NIGHTFLOWERS ON DISPLAY AT THE HUNTINGTON

SAN MARINO, CA –The Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens will display 11 of David Leaser's *Nightflowers* in the Botanical Building through November 1. The *Nightflowers* collection is on display in the Botanical Building (adjacent the Conservatory) and can be viewed during normal business hours, except Sundays.

The International Photography Awards recognized Leaser's *Nightflowers* with a silver award in the Nature: Flowers category. More than 8,000 submissions from 90 countries competed for the 2011 International Photography Awards, the largest to date.

The Huntington will also host a free Saturday morning series of botanical events to explore the beauty and science of flowers. Titled, "Focus on Flowers," the series pairs David's artwork with science. Alongside the art exhibit, guests will be able to experience the extreme detail in flowers using dissection microscopes.

The "Focus on Flowers" series is free to Huntington guests and will run on Saturday mornings through November 1 in the Botanical Building from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. by invitation.

Send an e-mail to <u>gardensRSVP@huntington.org</u> for your invitation. The dates for the special event are September 17, September 24, October 1, October 8, October 22 and October 29.

The 11 large art pieces from the Nightflowers collection that are on display include:

- The Queen
- Illumination
- Hawaiian Sunset
- Flaming Parrot
- Whirligig
- Serenity
- Night of the Shooting Stars
- Tiger's Eye
- Nightstar
- Mosaic
- Blue Moon

About The Huntington

The Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens is a collections-based research and educational institution serving scholars and the general public. More information about The Huntington can be found online at huntington.org.

Visitor information

The Huntington is located at 1151 Oxford Rd., San Marino, Calif., 12 miles from downtown Los Angeles. It is open to the public Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from noon to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday, Sunday, and Monday holidays from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Summer hours (Memorial Day through Labor Day) are 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Closed Tuesdays and major holidays. Admission on weekdays: \$15 adults, \$12 seniors (65+), \$10 students (ages 12–18 or with full-time student I.D.), \$6 youth (ages 5–11), free for children under 5. Group rate \$11 per person for groups of 15 or more. Members are admitted free. Admission on weekends and Monday holidays: \$20 adults, \$15 seniors, \$10 students, \$6 youth, free for children under 5. Group rate \$14 per person for groups of 15 or more. Members are admitted free. Admission is free to all visitors on the first Thursday of each month with advance tickets. Information: 626-405-2100 or www.huntington.org.

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