

Silicon Valley's Home for the Arts.

Built in 1912, Villa Montalvo was the country home of James D. Phelan, the three-term San Francisco mayor and first popularly-elected senator from California. Named in honor of the 16th-century Spanish writer who coined the name "California," this beloved estate was frequented by poets, writers, artists and performers during Phelan's lifetime.

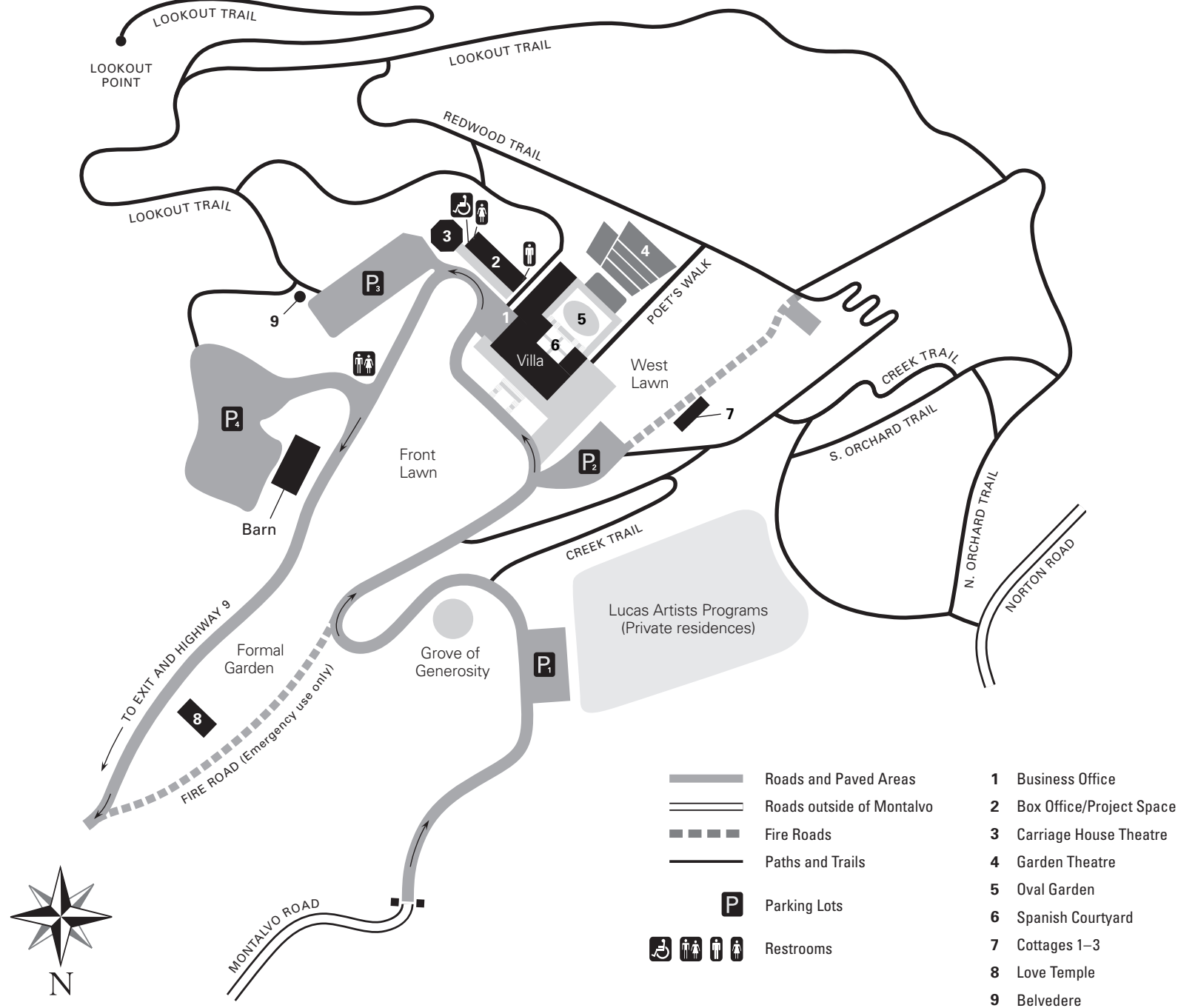
At his death in 1930, Senator Phelan was explicit in his bequest of Villa Montalvo. "I would like the property...to be maintained as a public park open under reasonable restrictions, the buildings and grounds immediately surrounding the same to be used as far as possible for the development of art, literature, music, and architecture by promising students."



Today, Montalvo Arts Center continues Phelan's legacy with programs in performing, literary and visual arts, arts education and artist residency. The Villa and grounds house an on-site gallery, outdoor amphitheatre, intimate indoor theater, live/work studios for practicing artists, classroom space and 175 acres of hiking trails and gardens.

The programs and facilities of Montalvo Arts Center are made possible in part through the generous support of the Friends of Montalvo.

Montalvo Arts Center — Villa and Grounds



Montalvo Arts Center serves the community through a variety of programs, including:

Education – Offering community classes and workshops, summer camps, professional development for teachers and free programs for more than 15,000 K-12 students each year.

Literary Arts – Presenting prominent contemporary writers to share their works and their lives through the Montalvo Literary Arts Series. We also sponsor the monthly Montalvo Book Club and occasional Literary Tours day trips.

The Sally and Don Lucas Artists Programs – Providing artists and thinkers from around the globe the opportunity to live and work in Montalvo’s new artist residency complex. The Lucas Artists Programs also sponsor conferences, colloquia, exhibits and other special events.

Performing Arts – Presenting more than 130 live music and family theater performances each year in our three on-site venues, as well as partnering venues in the community.

Visual Arts – Inviting visitors to participate in the creative process through the display of contemporary art, works in progress and hands-on interactive projects in the Project Space gallery, as well as throughout the grounds with our NEA award-winning Sculpture on the Grounds program.

Gardens and Hiking Trails – With more than 50,000 visitors each year, the Montalvo grounds include 175 acres of formal gardens and hiking trails. The historic Villa and grounds have been preserved through the years by thousands of volunteers and community supporters.



Join us!

Join the Montalvo family today and see how you can enjoy special benefits while supporting a great community resource!

Friends of Montalvo receive special privileges, including early ticketing for all performing arts events, special previews of gallery exhibitions, advance registration for summer camps and more. To learn how you can become a Friend of Montalvo, call 408-961-5807.

Corporate partners help keep the arts alive in our local community. To learn how your company can be involved at Montalvo Arts Center, call 408-961-5829.

More than 500 community volunteers and Montalvo Service Group members support the arts programs at Montalvo by contributing thousands of hours in our offices, at events and on the grounds. To learn more about volunteer opportunities, call 408-961-5828.

Park Hours

April 1 – September 30

8 a.m. to 7 p.m. (Mon – Thurs)
9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Fri – Sun)

October 1 – March 31

8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Mon – Thurs)
9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Fri – Sun)

Holidays

9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Poor weather or events may result in park closure. Please call ahead to confirm hours at (408) 961-5800.

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