

# FOOTHILL CREATIVE ARTS GROUP ART OF THE GARDEN

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**F**oothill Creative Arts Group will again offer garden-lovers the opportunity to explore five exquisite garden-estates near the historic Huntington Library and Gardens and the Huntington Ritz-Carlton Hotel. This second "Art of the Garden" tour located in the shadow of the Huntingtons showcases the finest in Pasadena's storied tradition in architecture and landscape designs.

The tour takes place Sunday, April 23, from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. In addition to the gardens, painters, potters, jewelry designers, and enamelists will be selling their art. The five gardens on this tour are presented with the generous cooperation of owners Richard and Maureen LoGuercio, Michael and Cecelia Grace, Bill and Sally Hurt, Peter and Eliane Berger, and Harlan and Sally Bixby. For tickets or more information, contact Creative Arts Group at (626) 355-8350.



## THE LOGUERCIO GARDEN

A grand axial entrance leads to this Reginald Johnson-designed Monterey Colonial house and its motor court. The garden is a collaboration between the owners and Peter Evans, who is the landscape designer and contractor. The owners wanted a natural garden with flowing curves and lots of lawn for their children to roam, as well as room for entertaining. Low-maintenance planting that looked good year-round was an important consideration for this one-acre property.

A flat pool terrace was carved out of the sloping rear yard and a

gracious staircase connects the house to the pool. Two patios are located off the kitchen; one is in the rear of the house for cooking and dining, and another is in front as a place to have morning coffee and tend the kitchen garden. Mature Chinese Elms and Pittosporum create shady areas planted with Azaleas, Camellias, Clivia and Hydrangea for year-round color. Drifts of Agapanthus, daylilies, Rhapsiolepis and roses provide color in sunny areas. A Weeping Willow, Birches and Crape Myrtles enhance the woody feeling of this classic garden.

## THE GRACE GARDEN

This brick English Country house was built in 1924 for the Bissell (vacuum cleaner) family. The current owners wanted to respect both the architectural style of the house and the arid Southern California climate. Landscape designer Bob Weaver integrated these two elements by creating a naturalistic rear yard with a hint of English garden right around the house.