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LOTUSLAND X SULLIVAN GOSS: WHERE THE WILD THINGS GROW

JUNE 30 - JULY 24, 2023

OPENING AND ARTIST'S RECEPTION:
1ST THURSDAY, JULY 6TH | FROM 5-8pm

SANTA BARBARA, CA - Sullivan Goss is excited to announce a contemporary artistic collaboration with Ganna Walska **Lotusland** to present *Where the Wild Things Grow*. The exhibition will showcase work by over twenty five local and regional artists inspired by the rare specimens and unique atmosphere of Lotusland's cultivated landscape. A portion of the proceeds from sales of the artwork will be donated to the Garden.

"We're so thankful to partner with Sullivan Goss for this exhibition. We have met some incredible artists at the Garden over the past few weeks and have watched their artistic vision unfold firsthand," said Rebecca Anderson, Executive Director for Lotusland. "Patrons to the gallery will surely be impressed. This exhibition is a part of our year-long celebration of our 30th anniversary," said Anderson. Lotusland opened to the public in 1993 and has several celebratory events lined up throughout the year. Lotusland is a nonprofit with a mission to preserve and enhance the unique, historic estate of Madame Ganna Walska, care for and improve its collection, and develop its conservation and horticulture programs so they can educate, inspire, and advance the understanding and appreciation of the importance of plants in our lives and in the life of the planet.

The artists of *Where the Wild Things Grow* bring a contemporary eye to the tradition of botanical art. While the 19th century saw naturalist artists recording botany and wildlife with precise illustrations, 21st century artists have a different agenda. For this new generation, nature's endless diversity of design is pared down to only essential shapes as the focus is more on color and design than botanical accuracy.

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Artwork styles for *Where the Wild Things Grow* range from formal realism to more abstract and unconventional media. Works on paper, sculpture, and paintings will be included, each expressing the many botanical inspirations to be discovered at Lotusland.

The *Where the Wild Things Grow* exhibition will run from June 30 to July 24. An opening and artist's reception will be held on July 6 from 5-8:00 PM in conjunction with the 1st Thursday Art Walk, hosted monthly by Downtown Santa Barbara.

Artists participating in *Where the Wild Things Grow* include: Meredith Brooks Abbott, Whitney Brooks Abbott, Cara Bonewitz, Mehera Blum, Ken Bortolazzo, Phoebe Brunner, Patricia Chidlaw, Rick Garcia, Robin Gowen, Inga Guzyte, Ruth Ellen Hoag, Nathan Huff, Cynthia James, Onno Kok, Emilie Lee, Paulo Lima, John Nava, Amber O'Neill, R. Nelson Parrish, Angela Perko, Hank Pitcher, Maria Rendon, Joan Rosenberg-Dent, Blakeney Sanford, Kerrie Smith, Sarah Vedder, Lynda Weinman, Monica Wiesblott.

To learn more about Lotusland and the coming events celebrating their 30th anniversary, visit www.lotusland.org.

Image above: ROBIN GOWEN, *Three Cranes at Lotusland*, 2023 | 16 x 24 inches | Oil on board