



# AT THE FOUNDATION

COMMUNICATION AMONG FRIENDS  
IN THE CALIFORNIA ARBORETUM FOUNDATION

FEBRUARY - MARCH 1985

## Arboretum Plans Active Year

### **MATCHING FUND GRANT ANNOUNCED**

Foundation president, Kirk Evans, has announced a matching fund grant for capital projects at the Arboretum. Funds raised from now until July, 1985, will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$200,000.

Projects eligible for the funds are the Visitor Orientation Center, the re-design and expansion of the parking lots, the installation of additional lighting on the grounds, improvement of electrical services including sound systems and lighting for outdoor concerts and exhibitions.

New members, greater participation in Foundation programs and increased attendance at the gardens will aid in obtaining the maximum grant.

### **WANNA GET MARRIED?**

Eileen Hume is wedding coordinator for the California Arboretum Foundation. Under her direction, dozens of couples have selected the Arboretum as the site of their special day.

The Foundation has guidelines they believe will enhance the wedding/reception allowing for ease of access to the property without impending enjoyment by the general public.

Contributions received by the Foundation under this program are used to defray expenses and promote maintenance and development of the Arboretum.

The Contribution Schedule for this activity is based on the number of guests attending and ranges from \$200 for a wedding-only affair for 50 guests, to \$1,800 for both wedding and reception for larger parties.

Advance reservations are accepted as early as six months before the wedding date.

Mrs. Hume advises interest is strong in using the Arboretum for weddings and weekend dates are closing quickly.

Mrs. Hume's graciousness to wedding parties has been reported in notes received at the Foundation office.

### **MEMBERSHIP GROWS AND CLASSES FILL FINANCIAL STABILITY INCREASES AS PLANNING GOES ON**

Among the exciting results now being reviewed by the Board of Trustees as noteworthy at the California Arboretum Foundation are the more than 150 new members, the rapidly filling Landscape Gardening Seminar Series, a host of building projects, the long range planning and continued financial stability.

This surely marks an auspicious beginning to 1985.

Chairman Alice Thomas, of the Membership Committee, along with Joan Banning and Hannah Bradley, have overseen the big jump in membership numbers, most of them obtained during Garden Show '84 as well as Holiday memberships.

Membership Committee responsibilities include the education program, the Benefactor agenda and hospitality.

Members are Ruth Mary Larson, Elaine Hoffman, Tootie Grivich, Eileen Hume and Nancy Baillie.

Jim Curry's Building Committee is reviewing plans for a Visitor Orientation Center and an Education Office complex. Members here are Bob Paradise, Cliff Comstock, Jack Shepherd and Craig Potter.

This committee reports the Koi Pool in the Meadowbrook area as nearing completion, and tells us a glass enclosed Rotunda will soon be underway as a project of Los Angeles County.

The Benefactor project for 1985 will be an observation deck and pergola along side the new Koi Pool.

Las Voluntarias y Ayudantes president Robin Stafford announces continuing programs in the Historical area and in the Garden of All Seasons during 1985. This active group has many longtime volunteers. We are told as many as 63 members have served 10 years and six members have served for more than 15 years.

Frank Regan is committee chairman for Special Events. He is working with George Fasching, Eileen Hume, Robin Stafford and Mitzi Moore toward a "Picnic Concert at the Arboretum". Two concerts are planned: one for June and one for August. Dates are not yet confirmed. Meanwhile, major entertainers are being sought for the affair.

The Planning Committee, chaired by Jack Shepherd, has met with Jim Nichols, Paul Engler, Ellamae Fehrer and Carol Overturf to help steer our ship. After identifying missions of the Foundation, assessing various responsibilities for clarity's sake, this group hopes to bring in formalized long range plans for Arboretum and Foundation development.

The Fund Raising Committee is finding a number of Corporations, Foundations and individuals responding positively to our Foundation program. Chairman, Dick Ray, along with William Tomlinson, Bob Paradise, Jim Curry and Perry Minton are guiding this program.

Our Spring Session Lecture and Workshop program is all but sold out. A few openings remain for March and April sessions. The new Landscape Gardening Spring Seminar Series are said to be quickly filling their quotas.

Brochures and information on these classes are always available by calling the Foundation office at (818) 447-8207.

# CAF DAY AT THE RACES .....



..... FEBRUARY 28.....TICKETS \$5.00

## DAYDREAMS BECOME A REALITY

As you sit in front of a crackling, cozy fire, surrounded by myriads of colorful seed catalogs, it is easy to dream of great arm-chair ideas. Imagine spending a warm Spring evening relaxing in your new jacuzzi while looking out over rainbow beds of snapdragons, pansies and primroses; you have planted enough vegetable seeds to take you and most of your neighbors through the summer of 1986; your vines are swollen with buds and ready to burst into bloom and the first cricket of the year has just announced his presence with his melodic chirp.

Reality may demand more than dreams, however, as you wander through your yard and assess the damage from last summer's heat wave and long drought. You may find a lot of trees and shrubs showing die-back and some replacements may be necessary. This gives you the opportunity to try new ideas — and since resolutions are a traditional New Year's rite, maybe this is the year to resolve to learn more about drought tolerant landscaping, or how to re-design your yard to take advantage of the space (do your college-age kids really need the sandbox still sitting in the corner?). Have you ever tried to kill a weed or insect but didn't know which chemical to use? You suddenly

discovered you can't kill it if you can't identify it! Why do you keep buying dozens of new plants every year when you could be propagating your own? Is your lawn a lush, velvety green carpet like your neighbors or are you plagued with brown spots, crabgrass and leaky sprinklers?

With most plants dormant during the winter months, it gives us time to think of ways to improve and simplify our garden chores before spring growth pounces upon us once again. Starting on February 23, the California Arboretum Foundation and the Los Angeles State and County Arboretum will be offering a 3-part Spring Seminar Series to acquaint homeowners with the procedures of planning, planting and caring for the home environment. With the helpful aid of 18 professionals, you can turn your fireside dreams into springtime reality. Contact the Foundation Office for further information.

### ADVICE TO THE LEAF-LORN:

When planting your annual flower beds, remember to match the colors to the color schemes of the rooms where you will be using flower arrangements. You can prolong the blooming time by removing dead flowers so your plants will continue to bloom instead of wasting energy on seed production.

## SPECIAL RACE DAY FEB. 28

The California Arboretum Foundation Day at the Races will be held February 28. Tickets are \$5.00 per person and are available at the Foundation office.

The day is a special one for Foundation members due to the fact that Santa Anita Park's property is part of our Rancho Santa Anita.

### HUMMINGBIRD STUDY AT GIFT SHOP

Norma Johanson, manager of the Arboretum Gift Shop, is excited about a new book to be featured during the month of March entitled "Hummingbirds: Their Life and Behavior" with photographs by Robert A. Tyrrell and text by Esther Tyrrell. In addition to the sale of the book, Mr. and Mrs. Tyrrell will be available to sign copies on March 3 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Tyrrell's, El Monte residents, have captured in color photographs and text all aspects of the North American Hummingbird: its psychology, behavior, development, including nesting, molting and territorial aggression neverbefore photographed.

Mr. Tyrrell's photographs have been featured in National Geographic and Natural History magazine.

For this book he developed special equipment to capture the hummingbird in action. He was the recipient of a Guggenheim Foundation grant.

# COMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 9, 10 - 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

CAMELLIA SHOW  
Temple City Camellia Society

FEBRUARY 28

DAY AT THE RACES  
California Arboretum Foundation

MARCH 1, 2 & 3 - Fri. 1 to 4:30 p.m.  
Sat. & Sun. 9 to 4:30 p.m.

SOUTHLAND ORCHID SHOW  
So. Calif. Orchid Societies

MARCH 3 - 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

BOOK AUTOGRAPHING PARTY  
Robert A. & Esther Tyrrell

MARCH 9 - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION FAIR  
Hosted by L.A. State & County Arboretum

There's still time to register for the Spring Session Adult Education Classes:

CREATIVE FLOWER ARRANGING  
March 5 - April 23

6 Tuesdays  
9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

GARDEN FORUM  
March 8 - April 26

8 Fridays  
9:00 - 12 noon

CALIFORNIA WILDFLOWER IDENTIFICATION  
March 20 - April 24

6 Wednesdays  
7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

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