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Presented by **Jim Scorso**
 Monday, June 15, 9:30am-12:30pm
 695 Ashley Rd.

Lotusland, the 37-acre Montecito estate of the late Madame Ganna Walska, is, since her death in 1984, a living museum of gardens run by the Ganna Walska Foundation (a non-profit organization). The estate was purchased by Madame Walska in 1941 when she fell in love with California. During her ownership, Mme Walska improved upon existing gardens and created new landscapes that comprise the present unusual and exotic collections at Lotusland.

In creating the gardens, the artistic Mme Walska experimented with bold forms and unique concepts and color combinations. She contrasted serene, traditional vistas with daring, theatrical displays. A series of 13 unique gardens are presented to the strolling visitor through gateways and “doors” into the next garden.

She employed some of Santa Barbara’s best landscape designers of the times, such as Lockwood de Forest and Ralph Stevens, to implement her own ideas in the gardens. She literally spent millions of dollars to design and install rare specimens to create her stunning gardens.

During a one-hour presentation of the history of the gardens and of Madame, herself, visitors will learn about Madame’s background, her passion for music, her love of her Montecito property and her six husbands (each one richer than his predecessor). After the presentation we will have a short refreshment break and then divide into small groups to tour the gardens. The paths are generally flat and smooth but some are gravel and there will be lots of walking and a few steps involved.

Parking is limited so carpooling is encouraged.

ENROLLMENT FORM: *Lotusland*

VISTAS Members \$35 per person (no discounts) — Non-members \$50 per person

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

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Deadline for registration: June 1, 2009

Would you be willing to share a ride? Yes No

Please use the Cold Spring entrance to Lotusland. The gate opens at 9:00am. There is a walk of about 100 yards up to the house. Refreshments will be provided by Lotusland.

Directions:.

1. South on 101 from Santa Barbara
2. Exit onto Los Patos Way 0.3 mi
3. Turn left at E Cabrillo Blvd 0.2 mi
4. Slight right at Coast Village Rd 453 ft
5. Turn left at Hot Springs Rd 0.7 mi
6. Turn left at Sycamore Canyon Rd 1.2 mi
7. Turn right at Cold Springs Rd. Lotusland will be on the right.

VISTAS Spring 2009 Calendar

Seminar/Event	Inclusive Dates	Time	Venue
In Celebration of Charles Darwin	Wed., April 1, 8, 15, 22	9:30am-12:30pm	Serra Hall 2210 Garden St.
Women in Art	Thurs., Apr. 2, 9, 16	2-4pm	Valle Verde Theater
Epic Naval Battles of the West	Mon., April 13, 20, 27	1:30pm-4:30pm	Valle Verde Theater
The Truman Seminar	Mon., May 4, 11, 18	Full	Full
The Persian Gulf	Tues. May 13, 20, 27	9:30am-Noon	Valle Verde Social Rm
Re-examining Nuclear Power	Wed., June 10 & 17	TBA	TBA



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