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Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2009 8:59 AM  
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TO: Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors  
RE: Santa Botanic Garden "art" house structure

>>I am unable to be at the meeting due to my work schedule, but wanted  
>>to voice my concern and opposition to the proposal from the Santa  
>>Barbara Botanic Garden to install a "temporary" labyrinth structure at  
>>the top of the historic Lockwood de Forest designed meadow. As I  
>>understand it, the Historic Landmark status requires the Garden to  
>>comply with the historic design concepts set by Mr.  
>>de Forest and to comply with the historic use concepts as well.  
>>Obstruction of the view of Cathedral Peak and surrounding plants and  
>>turning the Garden into a tourist venue go against this. It seems the  
>>Garden is again attempting to greatly deviate from it's original and  
>>historic mandate and wants to set a precedence to perhaps be allowed  
>>to set up permanent obstructions of the view and ignore HLC  
>>requirements. There have been increasingly larger and more permanent  
>>"exhibits" in the historic meadow..the Bugs, the Toad Hall and now  
>>they want to build a labyrinth that looks like a skeletal building and  
>>is the size and shape of 1200sq ft house.

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This will completely change the feeling of the meadow and perhaps encourage more shenanigans from the Garden down the line. I urge you to once again help save on of Santa Barbara's most beautiful and endangered jewels by denying this affront.

Thanks you  
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