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## Nature's Play

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GORGEOUS GARDENS | CELEBRATE MALIBU MOMS & DADS





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*Top left, clockwise: A Red-tailed hawk; David Murdock singing with bagpiper Eric Rigler; David Murdock and Gary Severns; David Murdock's granddaughter, Aurora Gabriele Murdock, Karla Nesen and Michael Kelly; some of the vintage automobiles on display; Marcelle Blake and Joleen Pocaro Duddy*

Billionaire and chairman of the Dole Food Company, David Murdock, invited guests to his esteemed Ventura Farms estate for a St. Patrick's Day Concours Charity Benefit. The event featured Celtic dance and music performances, falconry and tours of the estate gardens, as well as food samplings, wine, beer, Irish Whiskey and other spirit stations. Several vintage automobiles from prominent museums and collections were also present, including a 1932 Plymouth Brewster Town Car,

which was owned by Eleanor and Franklin D. Roosevelt.

The Ventura Farms estate is a 2,200-acre ranch that features several themed gardens, an 18,000-square-foot conservatory and architectural masterpieces, including the Chinese Scholar House, Japanese Tea House and Sound of Water Pavilion. Approximately one thousand people attended the event. A portion of the event proceeds went to the Westlake Village Park and YMCA.

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