“O Kitty, how nice it would be if we could only get through into the Looking-glass House! I’m sure it’s got, all such beautiful things in it.”
LEWIS CARROLL

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 botanical research center. The Estate's historic style and architecture, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, provides a rare view of life in early twentieth-century Los Angeles.

Friends of Robinson Gardens support and underline 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.

We look forward to welcoming you through the Looking-glass for our 2008 “...into the garden” Tour.

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

**Gourmet Tasting** in the estate kitchen with Chef Christopher Espe of Orsara
**Floral Design Workshop** on the front lawn at noon with Mary Byrd
**Book Signing** "Fabulous Parties" in the dining room by authors Mark Held, Richard David, and Peggy Dark

Shop at your leisure in the Looking-glass House & Garden Boutique on the tennis court throughout the day.

**Room Design & Embellishments**
Christophe Paris
The Kitchen for Exploring Foods
Fernando Diaz
Goya of Beverly Hills

**Floral Masterpieces**
Barb & Buck
Chef Christopher Espe, Orsara
Sharon Sandgren
Flowers for the Home & Garden
Flowers by L.A.

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**Through the Looking-glass**
Featuring Five Exemplary Los Angeles Gardens

**Queen of Hearts**
Every guest will imagine Alice entering through the small average gate—discovering the magic of this rousing woodland scene, complete with tangled branches and the three hearts, so much as in Alice in Wonderland.

**Cuniculus and Cynaria!**
Original Landscape Design by Edward Hutton Touart
Addition by Mulbush Landscaping
Beyond the folly gate of the flower garden in bloom and roses, is this authentic Spanish hacienda, an expansive garden of fitness blend into the adjacent property, incorporating a colorful pastel, ornamental, a hedge, and a stand of old-growth pine.

**We're Painting the Roses Red**
Landscaping Design of Mark Winstock, Stover Canyon Designs
Interrelated layouts of bordering bushes, relish, creeping fag, and rhododendron, and vines transform a now Mediterranean into an old-world Italianate villa.
Red roses spill from the pergolas, while a UNVISITABLE pergola leads to a secret garden.

**Cheshire Cat's Choice**
Landscaping Design by Tichonos & Throp Architects
Spin your head 360 degrees to enjoy the evergreen, framed by the verdant expanse of the Red Oak Fountain, while the explore resplendent done their lines colored tones in contrast. Chasing vines of hand-sculpted and engraved form exude over multiple levels of texture, echoing the facing stones of a distant fountain.

**The March Hare**
This 18,000 square feet sprawl on an acre, justly preceding the terraced back garden of trees, vegetables, and fruit trees, encircled by a gigantic tree.
Beautiful borders of beautiful, sunlit, serpentine lines, qapsulume, and exumale, and plates.

Do not miss your tickets, a map with garden locations and Tour by S.P. Tour prices will be mailed prior to the event. Complimentary program books may be obtained at all garden locations on the day of the event.

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