I wake, roll open the window, Unaware of Spring: Two bright butterflies Flutter, flutter in the flowers...

Vietnamese Poet - Tran Nhan-Tong (1258-1308)



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, provides 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 Hathaway and Maryvale Children's Services benefit from our programs. Proceeds from the Garden Tour help us to continue our efforts to restore, preserve, and enrich the heritage of this remarkable estate.

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We look forward to welcoming you into the enchanting world of our 2009 "...into the garden" Tour

"A Many Splendored Thing"

Five Exemplary Los Angeles Gardens

"April Rose"

Landscape Design by New View Landscape, Inc. - Lance Lortscher

A splendid terra-cotta wall surrounds this double-lot in Brentwood, where park-like expanses of lawn, paths, and outdoor statuary merge scamlessly with an open tennis court. Staircases, pergolas, and balconics are elegantly draped with bangainvillen, trumpet vine, and elimbing roses.

"Shangri La"

Landscape Design by Tom Stout, Stout Landscape

Creeping red fescue fills out an unusual front yard anchored by sycamore trees, setting the stage for the dramatic backyard: an expansive lawn and an infinity pool which spills over into drifts and swaths of sunset-burd plants - Cape boney suckle, nasturtium, Mexican flame vine - leading down to dual golfing pads that overlook the 18th fairway and green of the Riviera Golf Course.

"A Hundred-Million Miracles"

Landscape Design by Isabelle Greene, Isabelle Greens & Associates Contributing Design by John Lyon, The Woven Garden

Truly Green - from its abundant terraced billside fruit orchard, to regetable parternes separated by richly planted beds of succulents, to California natives like Manzanitas and serub oaks lining its perimeters this immaculate garden is fed by its own organic compost system and ozonators.

> "Once Upon This Island" Landscape Design by Katie Moss

In homage to their native Cuba, the current owners of the former fimmy Stewart estate have planted bright, ribrant gardens in purples and reds, with a rare Poinciana tree blooming in a grove of citrus. Don't miss the children's garage replete with tricycles, scooters, and wagons!

"Bali Hai"

Landscape Design by McKevitt Landscape Group, Suzanne McKevitt Contributing Design by Cruz Ochoa

A farm-house fence climbing with Joseph's coat roses, princess vine and magnolias leads to an expansive yard where a dining pageda takes center stage, with an infinity current pool tucked off to the side. A meandering brook, with a delicate bridge, nestles in the landscope of camellias, tulip magnolias, and abutilou.

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.

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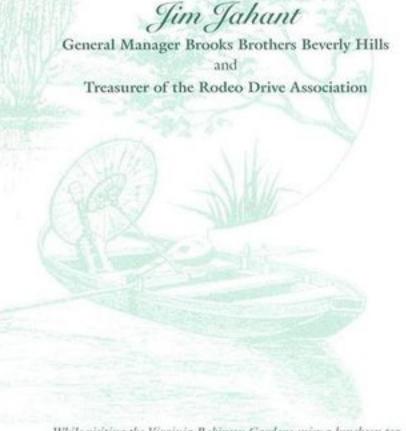
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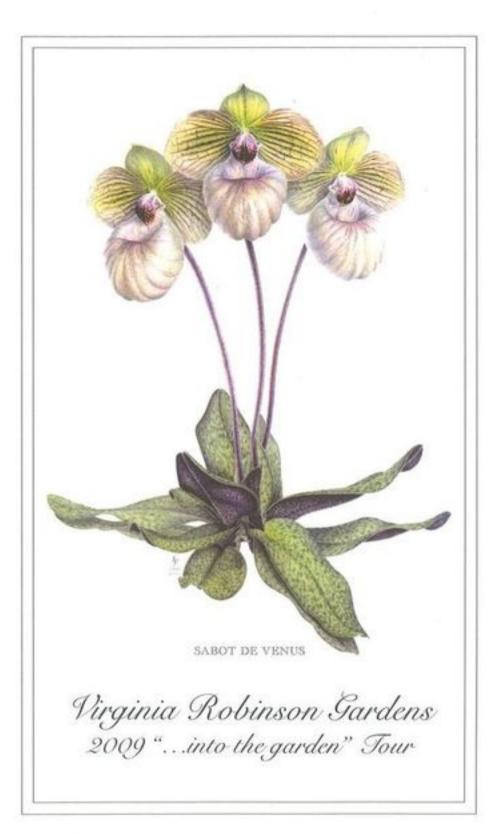
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While visiting the Virginia Robinson Gardens enjoy a luncheon tea served throughout the day on the lawn and in the Italianate pool pavilion.



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Gourmet Tasting in the estate kitchen with Clief Christophe Eme of Ortolan

Book Signing on the Tennis Court "Sending Flowers to America"

Peggy Ridgeway and Jan Works

Floral Design Workshop on the great lawn at one o'clock with Marc Byrd

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