



Virginia Robinson Gardens 2014 Garden Tour & Showcase House

"Earth laughs in flowers."

Ralph Waldo Emerson



The historic Virginia Robinson Gardens, built in 1911, is nestled on 6.2 landscaped acres in the heart of Beverly Hills. Recently, it was officially designated as Historic Landmark #2 by the city of Beverly Hills. This is in addition to its listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The property was gifted to the County of Los Angeles by Virginia Robinson, owner of the Robinson Department stores. Visiting the property provides a rare portal into the privileged life of a prominent twentieth century family. This first estate of Beverly Hills offers five stylistic gardens to explore, ranging from the classical to the naturalistic. The Italianate Terrace Garden is grounded in the 15th Century Italian Renaissance, compared to the wild King Palm Forest, inspired by the tropical landscape of Queensland, Australia.

The volunteer organization **Friends of Robinson Gardens** supports the restoration and operations of Robinson Gardens by raising funds to conserve and restore the living and non-living collections. Additionally, the **Friends** provide educational programs for adults and children that include gardening workshops, botanical illustration classes and a variety of events focused on the decorative, performing, and horticultural arts.

The Children's Outreach Program at Robinson Gardens offers a free, hands-on enrichment program for children in Los Angeles County. Transportation for disadvantaged children is provided.

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The King Palm Forest represents the largest stand
of these trees outside Queensland Australia

Virginia Robinson Estate & Tours of Four Exquisite Westside Gardens

A View from the Crest

360 degree vistas are only rivaled by mature gardens that surround it on all sides, with a citrus bower, rose parterre and evergreens on top of the world.

Around the World in Art and Plants

A masterpiece inside and out, where the sculptures and paintings frame views of different tableaux: a koi pond, a redwood fenced tennis court, a buddha by the pool and a hillside bursting with color.

This Side of Paradise - Hollywood Regency Style

A series of garden rooms match the meticulously groomed landscape where Stephen's follies come alive as you roam from poolside to cozy seating to intimate landscapes.

Eve's Garden

Temptations abound at this rare look behind the gates: a private park on a flat acre that runs street to street in Trousdale Estates. A succulent garden anchors one end, with a border of citrus and hedge of laurel.

Important Notice for Tickets

You will receive an individually numbered program guide within three weeks of the tour, which is confirmation of your reservation. **You will not be admitted to any garden without this guide.** You will receive a wrist band at the first garden you visit which will enable you to visit the other private gardens and participate in all the scheduled events at the Robinson Estate throughout the day.



Friends of Robinson Gardens

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

Pathways to Paradise

Saturday, May 17, 2014

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

Grand Marshal Hutton Wilkinson

While visiting Virginia Robinson Gardens, enjoy a tented, delectable luncheon served on the Great Lawn

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on the Great Lawn

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under the tent