your annual RMD (required minimum distribution) amount to Lotusland and avoiding taxes on the distribution. Doing so is not tax-deductible, but you eliminate the tax on the RMD.

**BUNCHING GIFTS.** Bunch your gifts every two to three years to overcome the standard deduction amounts in one particular year. Instead of gifting \$10,000 or more a year, consider gifting \$30,000 or more once every two to three years to increase the portion of your gift that is deductible.

**WE ARE VERY THANKFUL** for your generous cash gifts, donor-advised funds gifts (DAF), endowment gifts, recurring gifts automated monthly from your bank account to provide Lotusland with a steady, consistent and dependable stream of revenue.

*Consult your tax-preparer, CPA and/or estate attorney about the benefits of gifting in your individual situation.*



Rebecca Anderson with members Sally and Curt Coughlin



Peggy Wiley, Lotus Society Chair



Alex Geremia greets guests



Members, Jill Taylor and

## MEMBERS GATHERING *The Lotus Society*

**MEMBERS OF THE LOTUS SOCIETY** gathered on Sunday, April 24 for a spectacular day at the extraordinary 600-acre St. Francis Ranch and Garden in the Santa Ynez Valley foothills.

As a special thank you to our *Lotus Society* members. Guests took shuttles to the Ranch for a tour of the magnificent private gardens followed by a festive Santa Maria-style barbecue.

We are delighted to welcome these new members:

Gregory Dahlen III  
Roger and Julie Davis  
Tom Farr and Diane Evans  
Sheri Fults  
Catherine E. Lee  
Mindy Miller  
Ed and Connie Wernet

We are incredibly grateful for our generous venue host, Alex Geremia, and our event sponsor, American Riviera Bank.

To learn more about joining the *Lotus Society*, please contact Marian St. James, Leadership and Legacy Gift Officer at 805.969.3767 ext. 106, or [mstjames@lotusland.org](mailto:mstjames@lotusland.org).



## WISH LIST

### Advance Lotusland's Mission



#### **Enhanced Security Equipment • \$25,000**

Lotusland is increasing its technology and infrastructure to increase security for the safety of the collections and property. Plant theft is spurred

by a growing black market for rare or popular plants. The enhanced security service will protect the contents of the Gardens and grounds with state of the art technology and regular surveillance.



#### **Refillable Water Bottle Stations • \$10,000 Each (Three available)**

Filtered water bottle filling stations will serve as an alternative to plastic water bottles through encouraging the use of tap water and making safe, healthy water free and accessible. As an extremely effective solution for clean, sustainable water in refillable containers, it's no wonder why bottle filling stations are becoming so popular.

Help Lotusland eliminate single use water bottles by sponsoring a refillable station in the Garden or at the Visitor Center.



#### **Lighting and Digitizer for Archival Preservation • \$12,000**

The Archives have many culturally and historically important collections that require digital documentation

through hi-resolution photography, scanning and cataloging. Lotusland needs new equipment to preserve our non-living collections, such as Madame Walska's scrapbooks, memorabilia, receipts, correspondence and paper documents and print photos, which are vulnerable to deterioration.

#### **Curation Department Professional Development • \$5,000**



**American  
Public Gardens  
Association**

Help Lotusland's curators attend the American Public Garden Association annual conference.

Here they will enrich the partnerships, established and emerging, between gardens for the cultivation, security, and betterment of our planet and our future. During the pandemic, Lotusland's travel and conference funds for professional development were suspended. This summer, Lotusland's curation team is heading to Portland, OR to meet an incredible cadre of botanic garden colleagues to propel the field forward.

#### **Vehicle Donations**



You can donate your used vehicle to Lotusland by visiting [careasy.org](http://careasy.org) or call

855.500.RIDE and the CARS Vehicle Donor Support Team will walk you through the donation over the phone and arrange for your free pick-up. Donating eliminates the costs and hassles associated with selling a car. Vehicle donations are tax-deductible, and you reduce your taxable income when taxes are itemized. Donating your car to Lotusland feels good and makes a difference.

**We are gratefully accepting donations of any size to support these projects. TO DONATE, please call, 805.969.3767, ext. 104.**





## CURRENT IMPROVEMENTS Visitor Center

Lotusland's Visitor Center welcomes guests before they encounter our themed gardens, and serves as a rest stop as they depart. Docent-led tours are conducted daily during our open season, originating beyond the Visitor Center and adjacent Garden Shop.

With a generous capital grant from past President and Trustee Connie Flowers Percy, we are embarking on improvements to offer much needed shade and a new bricked patio for more functionality and durability. Improvements including signage, seating and a new refillable water bottle station (see Wish List on page 15) to eliminate single use plastics. We aim to have this project completed by fall of 2022.

The project has been influenced by archival George Washington Smith decorative details on a new shade structure to make guests and volunteers more comfortable as they gather for tours.

Architect Anthony Grumbine serves as Chairman of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, and fellow Trustee Geoff Crane are envisioning and creating this important project.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Tuesday, June 21**

**5:30-6:30 PM**

**ONLINE**

**Lessons from Lotusland:  
Madame Ganna Walska  
in Paris with Rose  
Thomas**

**JOIN US** for *Lessons from Lotusland*, our ongoing series of virtual lectures. Get an inside glimpse into the Garden, the collections, its operations and its creators. Be sure to have your questions ready for the Q&A.

Lotusland Research Associate, Rose Thomas recently traveled to Paris to visit the places associated with Madame Ganna Walska during her residency there in the 1920s - 1930s. Join us as Rose presents an overview of the trip, her research into Ganna Walska's country chateau, and how Ganna Walska's experiences in France influenced what she created at Lotusland.

*Free with online registration. See details or reserve your space at [Lotusland.org/events](https://lotusland.org/events).*



**Saturday, June 18**

**Saturday, August 20**

**Saturday, September 10**

**2:00 - 4:30 PM**

**Al Fresco Picnics on the  
Great Lawn at Lotusland**

**PACK YOUR BLANKET**, a basket of goodies, and a lawn chair, and claim your spot under the oaks for a relaxing musical afternoon in the Garden.

**Book Online!**

[lotusland.org/events](https://lotusland.org/events)

*Price is \$50 for Members and \$75 for non-members. Space is limited. Bring your own picnic (alcohol is allowed) and we will provide the ambiance!*





A sampling of plants from previous auctions

## EXCEPTIONAL PLANTS Lotusland Auction and Sale

By Paul Mills, Director of Conservation and Curator of the Living Collections

**WHERE ELSE BUT LOTUSLAND** would you be able to purchase an *Encephalartos trispinosus* hybrid, and an even rarer one that's crossed with *Encephalartos woodii*? Over the last 10 years, the *Exceptional Plants: Lotusland Auction and Sale* has evolved into a signature event, gathering keen gardeners, landscape architects, plant experts, collectors and plant lovers to share an amazing day at Lotusland. We work behind-the-scenes for the entire year to make this event measure up to its name, and the offerings are indeed *Exceptional Plants*.

The success is due to the passionate plant people involved, from guests and donors to our dedicated staff and volunteers. We could not produce this event without the *Exceptional Plants* committee, comprised of renowned local plant experts who not only donate their time, but also donate special plants for the auction. And they reach out to attract people they know who share our zeal for incredible plants.

One of Lotusland's professional affiliates, Jeff Hemnick, chairs the committee and serves as auctioneer. Jeff rites,

"I'm thrilled to have been involved with Lotusland's rare plant auction since its inception 10 years ago. The botanical camaraderie, the chance to acquire fabulous specimens, the great plant party, and knowing that it benefits Lotusland is very gratifying. The *Exceptional Plants* event really is a who's who in the world of cutting-edge horticulture."

Additional committee members include Cristi Walden, Randy Baldwin, Robert Bett and Mike Tully. Cristi is an amazing ambassador for this event and for Lotusland. Manager of Seacrest Nursery, Cristi donates generously to *Exceptional Plants*, stating "Lotusland is where my heart lies."

Randy, President and General Manager of San Marcos Growers wholesale nursery, is an integral part of this event and always donates something exceptional and unique.

Robert is owner and CEO of PlantHaven International, a company that markets plants for some of the largest plant

growers and breeders in the world. Conducting trials of new introductions, Lotusland is often a lucky beneficiary as Robert gives us carte blanche to "come take whatever Lotusland wants for the garden or the auction."

Terra Sol's co-owner Mike has a long history with Lotusland, beginning as one of our first horticultural interns in the mid 1980's. His plant knowledge and important input as a nurseryman brings invaluable experience to this event.

These are but a few of the incredibly knowledgeable and generous people who donate their time, expertise and plants to Lotusland's *Exceptional Plants* event. The list of people that come together for *Exceptional Plants* is too long to mention, but they are equally responsible for the success of this amazing event.

This year *Exceptional Plants: Lotusland Auction and Sale* will be held on the afternoon of Saturday, October 8. Come join the fun and mingle with plant experts, enjoy delicious refreshments, engage in some friendly bidding competition, and quite possibly go home with an extraordinary botanical gem of your own. **Tickets go on sale in July. To learn more ways to support this event, please contact Patricia Sadeghian at 805.969.3767, ext. 125.**





London Symphony Orchestra members enjoying Lotusland

## COMMUNITY COLLABORATIONS

### Stronger Together

#### COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Even before opening to the public in 1993, Lotusland has had important collaborations with local universities including **Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo**. Dr. Matt Ritter, Professor of Biology and visiting Professor Boris Igic, a cactus evolution expert, recently visited to study the collections at Lotusland.

**Santa Barbara City College** Environmental Horticulture students visit Lotusland on class field trips to understand the landscaping, ornamental horticulture, and the regenerative and restoration industries. Many students do a work-study program at Lotusland and often continue to work for the Garden following their formal program.

**University of California Santa Barbara** students also visit the Gardens. Recently, Susan Mazer, Professor of Ecology & Evolutionary Biology, brought her class to Lotusland to serve as inspiration for their research projects on plant biology and biodiversity.

#### NONPROFITS

Key partnerships with community organizations help Ganna Walska Lotusland carry out its mission. We are proud to partner with the following groups. Your support of Lotusland helps enrich these members of our wider community, leaving a lasting impression and impact for those retreats in the Garden.

In February, Lotusland teamed up with the **Santa Barbara Museum of Art** in celebration of the travelling exhibition "Through Vincent's Eyes: Van Gogh and His Sources" for two special painting workshops, held in the gardens and led by SBMA educators.

For nearly a decade, **Leading From Within** has convened nonprofit and social sector service leaders at Lotusland for their annual kickoff meeting of the Emerging Leaders Program. These leaders empower, elevate and connect the nonprofits in Santa Barbara County as we serve as a space to launch their rigorous, relevant and applied curriculum.

In March, **Music Academy of the West** brought members of the London Symphony Orchestra to Lotusland to enjoy and draw inspiration from the garden during their recent west coast tour and collaboration.

**Vistas Lifelong Learning** provides lectures and seminars on a wide variety of topics to the Santa Barbara community. Visits to Lotusland have helped promote discussions around garden care and bio habitats, and to nourish a curiosity in the natural world.

Lotusland welcomed the staff from **Apricot Lane Farms**, the farm featured in the documentary *The Biggest Little Farm*. Apricot Lane Farms works to enhance the relationship between the health of our planet and everything that lives on it by improving the stability of microbially diverse soil systems. The Apricot Lane Farms team visited Lotusland to explore how ecologically regenerative farming methods that restore biodiversity are aligned with the nutrient-dense organic soils at Lotusland.

This spring the young professionals group of the **Association of Fundraising Professionals** gathered at Lotusland to provide opportunities for learning, engagement and connection for those working in nonprofits in Santa Barbara and Ventura County sites.

*Lotusland is proud to partner with community organizations and accredited institutions. To be considered for partnership programs please email Nikki Evans, Director of Visitor Services and Public Programs, [nevans@lotusland.org](mailto:nevans@lotusland.org).*



# CELEBRATING OUR VOLUNTEERS

## Anniversary Celebration Luncheon

**WE CELEBRATE OUR LOYAL VOLUNTEERS** every day at Lotusland, and especially in June when we host our annual Volunteer Celebration Luncheon. During the luncheon board members and staff appreciate volunteers for their dedication to Lotusland, as well as give special recognition to volunteers with anniversaries of 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25 years of service. We are excited for the return of the event for the first time since the pandemic began.

### WE CELEBRATED THESE MILESTONES:

**IN 2020: 25 year anniversary:** Jo Ann Mermis. **20 year anniversary:** Larry Disharoon, Faye Hampton, Lori Meschler, Dennis Whelan. **10 year anniversary:** Debbie Murphy, Christine Nail, Hillary Tentler.

**IN 2021: 25 year anniversary:** Valerie Halverson, Janet Hunter, Marge Kelly, Kathe Klock, Sharon Slade. **15 year anniversary:** Carol Beamer, Arlene Belmontes, Dave Heinz, Dorinda Murry, Sandy Russell, Linda Thomas, Cricket Twichell, Charity Walton-Masters. **10 year anniversary:** Herb Aldwinckle, Martha Castaneda, Cara DeAmicis, Marcia Green, Doug Hall, Claire Johnson, David Meldrum-Taylor, Jeri Moulder. **5 year anniversary:** Michael DeRousse, Nancy Dorey, Rachael Douglas, Joan Hazell, Barb Kennedy, Harry Linden, Colleen Poulsen, Michael Seabaugh, Duane Sikorski, Jim Snelling, Michael Steinfeld, Janice Thomson, Marie Tuohey-Mote, Steve Veros.

**IN 2022 WE** will commemorate: **20 year anniversary:** Lynne Scott, Pat Sheppard, Sherman Vincent. **5 year anniversary:** Mary Jane Buchanan, Linda Conger, Lynne Cummings, Gail Herson, Lynn Johnson, Debra Lorier, Carol Prentice, Alicia Sorkin, Ginette Watson.



This event coincides with the beginning of summer, when we celebrate our volunteers and at the same time we

commemorate Madame Ganna Walska's birthday (June 24). We enjoy prolific blooms of the lotuses in the Water Garden pond and near the Lotus Viewing Deck in the Japanese Garden during this day of volunteer appreciation and recognition.





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## CALIFORNIA GARDENS UNITE

# Consortium of Southern California Public Gardens

A consortium of more than 50 public gardens, arboreta, historical landscapes and supporting organizations located in Southern California is addressing the challenge of increasing water scarcity and preserving the resources so vital to their missions. These gardens not only offer our communities aesthetic and cultural benefits; they enrich our regional economies in a number of ways.

Led by Donald R. Hodel, Environmental Horticulture Advisor (retired), UC Cooperative Extension, Los Angeles County and regular Lotusland docent expert trainer and guest lecturer, the group will be working together on collective action to preserve access to water for our living collections and gardens and to demonstrate accountability and proactively contribute to regional needs for water conservation measures.

Lotusland is proud to participate with our sister organizations to promote saving water, and demonstrate strategies to mitigate water use. These gardens serve as learning laboratories for the dedicated gardener, as well as sources of information about water-wise gardening.



## REPLACING AN ICON

### *Euphorbia ingens*

One of the most iconic plants at Lotusland, that has been gracing the pink walls of the main house for over 80 years, is sadly rapidly declining in health and must be removed soon. We are talking about the last of the distinctive weeping *Euphorbia ingens* that were planted by Madame Ganna Walska in 1942, with its Seussian limbs creeping on the ground.

Unknown in the wild and uncommon in cultivation, this form of *Euphorbia ingens* is an enigma. It is also difficult to find in the nursery trade but through pure serendipity we found a replacement — a rooted cutting known to have originally come from Lotusland. The Cactus Store in Los Angeles had recently acquired the plant as part of a collection and after learning of our need for a replacement generously repatriated the plant to Lotusland. We have seedlings and propagations of the original plants in the nursery, but this plant is larger and well suited for spot.

If upon your next visit this historical and emblematic plant is still in its place take some time to wish it farewell. If it is no longer there, be assured its replacement will take its place in this one of a kind landscape.

CBS NEWS



## IN THE NEWS

Jane Pauley recently broadcast *CBS Sunday Morning* from Lotusland as part of a series of favorite local attractions filmed in Santa Barbara. In an interview with the *News-Press*, Jane says, "When *Sunday Morning* visits, we've often been given private access to museums, and I've had one-to-one privilege with Van Gogh and Leonardo and Michelangelo's *David*. In Santa Barbara, it was Lotusland, a work of art and nature."





## LOTUSLAND GARDEN SHOP

### A Special Place for Gifts

Handmade gifts are available in Lotusland's Garden Shop and online at [lotuslandshop.org](http://lotuslandshop.org). Members save 10% on all purchases.

#### **Live Edge Olive Wood Bowl**

Handmade by Dr. Daniel Geiger from olive wood grown at Lotusland. 8" diameter, 4.5" tall  
\$150

#### **Lotusland Wood Wine Stopper**

Handmade by Dr. Daniel Geiger from wood grown at Lotusland. Choose small 3.75", medium 4.75" or large 5"  
\$48

#### **Shallow Olive Wood Bowl**

Handmade by Dr. Daniel Geiger from wood grown at Lotusland.  
\$150

## ABOUT THE ARTIST



Dr. Daniel Geiger is a self-taught woodworker and turner and is excited to share some of his creations with patrons of Lotusland, with all proceeds

for the Garden. He grew up in Basel, Switzerland, earned his award-winning Ph.D. on abalone from USC, and is now Curator of Malacology at Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History. He has written/edited five books, dozens of scientific articles, discovered over 100 new species and genera, and has ten species named after him, including one orchid. Orchid systematics is a secondary research interest, for which he holds a Visiting Research Scholar appointment with the Huntington Garden, and served as Research Committee Chair of the American Orchid Society. Many miniature orchids are grown in his greenhouse in Santa Barbara. Hobbies include jam making with wild-collected fruits, yoga, playing the baroque viola d'amore and photography.



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Madame Ganna Walska in  
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**Al Fresco Picnic on the Great Lawn**

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**Al Fresco Picnic on the Great Lawn**

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**October 8**

**Exceptional Plants  
Lotusland Rare Plant Auction**

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## Lotusland Tour Schedule

We look forward to welcoming you to Lotusland! This year, we are offering docent and self-guided tour options at select times. In order to maintain social distancing, we are continuing with staggered arrival times. Please visit our website for the latest COVID-19 policies before you visit.

Docent tours are available Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings and all day Saturdays. Self-guided tours are available Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons and all day Saturdays.

Call 805.969.9990 or visit [lotusland.org/visit](https://lotusland.org/visit) to check availability and reserve your tour. All visits require advance reservations and space is limited. We recommend making reservations more than one month in advance of your desired visit.

## For Your Safety: Staggered Arrival Times for Tours

### Wednesday-Friday:

Docent-led tours are at 9:15 and 9:30 AM  
Members may still self-guide at these times.  
Self-guided tours are at 1:15 and 1:30 PM

### Saturday:

Self-guided and docent-led tours are at  
9:15, 9:30 AM, and 1:15, 1:30 PM

Please call 805.969.9990 for reservations.