

CAMPAIGN UPDATE | SUMMER 2023



Summer 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 past several months, the campaign team has been busy at work. Here are some updates.

Garden Giving In this guiet phase, we have focused our attention Fountain falls under our restoration of the decorative

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 \$5.6 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

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 it was their family

who owned "Cuesta Linda", the original estate, from 1916-1939. We are so pleased that their family legacy will continue to help the Garden's historic buildings thrive.

*Gifts committed or Lotusland Forever Raised to Date received after 01/01/21 **Secured Funds** # OF GIFTS CASH **FUTURE DEFERRED*** 13 \$1,225,000 \$12,580,000 **ENDOWMENT Secured Funds** DEFERRED # OF GIFTS CASH CAPITAL N/A \$5,592,500 23 *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.

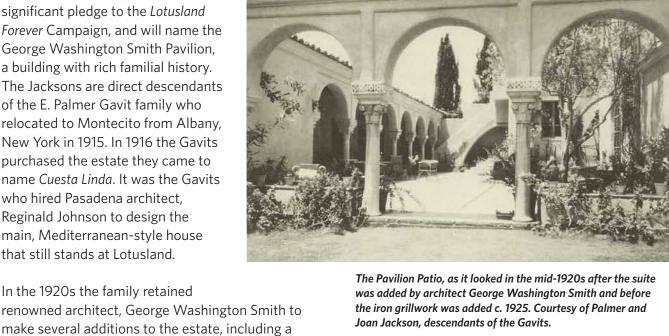
We extend our deepest appreciation

The Gavit/Jackson Family and Lotusland

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. In the 1920s the family retained

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.

If you have visited the garden recently you probably



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 **Pavilion Patio Restoration**

to install waterproofing and French drains, and to

noticed the improvements to the Visitors Center With the generous lead gift from Julie and Roger patio and that work is underway to restore and Davis, this January we began work to restore the protect the Pavilion Patio courtyard between the iconic Pavilion Patio. The goals of the project were

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 Pearcy. We have begun fundraising to create a new patio area adjacent to the main

tours to assemble before their tour.

tour gathering area for school children and group

make the Pavilion complex wheelchair accessible for

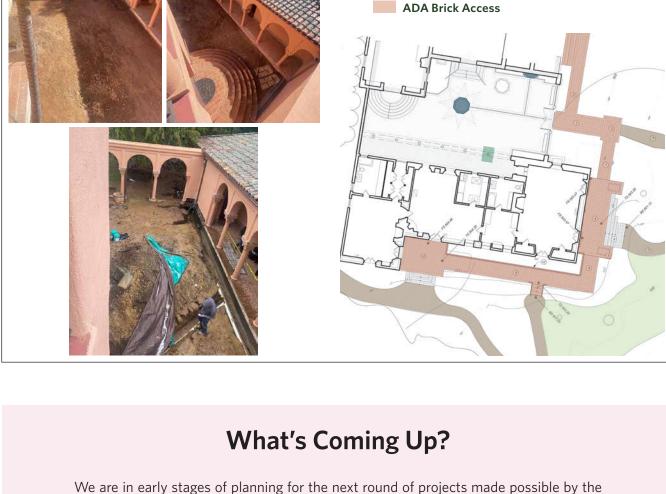
Repair Fountains

Upgrade Drainage

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**

Walkway

Planting Beds

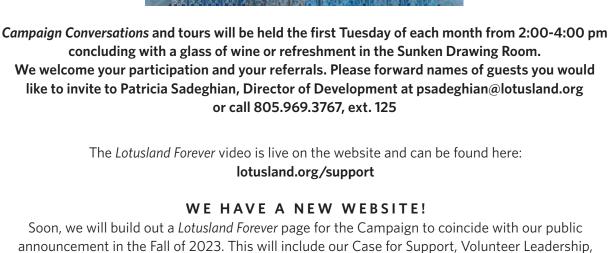


Lotusland Forever Campaign Conversations

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!

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



Donor Honor Roll

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

and Naming Opportunities. Stay tuned!

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Brown Patti Prairie and Alan Hochberg Ronald and Patricia G. Caird Lisa and David Wolf The following Naming Opportunities are reserved as of June 5, 2023: George Washington Smith Pavilion - The Ann Jackson Family Foundation Pavilion Patio - Julie and Roger Davis



Abalone Pond & Fountain - The Manitou Fund at the direction of Nora McNeely Hurley Triton Fountain - The Manitou Fund at the direction of Nora McNeely Hurley Sunken Drawing Room - David and Judy Jones Rooster Grotto - Mari and Hank Mitchel For more information

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