The Friends of Robinson Gardens cordially invite you to attend our ninth annual

1997 Garden Tour
“"The Robinson Honeymoon & Postcards from 1,000 Days Abroad"
"The delicate drop of the petals standing out in relief, is like the eyelid of a child"

Friday, May 16, 1997
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

While visiting the Virginia Robinson Gardens you enjoy a lavish tea served throughout the day in the Italianate pool pavilion

Tickets and garden locations for this self-guided tour will be mailed prior to the event. A complimentary program book can be obtained at all garden locations on the day of the tour.

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**A Floral Exhibition**

at the Virginia Robinson Garden Estate

with floral fantasies by

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Imagine life in the year 1911. William Howard Taft was President, the Indianapolis 500 had its first running, and Madame Curie won her second Nobel Prize. In Beverly Hills, Rancho, Camden, and Crescent Drive were being planned and department store heir Harry Robinson and his wife, Virginia, have returned from their three year honeymoon, laden with treasures from their world travels to furnish their newly built Mediterranean classic revival house. The 1997 Patron Gala, May 2, recreates the celebration of the Robinson's return from 1000 Days Abroad, and the rich beginnings of an era of glorious living and legendary hospitality in Beverly Hills.

Please accept our invitations to be a Patron, and our special guest on May 2, 1997.

The Friends of Robinson Gardens fund and volunteer their time to community education. Students, young patients at Children's Hospital Los Angeles, scouts and seniors benefit from our programs. It is only through your support that we are able to continue. We look forward to welcoming you at our Gala and "...into the garden" tour.

**Friends of Robinson Garden**

1997 Patron Donation Categories

- Camellia - $500 Donation
- Recognizes a permanent bronze plaque in the foyer of the Robinson Estate.
- Two Tickets to the Patron Gala
- Six Tickets to the Garden Tour
- Special acknowledgement in our Program Book.

- Crepe Myrtle - $1,000 Donation
- Two Tickets to the Garden Tour
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- Rose - $1,000 Donation
- Two Tickets to the Patron Gala
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- Gardenia - $750 Donation
- Two Tickets to the Patron Gala
- Two Tickets to the Garden Tour
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- Lily - $500 Donation
- Two Tickets to the Garden Tour
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- Oak - $250 Donation
- Two Tickets to the Garden Tour
- Special acknowledgement in our Program Book.

- Iris - All other donations
- Special acknowledgement in our Program Book.

The Virginia Robinson Gardens is nestled on 6.2 acres in the heart of Beverly Hills and serves as an important horticultural research center. 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 and continue to support our community outreach programs.

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