



Virginia Robinson Gardens 2012 "...into the garden" Benefit Tour

Friends of Robinson Gardens

Cordially invite you to attend our twenty-fourth annual "...into the garden" Benefit Tour

CALIFORNIA DREAMIN'

Friday, May 18, 2012 — 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

GRAND MARSHALS

Tim Street-Porter and Annie Kelly

While visiting Virginia Robinson Gardens, enjoy California Luncheon Cuisine served throughout the day on the Great Lawn and in the Italianate Pool Pavilion.

By the Lily Pond at 1:00 p.m.

Book Signing: Beverly Hills' First Estate

The House & Gardens of Virginia & Harry Robinson

On the Great Lawn over the noon-hour

Fashion Show by Barbara Bui

Under the Tent at 2:00 p.m.

Floral Workshop with Marc Byrd

FIVE EXEMPLARY GARDENS

Five exemplary gardens open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

CASA DE LAS CONEJITAS (BUNNY HOUSE)

Last shuttle to the Playboy Mansion - 3:15 p.m.

Landscape Design by: Keith French, Ron Dirsmith

Built in 1925, the Playboy Mansion is a Gothic-style home on 5.7 acres. After it was purchased by Playboy in the 1970's, major additions were made to the extant Redwood Forest (60 trees over 70 feet high), front lawn and front circle including the pool and grotto, bathhouse and gym, private zoo with exotic birds, primates, aviary - all with permits - and much lush, tropical planting.

REMEMBRANCE OF THINGS PAST

Landscape Design by: Christine London

This hillside Wallace Neff house dialogues well with the surrounding landscape and the connection to the garden is notable as trees, vista and light are continually visible. The gardens terrace in a relaxed manner and a diversity of spaces unfold from open lawn and views to secluded shade gardens and water elements.

GREEN WORLD FOR ALL SEASONS

Landscape Design by: James Yoch, Garden Studio

In this garden for roving, pathways loop around the Georgian house along a route from calm geometry to wild woods. The series of scenes combine choruses of framing hedges and lead performers including sequoia forest, medieval olive jar, collections of flowers in vases and pots, rustic seat, and a curved parterre for vegetables.

PARADISE FOUND

Landscape Design by: Paul Langh

Old world Mediterranean plants surround this stunning example of "Googie" architecture nestled in the Hills of Beverly. Citrus in gravel and Australian plants and grasses are planted on the driest slopes and parkway. A pathway of pebble stone carpets leads to the splendid Coral Tree in the view garden.

GOLDEN SUNSET UNDER THE SYCAMORES

Landscape Design by: Katherine Spitz Associates, Inc.

From the exuberant magenta and red "lipstick" inspired flower border along the street to the surprising Tiki Garden tucked away to the side, this garden is about lives lived, both playful and profound. Set under a grove of golden Sycamore are bijoux spaces: a quiet seating area; an unexpectedly spectacular popjet fountain, replete with color and sound; a refined and quiet pond, and multiple outdoor dining areas.

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 are available at all garden locations on the day of the tour.

FLORAL DESIGNERS

Bel Air Garden Club
Beverly Hills Garden Club
Botany Flowers
Cottage Garden Design
CBL Landscapes Inc.
Dale Witt
Edelweiss Flower Boutique
Eric Solberg
Greenwood Gardens
Lily Lodge
Lucia Burke Garden Design
Magical Blooms Flowers & Boutique
Majid Sadr/The Stevenson Group
Marc Byrd Flower Design
My Garden
Pat Frey Floral Design
Progressive Events
Sticks and Stones Floral Design
Sweet Leaf
Teryl Design
The Flower Box
The Empty Vase
Tre' Design
Yamaguchi Bonsai Nursery

ROOM DESIGNERS

Anthropologie
Donna Livingston Interiors
Leslie Tillmann Design
Lulu Powers
Madeline Stuart Interior Design
Marcie Bronkar Home Couture
Progressive Events
Stephanie Grace Design
Swanson Ollis Interiors
Virginia Robinson China
Yves Delorme

CALIFORNIA CLASSICS BOUTIQUE

Artspace Warehouse
Bedhead Loungewear
Beaton Luxury
Clare Vivier
Classy Bag Lady
Designs by Georgina
For Love of Home
Isabella Emporium
Kathryn Bentley Jewelry
Katro LLC
Lavender Blue Inc.
Louise's Hats
Moonlite
Primadina Jewels
Ronelle Designs
Shelley's Fashions
Stephanie Grace Designs
Susie O's Handbags
The Treasured Accessory
Upton Lane Jewelry
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FINANCE: Ann Petersen, Evelyn Carlson

FLORISTS AND ROOM DESIGNERS: Jeanne Anderson, Kerstin Royce, Marcie Bronkar, Katrina Fuchs

FRG SALES: Tania Norris

HOSPITALITY: Robin Blake

HOSTESSES:

PRIVATE GARDENS: Marion Buxton, Julia Klein

ROBINSON ESTATE: Maud Adams, Gunilla Horacek

MARKETING: Leslie Kavanaugh

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PAINTING OF THE VIRGINIA ROBINSON MANSION: Nancy Miller

Sharing this remarkable landmark with the community is the first priority for our County staff and the Friends. Through adult docent tours and the Children's Outreach Program, we are able to offer guided lectures and interactive curriculum that provide historical background and interpretive dialogues to enhance the visitor's experience.

The Children's Holiday party is part of our Children's Outreach Program. Continuing the tradition that Virginia Robinson began over seventy-five years ago, children from group homes in the greater Los Angeles area come to the gardens each December for a day of garden discovery and fun. In 2011, Maryvale Children's Services, Hathaway-Sycamores and Hillsides participated in the event.

The Friends are grateful for the many people who support our fundraising and educational activities throughout the year. Most significant is the Garden Tour, which provides the majority of our funding for restoration, preservation and enrichment of the Virginia Robinson Estate.

Friends of Robinson Gardens President

Jeanne Anderson

