

## Garden Event

9-20-23, 7am, Pasadena's Arlington Garden at the LA Breakfast Club with Michelle Matthews, Los Angeles 90027

Description = For more than 40 years, the site of Arlington Garden was a desolate patch of land in Pasadena, designated as a staging area for the future construction of a 710 Freeway link. After the freeway was halted due to community opposition, the land sat empty until the garden began in 2005. At that point, the site had 12 mature trees but was otherwise bare. Today, it is a flourishing garden designed to demonstrate that low-water use can still yield a beautiful natural expanse in a densely populated urban setting. It's now home to more than 300 trees and thousands of California natives and other plants that are well suited to the region's Mediterranean climate. Michelle Matthews is a BIPOC environmentalist, artist, designer, and photographer, with a BFA from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, and MFA from the University of Southern California. Traveling back and forth between her home in Hawthorne, CA and her high school in West Los Angeles, Michelle noticed how the quality of the landscape impacts the quality of life. She has spent most of her career working as a creative at nonprofit, cultural, and advocacy institutions such as the ACLU, the Museum of Contemporary Art in Los Angeles, and Sundance Institute. Since 2017, she has served as the Executive Director of Arlington Garden. Founded in 1925, the Los Angeles Breakfast Club still thrives with food, friendship, and fun. Our meetings are held in our clubhouse, Friendship Auditorium, located at 3201 Riverside Drive, near the corner of Los Feliz Boulevard, in Griffith Park. Best described as a variety show, attendees enjoy a catered breakfast, silly songs, club traditions, and an interesting presentation from a guest speaker.

Cost = \$25

Location = Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Dr, Los Angeles 90027

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