"I never dreamed that any more physical experience could be so stimulating"  
Katherine Hepburn, 1951, The African Queen

The Virginia Robinson Gardens, owned by the County of Los Angeles, is nestled on 6.5 acres in the heart of Beverly Hills and serves as an important horticultural research center. The Renzo Piano style residence and lush grounds, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, provide a serene look at life in early twentieth century Los Angeles.

Friends of Robinson Gardens support and underwrite the Virginia Robinson Gardens, helping to preserve the rich cultural history of Los Angeles. Friends also volunteer their time, financial resources and expertise to provide ongoing community education. Students, young patients at Children's Hospital, scouts, seniors and children from Maryvale and Hollywood Children's Services benefit from our programs. Funds from this event help us continue our efforts to restore, preserve and outreach.

Please accept our invitation to learn more about becoming a patron supporter of this 2001 "...into the garden" Tour.

As a patron, you will join us at our annual Patron Gala on Friday, May 4, 2001 as we celebrate Mrs. Robinson and the Virginia Robinson Gardens. For a patron invitation, please call (310) 276-3303, ext. 103.

We look forward to welcoming you "...into the garden" at our 2001 Garden Tour where we "Return to the Golden Age...Celebrating Hollywood of the 30's and 40's."

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 unusually Los Angeles gardens...

Rhododendrons in a Mediterranean Garden

Landscape Design by Jane Marshall

Irresistible pink roses, romantic vistas, art and rich texture unite in this exquisite place.

The Woodlands Garden

Original Landscape Design by Al Peccore Contributing Design by Marc Sheehy

Hundreds of species including fifty year old specimen camellias, gingko and magnolia trees, native oak, pines, oaks, roses, delphinium, bulbs and perennials delight and inspire.

A Garden Classic

Landscape Design by Kennedy Landscape Design Associates

Formal elegance, rich garden statuary and sturdy grace set in 1930's grandeur.

Japanese Garden with Hidden Treasures

Landscape Design by Ken Bosley

Painted bridges, authentic art and artefacts, history and tradition - amuse and challenge guests on this facade in this magnificent and magical garden. Guests are strongly encouraged to wear flat, athletic shoes.

An Untraditional Garden

Landscape Design by Lacy Sue

Originally the Harry Warren estate, fountains, streams, art, capital design and a splendiferous English air in front with a splash of modern California style and drama in back.

The Legendary Virginia Robinson Gardens Estate

Original Landscape Design by Charles Gibbons Adams Contributing Design by Tim Lindsey

Champion rare trees, noble palm collection, classical and elegant Mediterranean revival gardens.

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"Here's my hope, that we all find our Shangri-La."

1937, Lost Horizon

Cesar Altamirano 19th century engraving Giclee

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

Floral Design Demonstrations

Thurs. The Flower Shop at 11:00 a.m.
Mark Byrd of Floral Works at 12:30 p.m.
Wayne Woods of The Woods at 1:00 p.m.
Lace Bencivengo of Garmendal at Patineworks Studio at 2:00 p.m.

Treasure Hunt

On the front lawn with jewelry provided by The 23rd Street Jewelers

Informal Modeling

By The Paper Bag Princess

On the back lawn about 1:30 p.m.

Home and Garden Boutique

Anthropologie

Bath - a store for Artful Living
Brescia...Debra Shaper Linens
Fred Segal Hats
Jayne Heidi Costumes
Landscape General Store
Lavender Blue Nancy Klein Norma B.
Offerings
Patineworks Studio Room with a View
The Outdoor Room Room with a View
The 23rd Street Jewelers Room with a View

Room Designs and Embellishments

Anthropologie

Beautiful Spaces by Lori Hoke
Bath - a store for Artful Living
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Polo Ralph Lauren
Prates Linens and Sally Derman Design
Room with a View
Salutations Home
Suzette by Salutations
Staloujo
The Blue House
The Grand Design

Floral Masterpieces

Bobbi Vagel's Floral Design Studio
C.J. Mammano and Sons
Entertaining with Deboras the Florist
Eric Bucarbaugh Flower Design
Flower de Lis
Flowers by Laura Armstrong
Foster/Caldwell

Gardenworks at Patineworks Studio
Kendall and Co.
L.A. Master Florists
Mark Byrd of Floral Works
Mans Garden
Secret Garden Beverly Hills
Tick Tock Florist

You also invite you to visit the Friends Floral Shop

Friday, May 18, 2001

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

While visiting the Virginia Robinson Gardens enjoy a light tea served throughout the day on the lawns and in the intimate pool pavilion.

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

"If I ever go looking for my heart's desire again, I won't look any farther than my own backyard, because if it isn't there, I never really lost it to begin with."

JOHN GARDIN, 1939, THE WIZARD OF OZ