

THE NEW ALCHEMY MUSEUM AT ROSICRUCIAN PARK

Respected Member of our Order,

When H. Spencer Lewis moved the headquarters of the Rosicrucian Order to San Jose, California in 1927, he envisioned Rosicrucian Park as a center for art, science, and mysticism that would inspire members and non-member guests for generations to come.

In 1929, he began the extraordinary collection of the Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum, which is now the largest collection of ancient Egyptian artifacts on display in western North America.

In 1936, H. Spencer Lewis constructed the fifth planetarium in the United States, which continues to present complimentary star shows every day.

In 1939, Ralph Lewis and his brother, Earle, designed the Rosicrucian Research Library to house the exceptional collection of books that H. Spencer Lewis had bequeathed to the Order, along with other important esoteric works.

In 1949, following the Depression and wartime building supplies rationing, H. Spencer Lewis's recorded voice played during the dedication of the beautiful Grand Temple, which serves as the spiritual home to Rosicrucians around the world.

In 1966, the current Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum, designed and constructed by Ralph and Earle Lewis, was completed and today welcomes more than 100,000 guests per year.

More recently we have continued H. Spencer Lewis's vision for Rosicrucian Park with the creation of the Rosicrucian Peace Garden (2004), an educational garden authentic to the Eighteenth Dynasty of Ancient Egypt; the Alchemy Garden (2012) with plants related to the four elements of the Great Work that can be used in the laboratory; the Rosicrucian Labyrinth (2015), a walking meditation tool for inner transformation, designed with native plants; the Research Library's Rare Books Room (2015), displaying some of H. Spencer Lewis's personal books and possessions and other historic works; and Rosicrucian Park's achievement of Net Zero Carbon status (2017), now producing enough clean, renewable energy to meet our annual energy consumption requirements.

In 2020, we will continue H. Spencer Lewis's legacy with the opening of the Rosicrucian Alchemy Museum in what is currently the RCUI building.

For three years, our magnificent Alchemy Exhibit has been a popular display at the Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum. We are now ready to begin the construction of its permanent home.

The Alchemy Museum at Rosicrucian Park will offer an interactive introduction to the fascinating history of Alchemy (with its origins in Egypt), as well as hands-on demonstrations involving the seven steps of the alchemical process, lab workstations for up to twelve students, and a meditation chamber.

Most importantly, this newest addition to Rosicrucian Park will serve to educate our guests, through the symbolism of the alchemical processes, on the primary purpose that each of us shares as Rosicrucian students; that is, our evolution from a lower state of being (symbolized by the base metals) to a higher state of being (symbolized by the radiant gold of Illumination).

The new Alchemy Museum at Rosicrucian Park will assist us in bringing into public awareness the profundity of the mystic's perpetual search for the Philosopher's Stone, which is our greatest potential as human beings.

The estimated cost for the Alchemy Museum is \$4,994,900, which includes the complete renovation of the 84-year-old RCUI building, constructed by H. Spencer Lewis in 1934, and a world-class museum exhibit.

Please visit <http://www.rosicrucianpark.org/alchemy-museum> for details on the proposed features and experiences that this new addition to Rosicrucian Park will provide.

The Alchemy Museum, together with our other recent projects, ensures that Rosicrucian Park continues to serve as a center of wisdom and esoteric culture well into the twenty-first century.

We invite you to participate in perpetuating the legacy that has been bequeathed to all of us through a one-time gift <https://www.rosicrucian.org/donate/donate-alchemy.php> or through a monthly commitment, which you can make here: <https://www.rosicrucian.org/donate/monthly-recurring-donation.php>.

Thank you for your continuing support of the Rosicrucian Order, AMORC!

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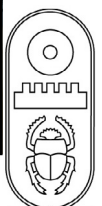
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Above and on back cover - artist renderings of the New Alchemy Museum at Rosicrucian Park.



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