Spring has come again
And cherry trees bloom
In the mountains
-Ryokan

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 life in early twentieth century Los Angeles. Funds from this event will help preserve the Virginia Robinson Gardens and continue to support our community outreach programs.

Friends of Robinson Gardens support and underwrite the Virginia Robinson gardens, helping to preserve the rich cultural history of Los Angeles. Friends of Robinson Gardens fund and volunteer their time to community education. Students, young patients at Children's Hospital, scouts and seniors benefit from our programs. It is only through your support that we are able to continue.

Please accept our invitation to learn more about becoming a patron supporter of this year's "...into the garden" Tour. As a patron, you will join us as our special guest at our annual Patron Gala on May 5, 2000 as we celebrate Mrs. Robinson and the Virginia Robinson Gardens. For a patron invitation, please call (310) 276-3302.

We look forward to welcoming you "...into the garden" at our 2000 Garden Tour, "L'Affaire Chinoise"

"L'Affaire Chinoise"

Featuring

Exemplary Los Angeles gardens...

The Hannah-Carter Japanese Gardens
Landscape Design by Nagao Sakurai
Meander and meditate in this authentic Kyoto-style terraced garden amid bridges, a teahouse and ancient shrines.

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Landscape Design by Sandy Kennedy
Magnificent vistas, meandering paths; a magical place of solitude, serenity and sport.

The Craftsman Garden
Landscape design by Karen Bran
An authentic garden to complete this historic California bungalow replete with lily pond of arts and crafts tile, indigenous dry-laid stone and plantings of the heyday.

The Hidden Gardens of Mandeville Canyon
Landscape Design by Wendy Katz
Vine-covered arbors, rare English garden artifacts, an explosion of antique roses, and old stacked stone stairs and pathways provide sanctuary minutes from our bustling metropolis.

The Legendary Robinson Garden Estate
Original Landscape Design by Charles Gibbs Adams
Contributing design by Tim Lindsay
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2000 Garden Tour

"L'Affaire Chinoise"

"If you want to be happy for an hour, have a party,
If you want to be happy all your life,
become a gardener"

CHINESE SAYING

Friday, May 19, 2000

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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

Tour tickets, a map with garden locations, Tour by V.I.P. Van tickets and drawing tickets will be mailed prior to the event. Complimentary program books may be obtained at all garden locations on the day of the Tour.

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Enjoy the following exhibitions and presentations during your visit to the Virginia Robinson Gardens...

Presenting

Lace Bencivengo
English Botanical Watercolours
Artist in Residence - Salutations Home

Patricia Riley Hammer
Author of
The New Topiary

These featured guests will be offering their signed work at the Virginia Robinson Estate.

- Informal Modeling -
Clothing by Jane Booke

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Eric Buterbaugh - Flower Design
Dutch Flower House
Marc Byrd of Floral Works
Laura Armstrong of Flowers
Foster/Caldwell
Gabrielle's Garden
Janie Malloy for Home Grown
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Mark's Garden
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Room Designs and Embellishments

Anthropologie
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Polo Ralph Lauren
Room with a View
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The Grand Design

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Fred Segal Tiara
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Jaye Hersh's Intuition
Lavender Blue
Offerings
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