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The Virginia Robinson Gardens, nestled on 6.2 acres in the heart of Beverly Hills, serves as an important horticultural research center for the Los Angeles County Department of Arboresce. The Beaux Arts style residence and lush grounds, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, provide a rare look at early Twentieth Century life. Funds from this event will help preserve the Virginia Robinson Gardens for the enjoyment of generations to come.

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...into the garden

The Mediterranean Hillside Garden
Landscape design by Chris Rosmini
tuscan influence, lush terraces, fountains and silvery olive trees

The English Country Garden
Landscape design/installation by Rick Mosbaugh, Stacie
romantic floral settings, running brook, hidden seating for inspiration

The Epic Garden
Landscape design by Pamela Burton and Katherine Spitz
parallel rows of hedges, framing views into garden rooms of shadow and sun

The Early Californian Garden
Landscape design by Ron Sidell
meandering hillside path, cascading waterfalls, secluded sitting areas

The Contemporary California Villa Garden
Landscape design by Daniel J. Busbin
dramatic marriage of nature with interiors, panorama from private hilltop

The Legendtal Robinson Estate Garden
Landscape design by Charles Gibbs Adams, circa 1920
english herbaceous borders, noble palm trees, old world gentility

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featuring six of the
most beautiful gardens in Los Angeles

Friday, May 10, 1991
10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

A rare opportunity for you and your friends
to visit six botanically diverse gardens and to experience
the creativity of California's finest landscape designers.

While exploring the legendary Virginia Robinson Estate,
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