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IN THE CALIFORNIA ARBORETUM FOUNDATION

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 1984

Christmas Open House Set December 14

QUEEN ANNE COTTAGE IS 100 YEARS OLD MEMBERS VIEW COTTAGE TO BENEFIT FUND

GIFT SHOP PRESENTS HOLIDAY IDEAS

The Arboretum Gift Shop will present its Holiday Open House for Christmas shopping Saturday, November 3 and Sunday, November 4 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

During the day a number of guest artists, authors and product specialists will give shoppers insights into items available in the Gift Shop and how to use them.

Mrs. Johanson told us, "You won't want to miss Maggie Neighbors and Donna Manship's wreath making demonstration to get into the Holiday spirit. Being presented will be Phil Schuyler, an artist and naturalist of considerable talent who will show not only his drawings but his commercial line of key rings, jewelry and magnets of various birds and animals all of which are thoroughly researched and authenticated."

"We are seldom able to see perfumes and colognes being distilled but this year Mrs. Myrtle Kapitan will be with us demonstrating these processes. For lovers of exotic plants Earl Ross of our Arboretum will share his knowledge."

"George Scott, our bulb expert will be on hand to offer advise to bulb growers and says he is willing to autograph his book, "Bulbs, How to Select, Grow and Enjoy" during the open house. For anyone interested in making potpourri, meeting Sue Tufenkian is a must. She will show the use of scented geraniums in potpourri and cooking."

Of all the Christmas Open House parties scheduled for the busy Holiday season the one not to be missed is our own birthday party for the *Queen Anne Cottage* Friday, December 14 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. to benefit the Historical Restoration Fund. Our Cottage is *100 years old*. For the occasion Las Voluntarias y Los Ayudantes of the California Arboretum Foundation is going all out to be certain you have a good time.

The first stop for partygoers will be Ayres Hall of Environmental Education. Siby Minton, Chairman of the event says, "Ayres Hall will be gaily decorated. Warm cider and refreshment will be served. While sipping cider you can view the art exhibit which will feature paintings, photos, needlework and other crafts depicting Arboretum scenes."

Mrs. Minton's committee has arranged for trams to transport guests to the Queen Anne Cottage for a tour through rooms decorated for a Victorian Christmas. The return trip will be via the trams.

The Christmas Open House is one of the major benefits of belonging to the Foundation. For \$7.50 you and your guests have the privilege of a private showing prior to its showing to the general public Saturday and Sunday. It is a wonderful way to encourage your friends and neighbors to join with us in our support of all the Arboretum projects.

The point should not be lost that proceeds from the celebration will aid in the upkeep of the old place through the Historical Restoration Fund. Mrs. Minton reminds us that past efforts of the Foundation have led to the reroofing of the Coach Barn, repainting of the Cottage and reupholstering of the furniture and new carpeting in the living areas.

We all know there is always something that needs to be done at home. Our Queen Anne Cottage has a list, too, made all the more difficult by our insistence the original Victorian look be maintained with authenticity as to style and color. For instance, the crystals are falling off the bedroom chandelier. Carpeting in that room is threadbare.

Mrs. Minton says, "Once these projects are completed we must look into the best protection system. A 100 year old wooden structure is always at risk." She hopes a sprinkler system can be installed.

Of course, other historic buildings on the grounds are equally vulnerable. A sprinkler system in the barn is probably another important project.

When attending our December function, you will find that the Las Voluntarias arm of our Arboretum Foundation has lavished loving care on the cottage and the coach barn, the depot and the Hugo Reid Adobe.

In spite of your attendance at the open house you may still want to return Saturday or Sunday and pay the \$1.50 charge for a narrated tour of the cottage and visit the other buildings such as the depot which will be specially decorated for the season under the direction of Peg Dorr.

Other hard workers for this event include Arden Keevers, Co-Chairman; Linn Cannon, beverages; Julia Stoneman, reservations; Joyce Bauer, food; Sandy Haven, cottage staffing; Grace Robinson and Eleanor Wigley, decorations in Ayres Hall; Virginia Stein, Chairman and Pat Kneale, Co-Chairman of the Arts and Crafts Show.

PRESIDENT EVANS REPORTS---

The work of the California Arboretum Foundation continues unabated.

Among our important projects are color slides for Las Voluntarias y Los Ayudantes speaker's bureau; lighting and electrical improvements in the rose garden.

By now you have heard the success of **GARDEN SHOW '84** and we all look forward to the continued success of our educational program and the fun of the various holiday activities listed in this newsletter.

It is with deep regret we must accept the resignation of Gene Schrider and Diane Martin from our Board of Trustees. Activities both of them participated in over the years would fill this and other editions. We know they will still be available to us from time to time to offer their knowledge and interest in the Arboretum.

Talent always seems to make its way to us. New appointments to the Board of Trustees this year are Mrs. Joan Banning, Mrs. Hannah Bradley, Mr. Henry Jordan, Mr. Perry Minton and Dr. Craig Potter.

The Board of Trustees extends warm wishes for a pleasant Holiday season, a Merry Christmas and a garden full of blooming plants and flowers in the New Year.

More Gift Shop

These guest artists will be in the Lecture Hall where you are welcome to visit before or after your shopping spree. Hot spiced cider, herbal teas and various breads will be served.

Foundation members as well as the general public are always welcome to shop in the Arboretum Gift Shop.

Advantages abound for shopping here. Parking is convenient, expert volunteers staff the small shop. There is a good stock of gift items, many one-of-a-kind. Foundation members receive a 10% discount on many items.

But, the best reason for shopping here is the additional financial support your Foundation receives. It would be a shame, however, not to mention as an added delight to your visit, meeting Norma Johanson, Gift Shop Manager, whose kindly disposition comes from her morning cup of herbal tea, a subject on which she is an expert.

GIFT SHOP SUGGESTIONS AVAILABLE AT ARBORETUM GIFT SHOP

Sun Dials from \$23.50 to \$31.00
Cast Iron Garden Frogs from \$20.00
Herb Pots for Planting and Storage - \$14.25
Ceramic Placques of "Garden Saints" - \$21.50

Horticultural Books
Calendars
Children's Horticultural Books and Planting Projects

REMINDER:

Members of the California Arboretum Foundation receive a 10% discount on many Gift Shop items.

CARE OF HOLIDAY GIFT PLANTS

[By Wendy Sekovich]

Puffy, golden mums and cheery red poinsettias are decorative plants that create holiday spirit wherever you place them. From Thanksgiving through the holiday season, many of us receive flowering gift plants to brighten our homes. If given proper care, many holiday plants will last for weeks or even months in the house and can be planted in the garden in the spring where they will continue to bring back memories throughout the year. The following tips can help you keep your gift plants healthy, fresh and blooming for a reasonable period of time:

--PROVIDE BRIGHT, INDIRECT LIGHT, but avoid direct sun as it may burn the leaves.

--GIVE THE PLANT COOL TEMPERATURES to prolong flowering--between 65°-75° during the day and 50°-60° at night. Keep the plant out of drafts.

--KEEP THE SOIL MOIST but not soggy. If the plant is wrapped in decorative foil, either remove it or check to make sure the pot can drain.

--REMOVE FADED BLOOMS to keep the plant attractive and encourage more blooming.

A little love and care should keep your plant in colorful bloom for weeks. But remember, when your holiday plant is down to its last droopy leaves, a stump and dried-up rootball--no repotting or fertilizer can revive the tired sap. Give it a decent burial in the compost heat.

For information about the care of Christmas trees--live, fresh-cut and imaginative, join the Sunday lecture on December 2 at 2 p.m. in the Lecture Hall.

ADVICE TO THE LEAF-LORN:

Fireplace ashes spread thinly in your garden will act as a barrier to snails and slugs, reduce soil acidity (don't overdo it!) and serve as a source of potash. Safe applications = 5lbs./250 sq. ft.



CHRISTMAS EVE

The Christmas fires brightly beam
And dance among the holly boughs,
The Christmas pudding's spicy steam
With fragrance fills the house,
While merry grows each friendly soul
Over the foaming wassail bowl.

The Christmas Fires,
Anne P.L. Field

HOT MULLED CIDER

1 Gallon	Apple Cider
1/4 cup	Honey
Juice of a 1/4 lemon	
2 tbs	Whole clove
1	Cinammon stick

Combine all ingredients in pan. Heat slowly. Simmer 15-20 minutes. Serve hot. Serves about 12.



COMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 4 - 2 p.m.

DISCOVER HOUSEPLANTS WITH FABULOUS FOLIAGE
Ruthe Betti

NOVEMBER 17, 18 - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

BONSAI SHOW
Santa Anita Bonsai Society

NOVEMBER 18 - 10 a.m.

DISCOVERING BAMBOOS
John Catlin

DECEMBER 2 - 2 p.m.

EXPLORING THE CARE OF CHRISTMAS TREES
Wendy Sekovich

DECEMBER 15, 16 - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

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ARTISTS AND AUTHORS SCHEDULE FOR GIFT SHOP OPEN HOUSE - NOVEMBER 3RD - 4TH

WREATH MAKING with Maggie Neighbors and Donna Manship

-Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
-Sunday 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

EXOTIC PLANTS with Earl Ross

-Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
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SELECTING & GROWING BULBS with George Scott

-Saturday various times
-Sunday various times

DISTILLING PERFUMES & COLOGNES with Myrtle Kapitan

-Saturday 12 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
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ART, PAINTINGS, SCULPTURE of Phil Schuyler

-Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
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SCENTED GERANIUMS IN POTPOURRI AND COOKING with Sue Tufenkian

-Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
-Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Annual Family	40.00	
Annual Organization (sliding scale)		
Annual Sustaining	100.00	
Annual Business	300.00	
Annual Benefactor	1,000.00	
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