

Rancho Los Alamitos Historic Ranch and Gardens

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Garden, Gourmet and Gallery 2010 Garden Series

Spring Presentation at Rancho Los Alamitos Historic Ranch and Gardens

Sustainable Landscapes of Vision and Experience
Saturday, April 17, 2010
10:00 a.m. – Noon

LONG BEACH, CA. – Rancho Los Alamitos Historic Ranch and Gardens' 2010 Garden Series will host a lecture presented by Bob Perry, Professor Emeritus from California State Polytechnic University at Pomona, California. Perry is a recognized expert in areas of native plants and water conserving garden design. He will present several of his design projects that illustrate the use of native and adapted plants that achieve water conservation and sustainability. These examples will outline guidelines and principles that can be applied to residential as well as commercial landscapes. Preparing planting palettes, storing carbon, wildlife value and saving water are among the ideas to be discussed. Perry will introduce his most current work, "*Landscape Plants for California Gardens.*" Books can be purchased at the event for a special discounted price.

Rancho *Native Garden* tours will follow Perry's presentation.

Program sponsors: Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and Rancho Los Alamitos Foundation.

Advance reservations are required with a fee of \$15.00 (\$10.00 for Members of Rancho Los Alamitos and Students). Reservations can be made online at www.rancholosalamitos.com or by calling the Rancho at (562) 431-3541.

Rancho Los Alamitos is located at 6400 East Bixby Hill Road in Long Beach, California. Parking for the garden series events will be available on-site at the Rancho. All events in the Garden Series require advance reservations (see above). These events are expected to sell out, so early reservations are recommended.

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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