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THE FASHION OF BEVERLY HILLS



GALA IN THE GARDEN – El Nido Family Centers held its annual Garden Gala fundraiser at the magical Virginia Robinson Gardens in Beverly Hills this past weekend, where around 350 guests gathered to celebrate the non-profit organization which has served as a safe haven for at-risk populations for the past 93 years. Emceed by Beverly Hills Historical Society president Phil Savenick, the son of El Nido's first president Rose Norton, Savenick welcomed guests by saying: "I am a child of El Nido. I never had a case manager or an El Nido therapist. Instead, I had a mother. Her name is Rose Norton and she was El Nido's first president a half century ago." For almost a century, El Nido has been guided by the philosophy that "a child cannot grow up twice." Today, the nonprofit services over 12,000 children, youth, and family members each year with the goal of strengthening families to prevent child abuse and neglect. For information, visit: www.elnidofamilycenters.org. Pictured above (from left): Jon Avnet, director, producer, writer; El Nido Board Member Luz Avila Kyncl; Marilyn Katzenberg; Barbara Avnet; Jeffery Katzenburg, producer; and Robert Kyncl, chief business officer at YouTube.

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REMEMBERING HEATH LEDGER—At a swanky affair last week at the Chateau Marmont in Hollywood, Australian/Zimbabwean actress Charmaine Bingwa (pictured) was named the 10th annual Heath Ledger Scholarship award winner. Founded five months after Ledger passed away, the scholarship is awarded to an actor who exhibits distinctive and unique potential. Known for his incredible support of fellow actors seeking to make it big, the scholarship carries on Ledger's legacy by offering invaluable assistance for a young and emerging Australian actor to kick-start their career, break into Hollywood or train internationally. "Thank you for raising such an outstanding young man who has inspired so many people," Bingwa said to Ledger's family upon accepting the award during the event, which counted Bird in Hand winery as a sponsor. "Heath personally taught me what the power of a performance can do," she added, noting how transformative his performance in *Brokeback Mountain* was for her both personally and professionally. "As with previous years, we had an exceptional group of finalists, which made it all the more difficult to choose. It goes without saying that each one of them has an exciting future ahead of them," said one of the judges, actress Naomi Watts.

The American Society Of Interior Designers' Private Estates Pasadena Home Tour Is Oct. 7

The Pasadena Chapter of the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) will present a daylong home tour at three private estates on Sunday, Oct. 7, including a 1925 home designed by Paul R. Williams.

Outfitted by ASID designers Rozalynn Woods, Jennifer Bevan and Christine Santana, the upcoming event is intended to give design enthusiasts a glimpse into Pasadena's rich culture by showcasing three diverse home and garden styles. Proceeds benefit Friends of Foster Children.

"The ASID Home Tour celebrates the region's diverse architecture and design culture," said ASID Pasadena President Debbie Taliako. "As designers compete more and more with online outlets, this is an opportunity

to highlight our professional organization and showcase designer work offline."

A more personal take on a designer showcase house, the upcoming tour also includes a pop-up market featuring local shops, food trucks, designers' vendors, and free design consultations.

To purchase tickets, which are \$40 and include free parking and shuttle service, visit <https://capas.asid.org> or call 626-795-6898.



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