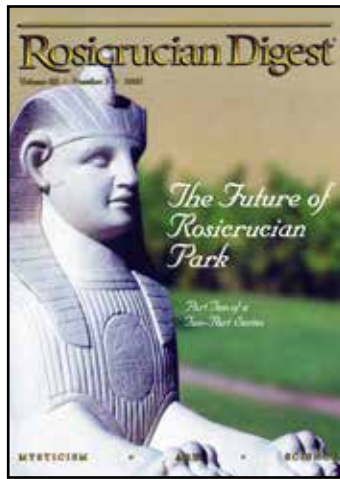


WE DID IT!



Dear Fratres and Sorores,

In 2002, on the occasion of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of Rosicrucian Park, the Board of Directors of the English Grand Lodge announced the plans for the Future of Rosicrucian Park in a special issue of the *Rosicrucian Digest*. Some of the goals seemed formidable, however they were so important that we decided to include them all.

Today, most of these goals, plus many more, have been achieved, thanks to the exceptional vision and commitment of our Board and the generosity of thousands of Rosicrucian members around North America and the Caribbean.

The next few pages describe some of the extraordinary projects that we have all accomplished together.

Thank you to everyone who has participated in the preservation and perpetuation of Rosicrucian Park. Your support has made all of this possible!

I hope that each of you will visit or re-visit Rosicrucian Park soon, to experience its beauty and tranquility. We look forward to welcoming you!

With sincere appreciation for your support and my warmest wishes for Peace Profound,

Sincerely and fraternally,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Julie Scott'.

Julie Scott
Grand Master

Accessible to All

Since 2002, we have constructed and installed ramps, elevators, and lifts making the historic Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum and Planetarium, Francis Bacon Auditorium, and the Rosicrucian Research Library buildings accessible to all. The gardens at Rosicrucian Park are also wheelchair accessible, including the Alchemy Garden and the Peace Garden; the Rosicrucian Labyrinth also has ground level borders providing guides for visually challenged guests.

Alchemy Exhibit

In anticipation of the opening of the new Alchemy Museum at Rosicrucian Park, the Rosicrucian Alchemy Exhibit (curated by Frater Dennis Hauck, Ph.D.) features a journey through the seven stages of the Alchemical process, a meditation chamber, and a full-size reproduction of an Alchemist's workshop.

Alchemy Garden

The Alchemy Garden at Rosicrucian Park, dedicated in 2014, features four elemental gardens, each representing one of the primary elements of Alchemy – Earth, Air, Fire, and Water. Each elemental garden culminates in a raised planter at the center of the garden, formed in the shape of the Alchemical symbol that represents that garden's element. Each planter contains plants associated with the respective element, for use in the Alchemy Laboratory.

All of the plants throughout the garden are native to northern California or are drought-tolerant, and represent characteristics of the respective alchemical elements, by showing the appropriate colors, characteristics, or ecological habitat associations. For example, native plants

that are ecologically adapted to fire are in the Fire Garden, along with plants with red flowers, bark, berries, etc.

Alchemy is one of the mystical traditions that greatly contributed to the Rosicrucian Tradition and is studied by Rosicrucian students.

Francis Bacon Auditorium Renovation

Built in 1931, Francis Bacon Auditorium was completely renovated in 2008, restoring its historic appearance and adding accessible restrooms, a chairlift, and a wheelchair ramp.

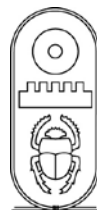
Native Plants Gardens

Rosicrucian Park has been organic since the year 2000 and since 2005 more than 5,000 native plants have been planted, replacing water-hungry lawns. This has resulted in a savings of more than 10 million gallons of water per year! The cumulative financial savings of the Native Plants Gardens since 2005 to today is \$572,000. The yearly savings increases every year as water gets more expensive. In 2017 alone the savings will be \$63,000. Please try this at home!

Net Zero Energy Status

Rosicrucian Park now produces enough clean, renewable energy to meet its own annual energy consumption requirements. In addition to updating the heating and air conditioning system in the Museum, cool roofs were installed on the Grand Temple and Museum.

Becoming Net Zero Energy is challenging enough for new buildings and almost unheard of for existing buildings, especially the historic buildings at Rosicrucian Park that were built as early



as 1931. In fact, experts said for years that this goal was impossible, however we persisted. With this initiative, Rosicrucian Park has reduced its energy consumption so substantially that it now meets 100 percent of its energy needs with new efficient solar panels. The resulting energy savings means that this project will pay for itself in thirteen years and the savings to the environment began immediately.

Peace Pole

This beautiful hand-crafted monument displays “May Peace Prevail on Earth” in twelve languages. There are tens of thousands of Peace Poles planted in 180 countries around the world - all dedicated as monuments to Peace.

Each year the United Nations celebrates September 21 as the International Day of Peace. Peacebuilders everywhere perform a powerful act of planetary acupuncture on this date by sending energy through all the Peace Poles around the planet for a Global Attunement of Peace.

At Rosicrucian Park we also celebrate the Rosicrucian Day of Peace on the fourth Sunday of June each year. All are welcome.

Pythagoras Statue

Pythagoras (ca. 570 to 490 BCE) is one of the most important philosophers in the history of the Western world.

He deeply influenced astronomy, cosmology, mathematics, and philosophy – especially the Rosicrucian Tradition. The Pythagorean Way of Life serves as a model of moral and ethical values that deeply resonate with the Rosicrucian Tradition. His study of the universe was inspired by his desire to feel a closer connection with the Divine. This inquiry, initiated 2,500 years ago, can rightly be called the

beginning of the scientific inquiry that continues to today.

This statue, installed in 2012, is an authorized reproduction of the original created by Nicholas Ikaris, which stands at the harbor of Pythagorio, Samos, Greece – the birthplace of Pythagoras.

Rainwater Harvesting

This project harvests precious rainwater from several roofs to large hidden storage tanks, saving more than 35,000 gallons of rainwater per year for irrigation use.

Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum New Mobile App

The Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum recently released its new mobile app, serving as a valuable resource for members, researchers, students, and the general public.

Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum Renovation

The Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum hosts 110,000 guests per year, including 26,000 sixth graders (California’s sixth grade social studies curriculum includes ancient Egypt). In addition to making the Museum completely accessible to all guests (new ramp, chairlifts, and restrooms) and upgrading the heating and air conditioning system (the new cutting-edge system uses less than 10 percent of the energy that the previous system used), all of the galleries and artifact cases have been updated presenting the latest information regarding ancient Egypt. The museum has also created Tour Expeditions for school groups, which are experiential journeys through the museum, and the Junior Archaeologist Program for young people includes participatory workshops

culminating in a Night in the Museum (sleepover) graduation ceremony.

Rosicrucian Labyrinth

The Rosicrucian Labyrinth, dedicated in 2015, is based on the design of the Chartres Labyrinth, which has inspired spiritual wayfarers for at least 800 years. Labyrinths around the world have been effective meditation tools for millennia.

The paths of the Rosicrucian Labyrinth are surrounded by native plants, which create the outline of the labyrinth design. The paths were built sufficiently wide so that guests in wheelchairs can easily navigate the turns. An oak grove, sacred in many of the ancient mystery traditions, surrounds the Labyrinth.

This beautiful Labyrinth, accessible to all and nestled within this sacred grove, provides the opportunity for the hundreds of thousands of members and guests who visit Rosicrucian Park each year to experience its tranquility in new and profound ways. It also demonstrates the benefits of living in harmony with our environment and our natural resources – a principle at the core of the Rosicrucian teachings and a practice especially important at this time in humanity's history.

Rosicrucian Peace Garden

During the 2004 AMORC World Peace Conference, Emperor Christian Bernard dedicated this beautiful educational garden, authentic to the Eighteenth Dynasty of ancient Egypt. It is based on examples of gardens from the remains of the city of Akhetaton, now called Amarna. The ancient Egyptians would relax in a garden like this next to their home – a garden full of medicinal plants and beautiful and fragrant flowers.

Thoughtful attention was given to

every detail in the Rosicrucian Peace Garden, creating a truly educational and inspirational experience for guests at Rosicrucian Park.

Rosicrucians and friends celebrate the Rosicrucian Day of Peace in the Peace Garden on the fourth Sunday of June each year.

Rosicrucian Planetarium Renovation

In 2003, the historic Rosicrucian Planetarium (built in 1936) was structurally renovated and updated. A Rosicrucian Welcome Center was also created in the lobby. This building of Moorish design (honoring the important contributions of the Arab astronomers) was the fifth planetarium built in the United States and the first to house an American-made star projector, designed and constructed by H. Spencer Lewis. Today complimentary space shows are presented daily.

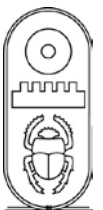
Rosicrucian Research Library

The collection of the Rosicrucian Research Library began in the early 1900s with H. Spencer Lewis's personal library, which he bequeathed to the Research Library. The current building, envisioned by Emperor Ralph M. Lewis, was designed by his brother, architect Earle Lewis, and was constructed in 1939.

Dedicated to the pursuit of Rosicrucian knowledge, the Rosicrucian Research Library contains a remarkable collection of books and other research materials on most esoteric subjects, as well as cultural, scientific, and other fascinating material.

Rosicrucian members, visiting scholars, students, and interested members of the public are welcome to study here.

The Library staff recently completed an extensive inventory project and, with the help of volunteers, is translating into



English and digitizing a number of rare books important in the Rosicrucian and Martinist traditions.

The Rare Books Room, dedicated in 2015, displays some of the Library's

most important works, including the Rosicrucian Manifestos of the early 1600s, rare books by Jacob Boehme, Michael Maier, Robert Fludd, Francis Bacon, Isaac Newton, Louis-Claude de Saint-Martin, and other exceptional works.



At left, native poppy plants in the Earth element planter in the Alchemy Garden in front of the RCUI Building (future home of the Alchemy Museum).

Below, the Rosicrucian Manifestos in the Rosicrucian Research Library's Rare Books Room.



At left, the opening of the Alchemy Exhibit with Frater Dennis Hauck, Ph.D., Curator of the Exhibit and of the new Alchemy Museum, which will be built when the funds are raised.

New museum mobile app.



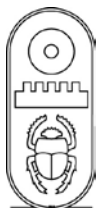
New 3D models of museum artifacts. To view the one above, visit: <https://skfb.ly/68TZI>



Net Zero Energy: The Grand Temple harnessing the energy of the sun with solar panels.



New wheelchair accessible entrance ramp to the Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum.





At left, Junior Archaeologists learning how to write hieroglyphs.



At right, hundreds of Rosicrucians and members of the community celebrated the Solar Eclipse in the Labyrinth at Rosicrucian Park on August 21, 2017.



At left, Emperor Christian Bernard dedicating the Rosicrucian Peace Garden during the 2004 AMORC World Peace Conference.