



**Spring is here** and we are looking forward to the Garden's busiest time of year and to the summer when Lotusland truly comes alive with *Lotusland Celebrates!* This year our theme is *Where the Wild Things Grow*. During the winter months, the campaign has been busy at work. Here are some updates.

## Garden Giving

We have focused our attention on raising funds for capital improvements, with an eye towards completing work on several priority restoration projects. With recent commitments, **we are thrilled to announce that we have now raised over \$5 million for the capital portion of the campaign!**

*Lotusland Forever* rang in the 2023 New Year with two very significant gifts that we want to share with you.

**The Manitou Fund** at the direction of **Nora McNeely Hurley** will be naming our beloved **Abalone Pond & Fountain**, as well as the **Triton Fountain**. Restoration to the Aloe Garden, plantings, pathways, and infrastructure including much needed repairs the

Abalone Pond, are slated for 2024. The Triton Fountain falls under our restoration of the decorative arts and artifacts and will be completed as part of our campaign related non-living collections preservation plan.

We are also deeply grateful to the extended **Jackson Family and the Ann Jackson Family Foundation** for their generous campaign pledge to name the **George Washington Smith Pavilion**.

**The Gavit/Jackson Families** have a long and storied connection to Lotusland and built the Pavilion in 1925. We are so pleased that their family legacy will continue help the Garden's historic buildings thrive.

## Lotusland Forever Raised to Date

\*Gifts committed or received after 01/01/21

**Secured Funds**  
ENDOWMENT

# OF GIFTS  
**14**

CASH  
**\$1,225,000**

FUTURE DEFERRED\*  
**\$12,580,000**

**Secured Funds**  
CAPITAL

# OF GIFTS  
**21**

CASH  
**\$5,052,500**

DEFERRED  
**N/A**

\*Deferred gifts are based upon current pledges and formalized estate plans. As these gifts will not be realized until after the donor's lifetime, the final amount bequeathed may be subject to change.

## The Gavit/Jackson Family and Lotusland

We extend our deepest appreciation to the Jackson family, who made a significant pledge to the *Lotusland Forever* Campaign, and will name the George Washington Smith Pavilion, a building with rich familial history. The Jacksons are direct descendants of the E. Palmer Gavit family who relocated to Montecito from Albany, New York in 1915. In 1916 the Gavits purchased the estate they came to name *Cuesta Linda*. It was the Gavits who hired Pasadena architect, Reginald Johnson to design the main, Mediterranean-style house that still stands at Lotusland.



*The Pavilion Patio, as it looked in the mid-1920s after the suite was added by architect George Washington Smith and before the iron grillwork was added c. 1925. Courtesy of Palmer and Joan Jackson, descendants of the Gavits.*

In the 1920s the family retained renowned architect, George Washington Smith to make several additions to the estate, including a stable, the original swimming pool and bath house and the Pavilion and adjoining patio. When Madame Walska purchased the estate from the Gavits in 1941 she chose the charming three-bedroom Pavilion suite as her private residence.

We are deeply grateful to the entire family and the Ann Jackson Family Foundation for leading the way with a gift to support capital improvements and renovations to the historic Pavilion.

## Capital Improvements Completed and Underway

If you have visited the garden recently you probably noticed the improvements to the Visitors Center patio and that work is underway to restore and protect the Pavilion Patio courtyard between the Main House and the Pavilion.

### Visitors Center Improvements

This winter we installed an eco-friendly refillable water fountain and more shade at the Visitor Center. This work has been generously funded by **Connie Flowers Percy** and **The Alice Tweed Tuohy Foundation**. We have begun fundraising to create a new patio area adjacent to the main tour gathering area for school children and group tours to assemble before their tour.

### Pavilion Patio Restoration

With the generous lead gift from **Roger and Julie Davis**, this January we began work to restore the iconic Pavilion Patio. The goals of the project were to install waterproofing and French drains, and to make the Pavilion complex wheelchair accessible for the first time. Restoration will also include repairing the Moorish inspired fountains and runnels. We anticipate the project will be completed in June 2023 and we look forward to hosting many future meetings, events, and exhibits in this signature Lotusland space.



### Pavilion Patio Improvements Underway

- Repair Fountains
- Upgrade Drainage
- ADA Brick Access
- Walkway
- Planting Beds



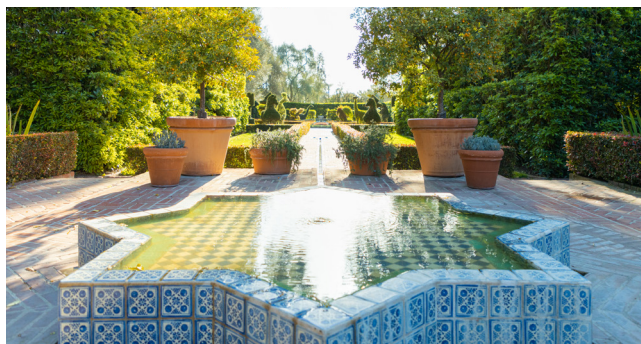
## What's Coming Up?

We are in early stages of planning for the next round of projects made possible by the generosity of our campaign donors. We have embarked on the Master Planning process with the primary focus on our sustainable water systems: namely the design of **a new reservoir and long-range water conservation infrastructure and balancing strategies.**

We look forward to keeping you up to date!

## Lotusland Forever Campaign Conversations

If you know of someone who might be interested in learning more about helping Lotusland thrive, please let us know.



**Campaign Conversations** and tours will be held the first Tuesday of each month from 2:00-4:00 pm concluding with a glass of wine or refreshment in the Sunken Drawing Room.

### UPCOMING TOUR DATES:

**April 4**

*Architectural Focus Tour with Anthony Grumbine*

**May 2**

*General Focus*

**June 6**

*General Focus*

We welcome your participation and your referrals. Please forward names of guests you would like to invite to Patricia Sadeghian, Director of Development at [psadeghian@lotusland.org](mailto:psadeghian@lotusland.org) or call 805.969.3767, ext. 125

The *Lotusland Forever* video is live on the website and can be found here: [lotusland.org/support](https://lotusland.org/support)

### WE HAVE A NEW WEBSITE!

Soon, we will build out a *Lotusland Forever* page for the Campaign to coincide with our public announcement in the Fall of 2023. This will include our Case for Support, Volunteer Leadership, and Naming Opportunities. **Stay tuned!**

## Donor Honor Roll

Lotusland gratefully acknowledges the generosity of the following donors who have contributed to the *Lotusland Forever* Campaign:

### \$1,000,000+

The Ann Jackson Family Foundation  
Connie Flowers Percy  
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### \$500,000-\$999,999

Julie and Roger Davis  
The Manitou Fund with special thanks  
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Mr. Kim L. Hunter  
David and Judy Jones

**The following Naming Opportunities are reserved as of February 23, 2023:**

George Washington Smith Pavilion - The Ann Jackson Family Foundation  
George Washington Smith Pavilion Patio - Julie and Roger Davis  
Abalone Pond & Fountain - The Manitou Fund at the direction of Nora McNeely Hurley  
Sunken Drawing Room - David and Judy Jones  
Triton Fountain - The Manitou Fund at the direction of Nora McNeely Hurley  
Rooster Grotto - Mari and Hank Mitchel



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