

*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.

For more information please call (310) 550-2068  
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We look forward to welcoming you into the enchanting world of our 2009 "...into the garden" Tour

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## Virginia Robinson Gardens 2009 "...into the garden" Tour

## "A Many Splendored Thing"

Featuring  
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, setting the stage for the dramatic backyard: an expansive lawn and an infinity pool which spills over into drifts and swaths of sunset-hued plants – Cape honey suckle, nasturtium, Mexican flame vine – leading down to dual golfing pads that overlook the 18th fairway and green of the Riviera Golf Course.

### "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-hued plants – Cape honey 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 hillside fruit orchard, to vegetable porters separated by richly planted beds of succulents, to California natives like Manzanitas and scrub oaks lining its perimeters – this immaculate garden is fed by its own organic compost system and azomators.

### "Once Upon This Island"

Landscape Design by Katie Moss

In homage to their native Cuba, the current owners of the former Jimmy Stewart estate have planted bright, vibrant 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 pagoda takes center stage, with an infinity current pool tucked off to the side. A meandering brook, with a delicate bridge, nestles in the landscape of camellias, tulip magnolias, and abutilon.

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.

## Friends of Robinson Gardens

cordially invite you to attend our twenty-first annual

"...into the garden" Benefit Tour

## "A Many Splendored Thing"

Friday, May 15, 2009

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

### GRAND MARSHAL

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and

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Enjoy the following exhibitions and presentations during  
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**Gourmet Tasting**  
in the estate kitchen with  
Chef Christophe Eme of Ortolan

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

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