

Rancho Los Alamitos Historic Ranch and Gardens

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GARDEN, GOURMET AND GALLERY

The Rancho Los Alamitos 2010 Garden Series

Saturday, March 13, 2010

Saturday, April 17, 2010

Sunday, May 2, 2010

Saturday, July 24, 2010

Saturday, September 18, 2010

Saturday, October 16, 2010

Saturday, November 20, 2010

LONG BEACH, CA -- Rancho Los Alamitos Historic Ranch and Gardens (RLA) will bring together the pleasures of the garden, the essence of the palate, and the art of the landscape with its 2010 Garden Series. This year's garden series will bring experts to the Rancho throughout the year to educate and delight garden enthusiasts.

"Hearty Roots and Tender Shoots" feature 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 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

Chef Pierre Frances Barit is a Graduate of California Culinary Academy, San Francisco. Traditionally French trained with an emphasis on Asian and Euro-Asian Cuisine, his corporate Executive Chef experience includes overseeing three concept restaurants, Bistro 201, Aysia 101, and Newport Fish Company. At the present time, Chef Pierre is the owner/operator of *Teak Catering – A Memorable Affaire Production* based in Irvine with premier clientele in Orange, Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties.

Advance reservations are required for the culinary workshop with a fee of \$45.00 per adult (RLA Members \$35.00).

On Saturday, April 17, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. – noon, the Rancho will welcome guests to “Sustainable Landscapes of Vision and Experience,” a lecture and book signing by Bob Perry. Perry, author, landscape architect, and Professor Emeritus at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona will be presenting several of his design projects that use native and adapted plants to achieve water conservation and sustainability. These examples will illustrate guidelines and principles that can be applied to residential as well as commercial-scale landscapes. Preparing planting palettes, storing carbon, wildlife value and saving water are among the ideas to be discussed.

Bob Perry is a recognized expert in areas of native plants and water conserving garden design. Among his accomplishments, Perry has written three color

illustrated books on landscape plants. His most recent work, Landscape Plants for California Gardens, is arriving in Spring 2010. Perry is also a Fellow in the American Society of Landscape Architects based upon his academic career and long-standing commitment to resource conservation and sustainable landscaping.

Advance reservations are required for the Bob Perry lecture with a fee of \$15.00 per person (RLA Members and Students \$10.00).

On Sunday, May 2, 2010 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., the garden series will resume with a garden tea and lecture by Eric Haskell. Haskell, author of The Gardens of Brécý: A Lasting Landscape will present a slide-illustrated journey of the magnificence of Brécý. Landscaping aesthetics and European garden history will also be discussed. A traditional sweet and savory tea will be served in the garden following the presentation.

Haskell is Professor of French Studies and Humanities at Scripps College and Director of the Clark Humanities Museum. He has a Ph.D. in French literature and studied art history and architecture at the Ecole du Louvre in Paris.

Advance reservations are required for the Garden Tea and Lecture with an admission price of \$55.00 per person (RLA Members \$45.00).

To reserve seating, or to receive information or directions to the Rancho, visit our website at www.rancholosalamitos.com or call (562) 431-3541.

The Rancho Los Alamitos 2010 Garden Series will continue through the summer and fall with the following topics and dates. More comprehensive information will be distributed as the dates of the events approach.

“Delights from the Arbor and Orchard”

Saturday, July 24, 2010

10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Lecture by Tom Spellman entitled “Antioxidants from Your Garden” with a culinary demonstration and sample menu tasting.

Fee: \$45.00 (RLA Members \$35.00)

“Growing Winter Vegetables the Organic Method”

September 18, 2010

10:00a.m. to 12:00 noon

Lecture and book signing by Pat Welsh, award-winning author and TV host

Fee: \$15 (RLA Members \$10.00)

“Fall Planting for Spring Blooms”

Saturday, October 16, 2010

10:00 a.m.

Lecture by John Schoustra, plant sale, Botanical Artists Guild art sale and demonstrations, garden and Ranch House tours

Fee: \$15 (RLA Members \$10.00)

“The Harvest Table and Wreath Workshop”

Saturday, November 20, 2010

10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Seasonal culinary demonstration, sample menu tasting and wreath construction.

Fee: \$55 (RLA Members \$45.00)

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 which may be made online at www.ranchoosalamitos.com or by calling the Rancho at (562) 431-3541. 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 the site, tours, or special events and programs, go to www.rancholosalamitos.com.

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