



FIELD TRIP TO THE HERMITAGE

One Wednesday: January 31, 2024, 9:30 a.m. – 12 noon
Enrollment limited to 16

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The Hermitage is located on West Mountain Drive in Santa Barbara. Those who sign up for this tour will receive carpooling instructions.

“High in the hills of Santa Barbara lies the Hermitage, the private whimsy of Theodore Roosevelt Gardner II. Few are invited to the 18-acre property, where Gardner has amassed a dizzying array of sculpture that plays out like an art lover’s funhouse.” —L.A. Times

The Hermitage offers an outstanding collection of original sculptures, inspired whimsy, and humor. Works of art are on display in both outdoor and indoor settings, as the museum opens into a subtropical garden with trails winding through the hillside. Visitors come to appreciate art in new ways—with fresh insights into the unfamiliar, the provocative, and the unexpected.

The collection includes more than 260 bronze busts: 43 presidents, 126 authors, 72 composers, and 22 others. Many of the sculptures, including life-sized bronzes, are mounted outdoors in a unique setting with thousands of remarkable subtropical plants, including rare and exotic flowering trees. You will find many surprises there!



Important information about the field trip: The museum and 10-acre property rest on hilly terrain with steps and paths on two adjacent *continued on other side*

PLEASE REVIEW THE STATEMENT ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS FLYER REGARDING VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS.

Preferred registration deadline*: January 14, 2024

*Early enrollment helps us with our planning; also, those who register by the preferred deadline will be given priority in case of over-enrollment.

Enrollment form: Field Trip to The Hermitage

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VISTAS members \$20; non-members \$35

- **EITHER pay online** on our website by secure credit card through PayPal: <https://www.vistaslifelonglearning.org/current-courses>
- **OR mail this form** and your check to: VISTAS Lifelong Learning, Inc.
P.O. Box 23228, Santa Barbara CA 93121

Number of persons _____ \$ _____ Check # _____

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

It is understood that attendance is limited to those who are fully vaccinated against Covid-19.



properties. The guided tour will walk about 1.5 miles and climb the equivalent of seven floors with some uneven terrain. There are minimal railings and no benches along the route. Tours last 2 hours.



Theodore Roosevelt Gardner II is a novelist, essayist, and newspaper columnist. He has produced novels in several genres. He is also a real estate investor and director and founder of South Coast Choral Society.

IMPORTANT COVID-19 POLICY

The health and safety of our attendees and their families are of utmost importance to us. **Accordingly, we are limiting attendance to those who are fully vaccinated.** Proof of vaccinations and boosters (digital Covid-19 Vaccination Card or a photo of your printed card) must be sent to our business manager via email (vistas@vistaslifelonglearning.org) or text (805-967-6030). This needs to be done only once—your proof of vaccination will remain valid for all VISTAS events. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

VISTAS Winter/Spring 2024 Calendar

SUBJECT TO CHANGE; for up-to-date information, visit our website (VistasLifelongLearning.org) frequently!

Course / Event	Date(s)	Time	Venue
VISTAS Winter Social	Sunday, February 4	1:30 pm	Music Academy of the West
Fiction Book Club	3rd Thursday monthly	10:00 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
Monday Nonfiction Book Club	4th Monday monthly	1:30 pm	Via Zoom
The SB Civil Grand Jury: The Public's Watchdog	Mon. Jan. 8 and 15	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
Not Just a Pretty Place: Science at SB Botanic Garden	Tues. Jan. 9	1:00 pm	SB Botanic Garden
Legendary Lovers in Opera	Tues. Jan. 23, 30, Wed. Feb. 7	9:30 am	Music Academy of the West
The Hapsburgs	Thurs. Jan. 25 and Feb. 1	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
The Five Good Emperors	Mon. Feb. 5	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
Celebrating 100 Years of the Granada Theatre	Mon. Feb. 12	1:00 pm	Grenada Theatre
Whose Land Is It, Anyway?	Tues. Feb. 13, 20, 27, Mar. 5	9:30 am	Music Academy of the West
The Climate Crisis: Where We Are, What We Can Do	Weds. Feb. 21, 28, Mar. 6	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
<i>The Lafayette Escadrille and The Millionaires' Unit</i>	Thurs. Feb. 29, Mar. 7	1:00 pm	Valle Verde Theater
Conserving the Gaviota Coast, in Pictures and Stories	Mon. March 4	9:30 am	Bethany Cong. Church
Annual Short Story Discussion Group, Section 1	Wed. Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27	1:00 pm	Valle Verde Social Room
Annual Short Story Discussion Group, Section 2	Thurs. Mar. 7, 14, 21, 28	1:00 pm	Montecito Covenant Church
Heroes & Rogues, Series 5	Mon. Mar. 11, 18, 25	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
American Folk Music Revival of the 20th Century	Mon. April 1, 8, 15, 22	1:00 pm	Bethany Congreg. Church
String Quartets in the Vienna in Beethoven's Time	Wed. April 3, 10, 17	9:30 am	Music Academy of the West
Will China (Still) Eat Our Lunch?	Thurs. April 4	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
<i>Sinkable: Adventures with Shipwrecks</i>	Wed. April 24	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
The Golden Age of the Broadway Musical	Fri. May 3, 10, 17	9:30 am	Music Academy of the West
Artistic Renderings of Human Body / Women Artists	Mon. May 6	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
The Magic Behind TV Music	Wed. May 8	1:00 pm	Bethany Congreg. Church
13,000 Years of Local Maritime History / Whales	Mon. May 13	9:30 am	SB Maritime Museum
The Immigration Conundrum	Wed. May 15, 23	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church