WELCOME!

The Huntington Library, Art Museum, and Botanical Gardens is a collections-based research and educational institution founded in 1919 by Henry E. and Arabella Huntington. Henry Huntington was an exceptional businessman who built a financial empire in Southern California. He was also a man of vision—with a special interest in rare books, art, and gardens. During his lifetime, he amassed the core of one of the finest research libraries in the world, assembled a spectacular art collection, and established an array of botanical gardens with plants from a geographic range spanning the globe.

The Huntington’s collections have continued to grow since Henry Huntington’s time, serving up a feast for the senses and intellect, linked by a devotion to research, education, and beauty. Enjoy your visit!

HENRY E. AND ARABELLA HUNTINGTON

Henry Edwards Huntington was born in 1850 in Oneonta, New York. In 1872, he went to work for his uncle, Collis P. Huntington, one of the owners of the Central Pacific Railroad. This work led him west to California. In 1903, he purchased the San Marino Ranch and began transforming it into what is now The Huntington Library, Art Museum, and Botanical Gardens.

In 1913, Huntington married Arabella Davel Huntington, the widow of Collis. She was Henry’s age and shared his interests in collecting.

As one of the most important art collectors of her generation, she was highly influential in the development of the Huntington’s European art collection.

Henry E. Huntington died in 1927; Arabella predeceased him by three years. Both are buried in the mausoleum on the property.

LIBRARY

The Library is one of the world’s great independent research libraries concentrated in the fields of British and American history, literature, art, and the history of science, stretching from the 11th century to the present. Highlights from the Library’s collection of more than 11 million items are on display in the Library Exhibition Hall. The West Hall of the Library hosts changing exhibitions.

ART MUSEUM

The Art Museum focuses on European art from the 15th through the early 20th century and American art from the late 17th century to the present. European art is displayed in the Huntington Art Gallery, the former residence of Henry E. and Arabella Huntington. American art can be found in the Virginia Steele Scott Galleries of American Art. Major temporary exhibitions are mounted in the MaryLou and George Boone Gallery.

BOTANICAL GARDENS

The Botanical Gardens are an ever-changing exhibition of color and a constant delight. More than a dozen principal gardens cover 130 acres of the 207-acre grounds. Highlights include the Garden of Flowing Fragrance, or the Chinese Garden; the Desert Garden; the Japanese Garden; and the Rose Garden.

GENERAL INFORMATION

HOURS: Wednesday through Monday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed Tuesdays.

THE HUNTINGTON STORE: The Store carries a superb variety of gifts, books, jewelry, toys, and other items related to The Huntington’s collections. Shop on-site or online at thehuntingtonstore.org.

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PETS: Only service animals are permitted.

WHEELCHAIRS: A limited number of nonmotorized wheelchairs are available for loan. We urge you to reserve one in advance of your visit by calling 626-405-2125, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Unreserved wheelchairs may be available on a first-come, first-served basis at the Reception window.

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