The Virginia Robinson Gardens, owned by the County of Los Angeles, 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 its grounds, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, provide a rare 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 Hathaway 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 2004 "...into the garden" Tour.

As a Patron, you will join us at our annual Patron Gala on Friday, May 7, 2004 as we celebrate Mrs. Robinson and the Virginia Robinson Gardens. For a Patron invitation please call (310) 276-3302, ext. 103

We look forward to welcoming you "...into the garden" at our 2004 Garden Tour where we enjoy "Mrs. Robinson's Day at the Opera"

"Mrs. Robinson's Day at the Opera"
featuring
Beverly Hills' Grand Gardens

Der Rosenkusséiler - E. Simms
Landscape Design by Robin Flores for Visionscape
A pleasure of roses cascading our corner fences hangs in this meticulously maintained area with specimen magnolia, tree ferns, and a water-cooled pergola

The Girl of the Golden West - G. Proctor
Landscape Design by Robert Flechter Bryan Spangler
Contributing Design by Peter Haldeman
Echoes of the Proctor's in the Craftsman modern home highlight California plants in a subtle palette. A Lloyd Wright designed pool and three Wagnarian water features unite house and garden

Madame Butterfly - G. Proctor
Landscape Design by Takeo Usago Master Gardner Joel Galata
Experience the drama of a perfect Tea House floating on its own lake, fed by the rippling cascade of a fountain-fed waterfall, contrast with the single step of a perfectly balanced pipe fountain

The Love of Three Oranges - S. Proctor
Landscape Design by Susan Van Arsd and Associates
Smell a fruit-filled alleys and find a three-tiered marriage for pool and mist that leads to a rose terrace and grand cypress lawn. Wander through a Mediterranean checkerboard garden, jasmine, and informed woodlands

A Midsummer Night's Dream - B. Proctor
Contributing Design by Bikkis Fierro
Once in the Moro Griffin Estate, expansive lawns, rose features, and landscaped gardens give way to an arche of pine trees with an Adriatic pool cabin

Islande - G. Allard & Sullivan
Landscape Design by Chris Romilini
A plant colored path at the very entrance to the annual English garden with lush Mediterranean plans, rose paths, and orchard fruit features

La Traviata - G. Nosh
Original Landscape Design by Charles Gibbs Adams
Contributing Design by Tim Lindsey
The site of many a party after the Opera, Mrs. Robinson created in being "La Donna A Pas Conviene" amongst its numerous "pools" in the Mediterranean garden

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

Floral Design Demonstrations
On the rear patio - Marc Byrd at 1:30 p.m.
In the herb garden - Jimmy Williams of Hayground at 1:30 p.m. Q&A

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

Informal Modeling
By Pamela Bashi on the great lawn after 12:30 p.m.

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