



*Virginia Robinson Gardens*  
2013 "...into the garden" Tour

*"Let us be grateful to people who make us happy;  
they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom."*

MARCEL PROUST



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 ROBINSON ESTATE, BUILT IN 1911, IS LISTED ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORICAL PLACES AND WAS RECENTLY AWARDED THE OFFICIAL DESIGNATION OF BEVERLY HILLS HISTORIC LANDMARK, PROVIDES A RARE LOOK AT LIFE IN THE EARLY TWENTIETH CENTURY IN LOS ANGELES.

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# Fête des Fleurs

FEATURING FIVE EXEMPLARY LOS ANGELES GARDENS

## Le Jardin des Rêves

Landscape Design by Paul Laramore

On a hillside in an intimate canyon, this terraced garden features lithophytes – succulents and orchids growing out of rocks and on trees. Fanciful sculptures and abundant plantings - roses, bougainvillea, tillandsia, and bromeliads lend excitement and surprise as you stroll the paths and staircases through this garden of dreams.

## Paradise sous Les Arbres

Specimen pines, blue Deador Cedars and century old Japanese Maples form the canopy in this park like setting. Antique French fountains feed a water work that cascades through a lake under the pool house to a koi pond above the tennis court. A lovingly restored 1917 Gordon Kaufmann Georgian estate anchors this multi-acre wonderland.

## Franquilité Simple

Landscape Design by Pamela Burton

Upon entering this garden, the simplicity of the landscape invigorates the senses. With the twist of a vegetable garden in the front, through courtyard pond, to a garden for a growing family, this tailored space delivers. Editing, simplification, and a minimalist yet intoxicating palette of materials, personalizes this garden. Simply put, a home and garden exemplifying the elegance of post-modern design.

## Mémoires Romantiques

Landscape Design by Mia Lehrer

Set in a grove of olive trees, this Mediterranean inspired garden is the perfect setting for intimate family gatherings and large celebrations. There is an entertainment pavillion bordered by a vegetable garden brimming with seasonal bounty. The overall design is a series of garden rooms extending from indoor spaces and framed by sculptural trees and drought tolerant plant material.

## Perfection en Plein Air

Landscape Design by Jay Griffith

Inspired by the owners' collection, a trip through this house and into the garden is a well articulated series of vignettes showcasing native plants, a vegetable garden and engaging play area. From the front door all the way to the wisteria draped gallery set in the middle of the garden, art informs the surroundings, and nature embraces the art.

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“...into the garden” BENEFIT TOUR

# Fête des Fleurs

“Flowers are the stars of the earth”

Pierre Joseph Redouté

Botanical artist 1759-1840

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2013

10:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.

GRAND MARSHAL

DR. ERIC T. HASKELL

WHILE VISITING VIRGINIA ROBINSON GARDENS  
ENJOY A DELECTABLE “dejeuner sur l’herbe” SERVED  
THROUGHOUT THE DAY ON THE GREAT LAWN.

## IMPORTANT CHANGE

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.

THERE WILL BE NO PAPER TICKETS THIS YEAR.

INSTEAD YOU WILL RECEIVE A “HAND-STAMP” 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.



ENJOY THE FOLLOWING EXHIBITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS  
DURING YOUR VISIT AT VIRGINIA ROBINSON GARDENS

## Bibliothèque

BEVERLY HILLS' FIRST ESTATE

“THE HOUSE AND GARDENS  
OF VIRGINIA & HARRY ROBINSON”  
Written by Evelyn Carlson, Timothy Lindsay  
& Marcella Ruble

“GARDENS OF BRÉCY”

Written by Dr. Eric T. Haskell

“THE LEGENDARY ESTATES  
OF BEVERLY HILLS”

Written by Jeffrey Hyland

“THE BEVERLY HILLS HOTEL  
AND BUNGALOWS

THE FIRST HUNDRED YEARS”

Written by Robert Anderson

“ROOMS TO INSPIRE BY THE SEA”

Written by Annie Kelly

Photographed by Tim Street-Porter

## Fashions by Max Mara

INFORMAL MODELING ON THE GREAT LAWN

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