

UCSB Retirees Association Presents a Guided Walking Tour of the Hermitage Museum
Wednesday, December 3, from 10 am to noon

Despite its location overlooking Santa Barbara, the Hermitage is one of the best not-so-secret, unique jewels of our wonderful city. Inspired by whimsy and good humor, the architecturally quirky museum and its 10-acre botanic garden are chockablock with original sculptures and other works of art displayed indoors, as well as along trails meandering through a bamboo forest and subtropical gardens filled with significant collections of desert plants, including cacti, aloes, agaves, palms, cycads, and rare and exotic flowering trees.

The artwork on display includes many surprises - over 260 bronze busts (showcasing U.S. presidents, authors, composers, and others), and many life-sized and larger-scale sculptures and installations designed to provoke, surprise, and delight the viewer.

Please be aware that the museum and gardens rest on hilly terrain. Guided tour visitors will walk about 1.5 miles and climb stairs and hills the equivalent of 7 floors, with some uneven paths and terrain that must be navigated over the 2+ hours of the tour. There are no benches along the tour route, and the tour may be too strenuous for those with walking/standing difficulties. Due to the nature of the property and the guided tour, it is not possible to come for only part of the scheduled time. The tours will take place in light rain and on hot days so visitors should address accordingly. You are encouraged to wear sturdy walking shoes and a sunhat and bring along drinking water should you need it during the tour.

Registration for this event is on a first-come, first served basis. To register, contact Andrea Carr at andrea.penn.carr@gmail.com