

A DAY OF BEAUTY: ABSR & ERG'S FOURTH GARDEN AND ART WALK

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ABSR and ERG are co-sponsoring their *Fourth Annual Garden and Art Walk* on **June 30** from **11 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Tickets are available for purchase at \$10 in advance or \$15 on the day of the event (purchase information below). Two public gardens—ERG's Bob Beglin Native Plant Garden and the Depot garden—along with several home gardens will be open for the enjoyment of Beverly Shores residents and their guests.



As in previous years, each garden will host a plein-air painter who will be painting a scene in the garden. Guests are invited to watch and talk with the painter.

The Beverly Shores Depot Museum and Art Gallery will be highlighted during the Walk. Its recently renovated garden is included in the Walk; it will display participating plein-air artists' garden and nature works; and, once every hour during the Walk, there will be a brief presentation on the history and current focus of the Depot. Guests are invited to partake in the refreshments while enjoying art and learning about the Depot.



Original 21"x17" oil painting by
Kei Constantinov

On the day of the Walk, guests are asked to check in at the Administration Building to pick up tickets purchased online or to buy their tickets. There, they will receive a map with brief descriptions of the gardens and a wristband, which enables admission to all gardens and the shuttle bus.

This year your Garden and Art Walk ticket again becomes a **raffle ticket** for one of two lovely prizes. The first is an original 21" x 17" oil painting donated by Kei Constantinov. The second is a gift basket donated by Chesterton Feed & Garden Center. Simply write your contact information on the back of your ticket and drop it in the raffle box at the Administration Building during check-in.

A free shuttle bus will be available to view the gardens, and guests are encouraged to use the bus, their golf carts or bikes to visit the gardens, so parking at individual homes does not become problematic on our narrow streets. Some gardens will require climbing a bit. Please remember that bathrooms at individual homes will not be available to Walk participants. Guests are encouraged to use the facilities at the Administration Building, at Lake View Plaza (next to Rebora Plaza), or at the Depot. All these public restrooms are on or near the bus route.

You may purchase your ticket in advance at absr.org, by contacting event chair Elizabeth Thornburg: ethornburg@comcast.net or 708-794-6474. You may also get your ticket from any Garden & Art Walk Committee member: Joy Bracken, Donna Excell-Steffel, Julie Kasniunas, Chris May, Marija Meskauskas, Lisa Sarsany, Patti Sullivan, Suzy Vance, Annette Young. If you purchase your tickets on the day of the Walk for \$15, only cash or checks can be accepted.

Plan to come out for a day of feasting your eyes on beautiful gardens and art!

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