

"He who is born with a silver spoon in his mouth is generally considered a fortunate person, but his good fortune is small compared to that of a happy mortal who enters this world with a passion for flowers in his soul."

Celia Thaxter, *An Island Garden*

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 lush 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 2006 "...into the garden" Benefit Tour.

As a Patron, you will join us at our annual Patron Gala on Friday, May 5, 2006 as we celebrate Mrs. Robinson and the Virginia Robinson Gardens. For a Patron invitation please call (310) 276-3302, ext. 103 [www.robinsongardens.com](http://www.robinsongardens.com)

We look forward to welcoming you "...into the garden" at our 2006 Garden Tour where we enjoy Brides, Bouquets and Beautiful Gardens

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## Beautiful Gardens, Brides, and Bouquets

featuring  
Six Exemplary Gardens North of Sunset



### "Something Old, Something New..."

Landscape Design by Michael Boer

This classic Monterey Colonial built in 1931 was the former Bette Davis residence. Wrought-iron fences with climbing roses set the stage, while ivy patterned walls, slate covered terraces and quiet serenity tell a story of Hollywood glamour blended with the romance of the Orient.

### "To Have and To Hold"

Twentythree years in the making, a private world unfolds, reminiscent of the measured understatement of an elegant East Coast estate. Graceful trees line the entrance to welcome guests to the "Anniversary Garden." Tailored hollyhock hedges trim the herbes potageres leading the way to a woodland pergola and citrus grove.

### "I do, I do!"

Landscape Design by Colleen Holmes

A celebration of whimsy and an exuberant passion for color and flowers bring this hillside garden to life. A network of paths lead you on a fanciful journey past custom ironwork railings, a fish tiled swimmers lane, cascading water features, captivating canyon views and more!

### "A Match Made in Heaven"

Landscape Design by Garrett Carbon

The perfect marriage of home and garden created by a harmonious blend of Mediterranean architecture, natural surroundings and breathtaking views. Elegant plant combinations, coral and olive trees perfectly placed, a lovers' hideaway hugging the hillside - every detail enhances and complements with restraint and ease.

### "Two Hearts That Beat as One"

Landscape Design by March Wiskey

Multiple tableaux are literally carved out of this grand estate, from its welcoming antique stone bench set into the greenery of the courtyard to the meditation garden between the pool cabanas abloze in fuchsias and impatiens. It's a true love affair beneath towering palms, fragrant eucalyptus, and topiary tea trees.

### "Happily Ever After"

The Legendary Virginia Robinson Gardens  
Original Landscape Design by Mr and Mrs. Harry Robinson  
Contributing Design by Tim Lindsay

Experience the gracious home and gardens of Virginia Robinson, lovingly created, carefully maintained, and generously shared. A home where happily ever after still comes true.



Friends of Robinson Gardens

cordially invite you to attend  
our eighteenth annual

"...into the garden" Benefit Tour

## Brides, Bouquets and Beautiful Gardens

"But earthlier happy is the rose distilled  
Than that which withering on the virgin thorn  
Grow, lives, and dies in single blessedness..."

W. Shakespeare

Midsummer Night's Dream

Friday, May 19, 2006

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

While visiting the Virginia Robinson Gardens  
enjoy a luncheon tea served throughout the day  
on the lawn and in the Italianate pool pavilion.



Tour tickets, a map with garden locations and Tour by V.L.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.

We strongly recommend flat shoes for the garden tour.

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

### Bridal Fashion Show by Sharazi

Bridal Jewelry by Geary's of Beverly Hills  
on the Great Lawn 12:30 -1:30 p.m.

### Demonstrations

Floral Demonstration by Marc Byrd 1:00 p.m.  
Ecuadorian Roses by Deborah Palacios 2:00 p.m.

### Book Signing

SPLENDID FLOWERS for everyday  
by Cindy Smith

### Home and Garden Boutique

Bedhead	Jennifer Mac	The Pauline Nelson Collection
Big Red Sun	Jilly Crew	of Fine Jewelry
Brenwood General Store at the	Lavender Blue	Platt Boutique Jewelry
Brenwood Country Mart	Lynn Russell Antiques & Design	Robin Ruby
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The Crafty Ladies	The Original Living Wreath	Roozy Kazoody
Fred Segal Hats	Pamela Burish	Shelley's Fashions
Gail Golden Designs	The Paper Bag Princess -	Tea Garden and
Grabbit	Vintage Couture	Herbal Emporium
Hana Rachael		Tucci's Touch

### Room Design and Embellishments

Brooks Brothers	The Paper Bag Princess
Black Ink	Pavillon Christofle
Casentina	Tea Garden and
C'est Beau Monde	Herbal Emporium
Dan Marty Design	WilliamsSonoma Home
Lladro	

### Floral Masterpieces

Beverly Canon Flowers	Millerkear
Big Red Sun	Modern Floristry
Bobbe Vogel Floral Concepts	Muguet
Flower to the People	The Original Living Wreath
Flowers on 26th by Laura Armstrong	Rolling Green
LA Premier	Taryl Designs
Lilli Bello Studio	The Well Dressed Table
Marc Byrd	YARD Design
Mark's Garden	