

SCHS “RETURN TO SOMIS” FIELD TRIP

Saturday, June 15, 2019

Stop 1. Berylwood Tree Farm



www.berylwoodtreefarm.com

The late landscape architect Rolla Wilhite founded Berylwood Tree Farm in 1969 to grow the kinds of trees he wanted, grown in the way he wanted them grown. The nursery has grown into a place where repotting a tree might involve 2 cranes, 2 trucks and several tractors and where you can find hundreds of trellised fruit trees and vines up to 2 stories high. Berylwood trees are found locally in The Getty, Disneyland, The Huntington, and UCLA. They have also travelled to Amazon Headquarters in Seattle, The Smithsonian, and the Gardens by The Bay in Singapore.

This is the first time a bus tour has been permitted at Berylwood. General Manager Chuck Hunter will meet us with coffee and snacks, and we'll learn about Rolla and the nursery as we experience a unique and exclusive tour.

Stop 2. Greenwood Daylily Gardens



www.greenwoodgarden.com

The 40 acres at Greenwood Daylily Gardens contain a nursery (and not just daylilies!), an organic avocado orchard and cultivated gardens, and will be our midday tour stop. We'll learn from owner John Schoustra about new plants being bred for California gardens and have a chance to shop for some of them. We'll also enjoy a catered lunch and be able to explore the gardens, including the new lilac labyrinth. At the nursery we'll learn about high density organic avocado production, the potting mix being produced from all recycled ingredients, and the passive system used to capture and percolate a million gallons of storm runoff per rain event. There's something for everyone at Greenwood – and don't forget about the stunning views!

Stop 3. Richard Baron's "Garden of Dreams"



After lunch, we will travel to Richard Baron's 60-acre property, where he has turned recycling and reuse into a living work of art. Richard cleaned up an illegal landfill and transformed the landscape by creating streams, woods and gardens, as well as a 5-acre lake with a tree-covered island. Many of his trees were salvaged from construction sites throughout Southern California, while others were grown for decades in Richard's nursery and painstakingly pruned to realize his vision. Richard will guide us through his gardens, explaining aspects of their past and plans for the future, and also talk about some interesting new crops he is cultivating. Whether you've been here before, or it's your first visit, this is a one-of-a-kind horticultural treat not to be missed.

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Chartered bus will depart at 8 a.m. and return at approx. 4 - 5 p.m.

Sorry, no private cars allowed on this trip.

Further details will be provided once you have completed your registration.

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Due to the limited space, “first come, first served” reservations for this trip will only be allowed through online ticketing at the SCHS website: www.socalhort.org OR by contacting our trip organizers by phone: John Schoustra at 562-755-1413 or Carol Aronson at 818-746-7866

Member tickets are \$60 each/ Non-Member tickets are \$70 each.

(Catered lunch included.)

Reservations must be purchased on or before June 5.

Please make your reservation soon as we expect this trip to fill up quickly.