

Rancho Los Alamitos Historic Ranch and Gardens

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GARDEN, GOURMET & GALLERY WINTER WORKSHOPS AT RANCHO LOS ALAMITOS SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2010 AND SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 2010

LONG BEACH, CA -- Rancho Los Alamitos Historic Ranch and Gardens 2010 Garden Series will bring together the pleasures of the garden, the essence of the palate, and the art of the landscape with two winter workshops.

In the first of the winter workshops, Rancho Los Alamitos will join with the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works to host "Go Green, Grow Green," a free Smart Gardening workshop on Saturday, February 27, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Guests will learn about backyard composting, worm composting, water-wise gardening, and fire-wise gardening. Attendees will discover methods to help conserve natural resources, save time and money, and maintain a beautiful yard and garden. Although reservations are not required, parking is limited at the Rancho and carpooling is encouraged.

The second session of the series will feature "Hearty Roots and Tender Shoots" in a culinary workshop and sample tasting on Saturday, March 13, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. In the spirit of the Emerald Isle, Chef Pierre Barit will demonstrate a hearty winter garden menu that will surely warm a cool day. Participants and their tablemates

will create centerpieces composed of individual arrangements to take home and will have the opportunity to taste samples from a menu such as the following:

Sample Tastings

Hors d'oeuvres

Corned Beef & Cabbage with Spicy Honey Mustard

Puree of Root Vegetables

Salad of celery and fennel roots chiffonade, sprouts,
baby greens with herbed white wine vinaigrette

Beverages

Advance reservations are required with a fee of \$45.00 per adult (\$35.00 for members of Rancho Los Alamitos). Reservations may be made by calling (562) 431-3541 or online at www.rancholosalamitos.com. The workshop is expected to sell out, so early reservations are recommended.

Rancho Los Alamitos is located at 6400 East Bixby Hill Road in Long Beach, California. Parking for both events will be available on site. For more information and to learn about other events at the Rancho, visit the Rancho Los Alamitos website at www.rancholosalamitos.com.

Rancho Los Alamitos is owned by the City of Long Beach and operated by Rancho Los Alamitos Foundation as a public/private cooperative venture under the auspices of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine. The site is open for tours Wednesday through Sunday from 1-5 p.m. and school tours are scheduled weekday mornings. Admission is free and parking is normally available on site. Enter though Bixby Hill residential security gate at Anaheim and Palo Verde. For information about special events and programs, go to www.rancholosalamitos.com.

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