

Rancho Los Alamitos Historic Ranch and Gardens

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GARDEN TOURS WITH BIG ED FIRST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH MARCH 7 – OCTOBER 3, 2010

LONG BEACH, CA -- Rancho Los Alamitos Historic Ranch and Gardens has a host of talented volunteers who make operation of the site possible. Ed Brzezinski, affectionately known as Big Ed, is one of those gifted volunteers. He is celebrating his tenth anniversary as a volunteer at Rancho Los Alamitos by offering continuous tours of the historic gardens from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the first Sunday of every month beginning March 7, 2010 through October 3, 2010. Big Ed, who also volunteers at the Huntington Botanical Gardens in San Marino, is fun and entertaining as well as being extremely knowledgeable about gardens. He is great with kids and loves having them on his tours.

The Rancho boasts four acres of historic gardens that were created between 1920 and 1936 under the direction of Florence Bixby with the aid of designers such as the Olmsted Brothers, Florence Yoch, and Paul Howard. There is something for everyone in the gardens from the Native Garden to the Cactus Garden, from the Secret Garden to the Rose Garden and to the magnificent Moreton Bay fig trees on the front lawn.

Admission to the Rancho and “Garden Tours with Big Ed” are free to the public. For groups of eight or more, call the Rancho at (562) 431-3541 to make advance reservations.

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 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and school tours are scheduled weekday mornings. Admission is free and parking is normally available on site. Enter through Bixby Hill residential security gate at Anaheim & Palo Verde. For information about special events and programs, go to www.rancholosalamitos.com.

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