

# LASCA LEAVES



Los Angeles County Department of Arboreta and Botanic Gardens

## BENEFACTORS HONORED AT "LUNCH WITH THE DIRECTOR"

THE BENEFACTORS for the Los Angeles State and County Arboretum were treated to a special lunch with Francis Ching, director of the Arboretum on April 23. Mr. Ching presented a historical perspective of the Arboretum supplemented with slides of recent plant introductions.

The luncheon was organized by

Alice Frost Thomas to honor the Benefactors and their contributions to the Arboretum. The 1986 Benefactors are: Mr. and Mrs. Guilford C. Babcock, Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Paradise, Mrs. Thomas Lowry, Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Pankow, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ragsdale, Mr. and Mrs. Leland E. Larson, Mrs. Dudley W. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. H. Randall Stoke, Mrs. Hannah G. Bradley, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh L. Macneil, Dr.

Bonnie C. Templeton, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney H. Wall, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Freeberg, Dr. and Mrs. Benjamin T. Stafford, Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Banning, Mr. and Mrs. James N. Gamble, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Heath, Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Strub, Mr. Donald J. Slavik, Mr. and Mrs. Karl G. von Platen, Mr. and Mrs. Richard N. Frank, and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer R. Slavik.

In the past, the Benefactors have



Joan Malafronte (left) welcomes Mrs. Karl G. von Platen (right) to the Benefactors luncheon as Mrs. John

L. Poole (center) and Mrs. Hannah G. Bradley look on. Photos by James Johnson.



supported such projects as reroofing the Coach Barn, building the interpretive center in the Australian section, and constructing the south ramada on Ayres Hall and the observation platform by the Koi Pond.

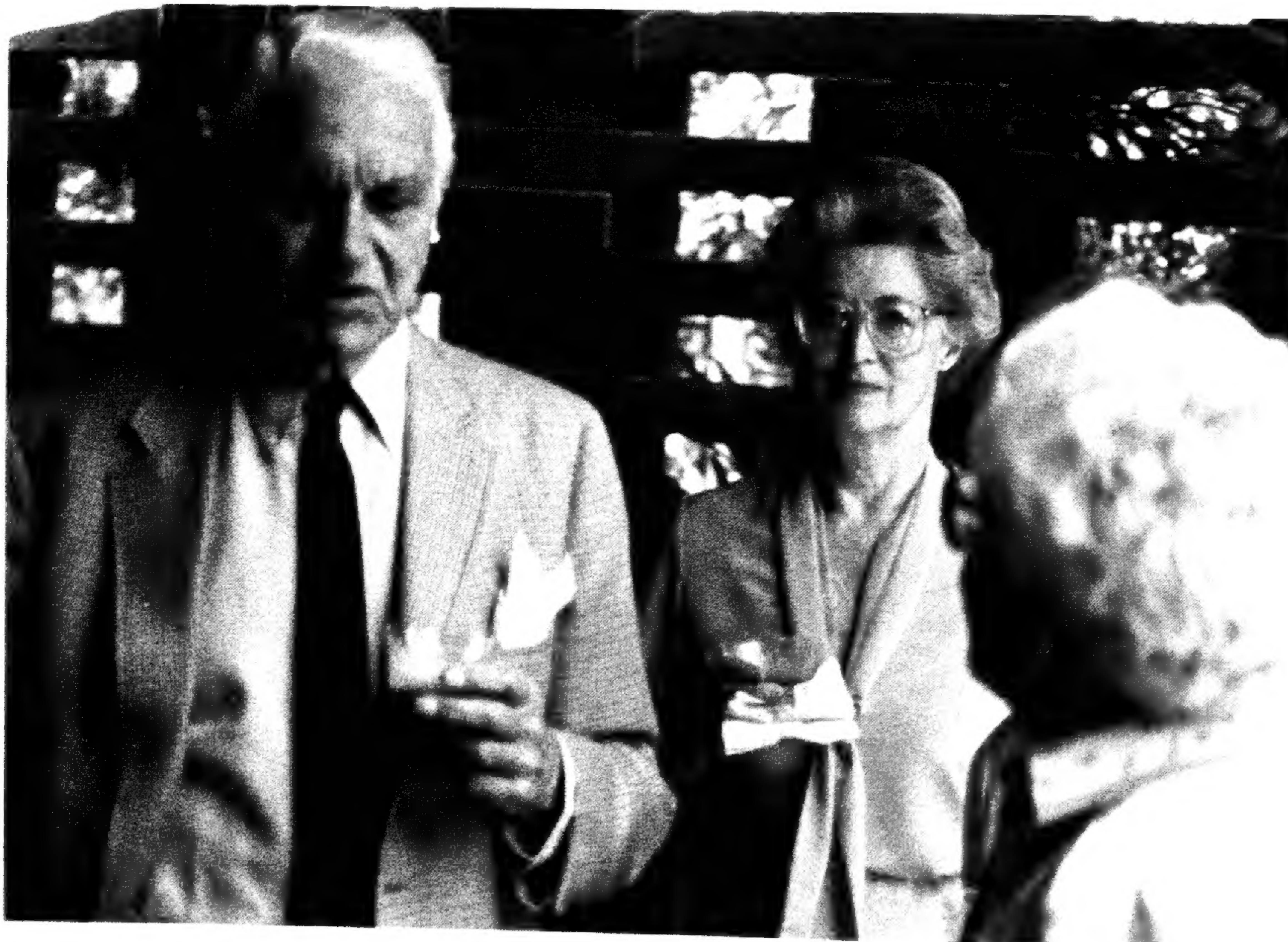
For their next Arboretum improvement, the Benefactors plan to finance a drip wall and bog garden west of the Bauer Pool, creating a new entryway vista.



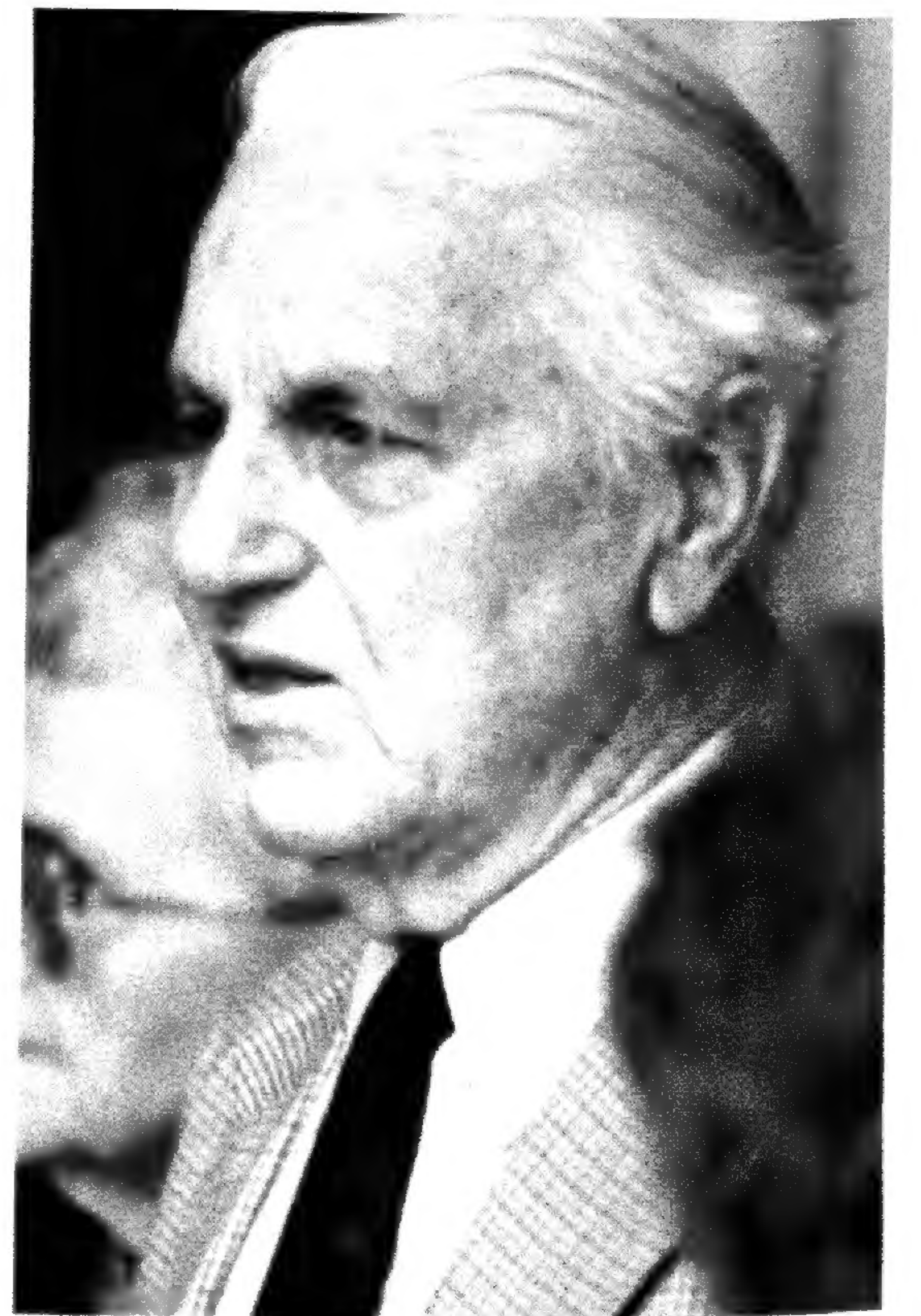
*Marian (Mrs. Arthur) Heath is prepared for the summer-like weather.*



*Richard Ray (left) and Mary Ann Peckham join other Board of Trustees members at the luncheon honoring Arboretum Benefactors.*



*Gathered around one of the flower-filled buffet tables are Karl von Platen, (left) Ruth Mary (Mrs. Leland) Larson, and Mrs. von Platen.*



*Benefactors Mr. and Mrs. Karl G. von Platen.*



# Siby Minton Honored by Los Angeles County

**S**IBY (MRS. PERRY) MINTON, a long-time volunteer at the Los Angeles State and County Arboretum, was recently honored with the 1986 Arts and Humanities Volunteer of the Year Award at a luncheon sponsored by Los Angeles County.

Mrs. Minton has cheerfully given over 3,000 hours of work since she came to the Arboretum almost 11 years ago. She has conducted botany and California history field trips in the volunteer-run school field trip program once a week for the past ten years. Mrs. Minton also served as chairman of the program for three of those years.

As chairman Mrs. Minton was responsible for coordinating the pro-

gram, training volunteers, scheduling and continuing education for the 50 volunteer leaders.

Another big success was the guided walking tour program for adult visitors that Mrs. Minton helped institute. A speakers bureau was an outgrowth of the adult tour program. For the past two years Mrs. Minton has presented a "Meet the Arboretum" slide show and talk to civic groups in the community. She has also assisted in writing and editing scripts for the program.

Most recently Mrs. Minton has brought her enthusiasm and dedication to programs in the historical section. She is chairman of the volunteer Preservation Committee

which meets monthly to clean, polish, launder and restore artifacts in the Arboretum's four historical buildings. Mrs. Minton also heads the group responsible for arranging fresh flowers in the Queen Anne Cottage every week.

Coordinating fund-raising open houses in the historical section is another task Mrs. Minton has been performing. Over the past three years enough funds have been raised to replace carpeting and renovate chandeliers in the Cottage.

Everyone involved with the Arboretum appreciates the work Mrs. Minton has done and is pleased that she has received the recognition she so richly deserves.



Perry Minton

*Orchids to Arboretum Volunteer of the Year — Las Voluntarias president Patty Rider (right) and history curator Sandra Snider (center) give a corsage to Siby*

*Minton during a ceremony honoring her as 1986 Los Angeles County Arts and Humanities Volunteer of the Year.*



## ADULT ED CLASSES RESUME THIS FALL AT ARBORETUM

MEMBERS OF THE CALIFORNIA Arboretum Foundation receive up to 20 percent discount on fees for the variety of day and evening adult education course offered at the Los Angeles State and County Arboretum beginning in September. Most of the classes are planned to meet the needs of amateur and professional gardeners through lectures and workshops. Others are geared more to developing an understanding of the garden as a resource for creative botanical arts and garden crafts.

Morning courses include holiday table settings, a garden forum and three levels of ikebana, a style of Japanese flower arranging.

Mazie Jean George, an accredited flower show Master Judge, will teach the holiday table settings classes beginning on Tuesday, Sept. 9 at 9:30 a.m. The garden forum, a problem-solving series of discussions and field trips, will be taught by gar-

den consultant Jan Zalba beginning on Friday, Sept. 12.

Two accredited teachers of the Ohara school of Japanese flower arranging, Osamu Honjo and Reiko Kawamura, will teach beginning, intermediate and advanced ikebana classes starting Wednesday, Sept. 10 and Friday, Sept. 12.

Evening classes include a workshop on selecting plants for the home landscape taught by Shirley Kerins, landscape designer beginning Wednesday, Sept. 10 at 7 p.m. Dr. Leonid Enari, former Arboretum

senior biologist, will teach a class on plant identification beginning Monday, Sept. 8.

Registration and fees are required for all courses and may be handled by mail or telephone. For more information about costs and reservations for the limited enrollment courses, call Wendy Sekovich, education specialist, at the Arboretum (818) 446-8251.

All classes are held in lecture halls at the Los Angeles State and County Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia.



James Johnson

*Students in ikebana classes create arrangements such as this one during class sessions.*



*Dr. Leonid Enari (left) takes students on field trips as part of his plant identification class.*



# Baldwin Bonanza XVI



SPRING WAS DEFINITELY in the air and Mother's Day on the minds of shoppers at Baldwin Bonanza XVI on May 4. "The weather couldn't have been more perfect," said chairman Joan (Mrs. David) Malafronte as she described the sunny and brisk, breezy conditions that prevailed during the annual plant sale. But the 6,000 people who came to the public sale Sunday found that there were still many bargains as well as colorful and unusual plants available.

More than 2,500 Foundation members and guests, the largest crowd ever, attended the preview party Saturday night. After they took full advantage of the chance to get the best of the good buys, shoppers turned the party back into a social event. Crowds soon gathered around the tables of hors d'oeuvres and inundated the bar that George Fasching and his recruits ran so efficiently.

Icing on the huge birthday cake proclaimed "Sweet Sixteen," commemorating the years since the first Baldwin Bonanza and adding a festive note to the party. Another birthday celebration, that of Robert L. Randall, yielded an unexpected gift for him in the form of the raffle grand prize, a \$1,200 excursion any-

where he pleases. Mrs. Randall had given her husband a California Arboretum Foundation membership for his birthday, and this was the first Foundation event they have attended.

Two new booths were especially successful this year. Volunteers from

the library sold surplus books and miscellaneous items, netting about \$800. At the new gift wrapping booth, many shoppers had the plants purchased for Mother's Day gifts decorated with ribbons and other embellishments.

"Anything in bloom sold quickly,"



Maresa Archer

*One small person, up to his ears in orchids and dazzled by the sun, finds little pleasure at Baldwin Bonanza.*



said Mrs. Malafrente. All of the orchids were gone by midafternoon, as were the fuchsias, hydrangeas, gloxinias and decorated baskets filled with colorful spring flowers.

Mrs. Malafrente also praised all of the volunteers at Baldwin Bonanza. "I was so pleased with all the help they gave," she said. "They really got behind the whole thing.

"Betty Houke did a great job with the food for the preview party, and Patty (Mrs. William) Rider was irreplaceable." Although every volunteer worked hard, especially notable were the efforts of Mildred and Thomas McDuffie who supervised sales in Ayres Hall and Dorothy and Milt Murset who kept things moving smoothly in the outdoor shade structure, she added.



LuAnn Munns

*Choosing the perfect fuchsia basket from among the hundreds for sale takes careful evaluation.*



LuAnn Munns

*Flower-decked Joan Malafrente, chairman, adds a note of spring to Baldwin Bonanza XVI.*



LuAnn Munns

*After shopping at the Preview Party, Foundation members and their guests gather on the lawn to enjoy hors d'oeuvres in the last rays of the setting sun.*



SALES



LuAnn Munns

At the California Arboretum Foundation sales table James P. Curry, Jaunita Reidell and Alice Thomas (from left) tell interested shoppers about the benefits of Foundation membership.



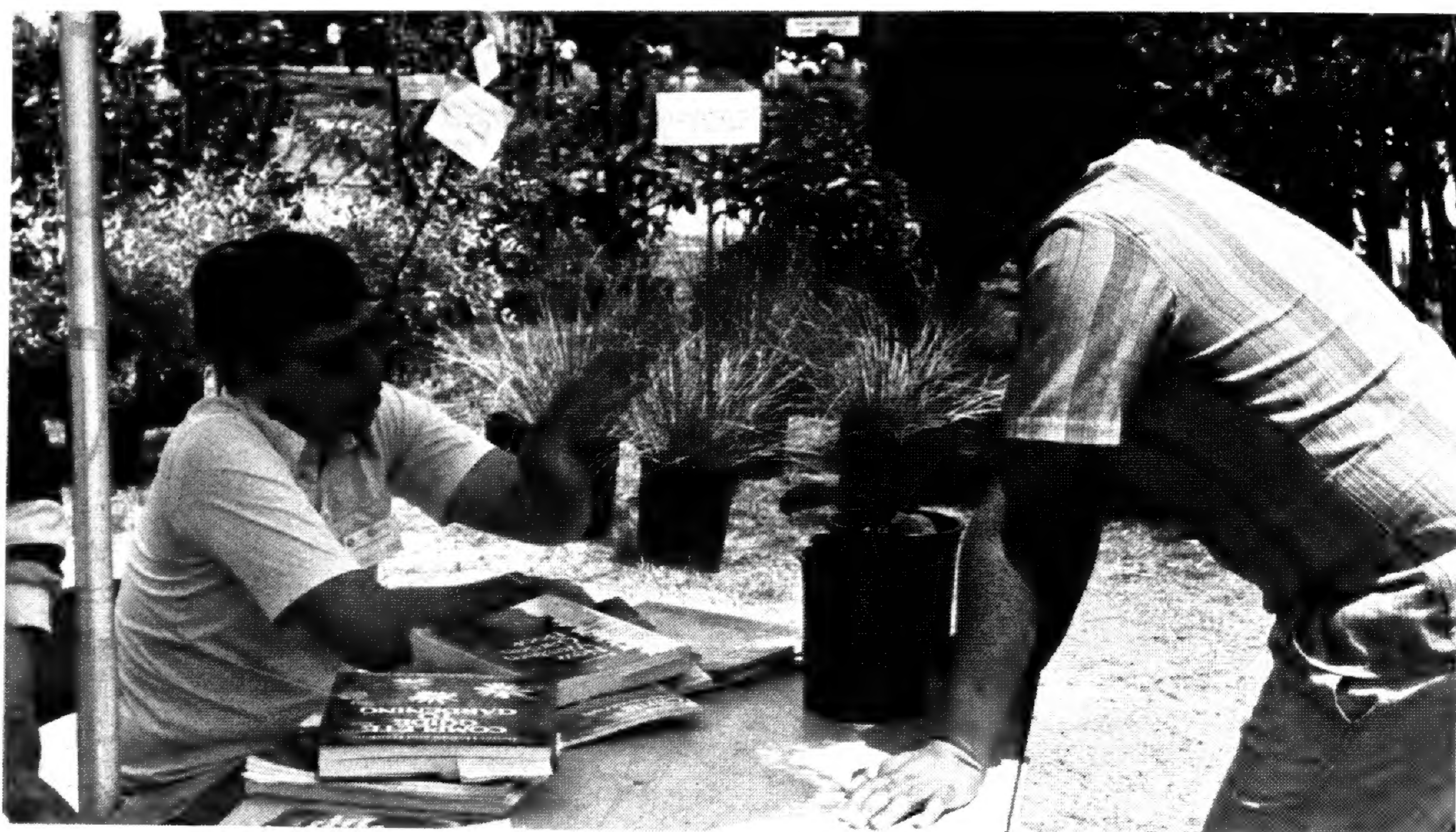
Maresa Archer

Joan DeFato (far right) selected the surplus books from the library to be sold in this popular new booth at Baldwin Bonanza XVI.





*Cymbidiums are always popular at the annual benefit plant sale.*



*A shopper visits the plant consultant booth to get advice on growing his purchases.*



*The junior member of this father-daughter team claims the only strip of shade as they take time out from shopping.*

**LOS ANGELES STATE AND COUNTY ARBORETUM, Arcadia**

**JULY 4-6 — 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**  
Cactus and Succulent Show and Sale  
Cactus and Succulent Society of America

**JULY 19-20 — Sat. 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.**  
**Sun. 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

Begonia Show  
San Gabriel Valley Branch of the American Begonia Society

**AUGUST 2-6 — 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**  
Art Exhibit and Sale  
Mid Valley Arts League

**AUGUST 30 - SEPTEMBER 1 — 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

Fern and Plant Show  
Los Angeles International Fern Society, Inc.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER**

**SEPTEMBER 27-28—9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**  
Bonsai Show  
Akebono Bonsai Society

**DESCANSO GARDENS  
La Canada Flintridge**  
No scheduled events

**SOUTH COAST BOTANIC GARDEN, Palos Verdes Peninsula**

**AUGUST 3 — 2 p.m.**  
Walking tour of Volunteer Garden

**AUGUST 10 — 2 p.m.**  
"Unusual Indoor Plants" Lecture  
Ruth Pease

**AUGUST 16-17 — Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.**  
**Sun. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**  
Dahlia Show  
South Coast Dahlia Society

**AUGUST 24 — 2 p.m.**  
Walking tour of the Cactus Garden  
South Coast Cactus and Succulent Society