

500 Attend Third Annual Robinson Garden Tour

On May 10 more than 500 guests strolled through Virginia Robinson Gardens, featured estate on the third annual benefit garden tour sponsored by Friends of Robinson Gardens. Other gardens on the self-guided tour were an epic garden in Brentwood designed by Pamela Burton and Katherine Spitz, a contemporary California villa garden in Beverly Hills designed by Daniel J. Busbin, an English country garden in Brentwood designed by Richard Mosbaugh, a Mediterranean hillside garden

in Los Angeles designed by Chris Rosmini and an early California garden in Bel Air designed by Ron Sidell.

Mrs. Vincente Minnelli was honorary chair of the event. Co-chairmen were Gail (Mrs. James R.) Andrews and Karen (Mrs. Michael) Gould.

Proceeds from the tour will go to the continuation of several restoration projects and the maintenance of the Virginia Robinson Gardens said Friends president, Carol (Mrs. Douglas) Mancino



Co-chairmen Karen Gould (left) and Gail Andrews (right) greet Mrs. Vincente Minnelli, honorary chair of the third annual garden tour sponsored by Friends of Robinson Gardens.

Fiesta de Flores

Doubts raised by the drought and recession convinced organizers of Fiesta de Flores to look for different ways of supplying a wide variety of plants for the annual benefit plant sale at South Coast Botanic Garden.

"Our goal was to raise as much for the garden as we did last year," said Ed Hancock, Fiesta chairman, "but we didn't want to spend a lot on a huge plant inventory that might not sell." Twelve local plant societies added their stock to the plants grown by SCBG Foundation volunteers for the two day sale held May

18-19. Several wholesale growers also supplied an assortment of colorful annuals perennials, shrubs and trees.

As a result, the sale attracted more than 2,500 shoppers and grossed over \$50,000 to help support the garden's programs.

About 800 Foundation members and guests attended the Preview Party the evening of May 17. Besides the opportunity to select their plants early, party goers could win a cruise to Bermuda and many other raffle prizes.



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