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COMMUNICATION AMONG FRIENDS
IN THE CALIFORNIA ARBORETUM FOUNDATION

JUNE-JULY 1985

PICNIC CONCERT SLATED FOR JULY 14

BEING A FIELD LEADER CALLED "FUN"

Both men and women have been volunteering for many years as Field Leaders at the Arboretum, usually gathering at the gates of the gardens at 9 a.m. weekdays to meet the yellow school buses which pull up to the entrance to unload large numbers of well supervised youngsters who have come from all over Southern California.

Betty Stowell, Field Leader Chairman for Las Voluntarias y Los Ayudantes, is looking for additional volunteers and hopes she can expand the numbers of her ranks.

"A teaching background is not necessary," she says, "even though we do have ex-teachers. Some of our Field Leaders have been housewives, librarians, businessmen; we have had an Ice Follies skater, an architect, a nurse, a social worker. I hope you noticed I said a businessman!"

One of the men we talked to, Kirk Helms, is a retired businessman who has found the program a wonderful lift. He has stories of things the kids have said that are truly charming. For instance, talking to a group of elementary age children about California history and attempting to lead into Lucky Baldwin's early life in the goldfields of the Mother Lode, Kirk asked if any of them had heard of the '49ers.

"Oh, sure," said the curly headed one. "They play football."

You can have the same enjoyment by joining this part of our program. A six week training session will add to your knowledge and understanding of the Arboretum. But, as Kirk Helms says, "I'm the one having all the fun!"

Betty Stowell can be reached by calling 448-1874 to begin the interview process for prospective leaders.

Nancy Wilson to Star in Evening's Entertainment — \$11 Tickets On Sale At Foundation Office —

The California Arboretum Foundation is putting together an entertainment package designed to be the highlight of the summer season. You will not want to miss the Annual Summer Picnic Concert starring Nancy Wilson, a song stylist of national fame, on Sunday, July 14.

Tickets for the Summer Picnic Concerts are \$11.00 per person and are available at Hinshaw's-Arcadia, Fasching's Car Wash, Arcadia, Bank of America-Santa Anita, Arcadia, Bank of America-Baldwin, Arcadia or they can be telephone ordered through our Foundation office, (818) 447-8207. A \$1.00 service charge will be added to telephone orders. Mastercard and Visa cards will be accepted.

Parking, as usual, will be free and convenient. Expected overflow crowds will use the Santa Anita lot located across Baldwin Avenue near the Arboretum entrance.

What better time for your family and friends to gather in "our" gardens to enjoy the concert area south of the Bauer pools on a warm summer evening than this!

The gardens will be open at 6 p.m. to allow picnickers in. Fairly elaborate picnic equipment has been seen at these functions. To encourage attendees to bring unusual or elegant servings with them prizes will be awarded in various categories during the evening.

Food booths featuring commemorative picnic baskets will be available to those who do not wish to prepare their own dinner. Soft drinks, wine and beer will also be available.

The evening of light entertainment will begin at 8 p.m. The 21 piece

orchestra will strike up the overture; a comedian will open the festivities with what we hope are clever insights of today's concerns; Nancy Wilson will appear as featured entertainer.

Miss Wilson, hardly a newcomer to the singing world with nearly 32 years experience in the music business, has been described as a jazz singer by jazz enthusiasts and a pop singer by everyone else. Her recordings have appeared on Capitol Records since 1960 with 28 consecutive albums listed on Billboard magazine's Pop Chart. She has won Downbeat magazine's top singer award, appeared on numerous television series and still found time to serve for Presidents Johnson and Nixon on the Youth Opportunity Commission and in other roles.

The Foundation's Picnic Concert Chairman says, "We feel privileged to have attracted an entertainer of Nancy's caliber for our first picnic concert."

This is a major undertaking for us, but we are certain this program will bring new visitors to the Arboretum as well as raise funds for new projects."

Mary Ann Peckham, Executive Secretary of the Foundation, is quite enthused over this program and is anxious for members to know that, "while we are first and foremost a botanical garden we find sharing the Arboretum with the community at large a great way to introduce what we have here."

George Fasching is Event Chairman. Other committee members include Bob Harbicht, Ernie Jensen, Craig Potter, Pat Sewell, Bill Kileen, Hugh Barton and Eileen Hume.

PASADENA YOUTH SYMPHONY IN CONCERT

The Pasadena Youth Symphony Orchestra, comprised of talented junior high age students will perform at the Arboretum June 9 at 2 p.m. in what is billed as a family picnic.

Many of our Foundation members have youngsters, or grandchildren, in the orchestra as members come from all over the San Gabriel Valley and beyond. This outing affords an opportunity for families to hear their charges and to assess their progress. For others, it is a time to encourage young people to embrace a higher level of musical knowledge and enjoyment.

PYSO, as it is called by the group's sponsor, the Pasadena Symphony Association, is 78 members strong this season and is led by conductor Donn Laurence Mills who is director of the Yamaha Education Center in Irvine and the conductor of the Capistrano Valley Symphony.

Now in its 12th season, PYSO members join the orchestra through auditions and must be approved by their school music director prior to acceptance.

The age level of PYSO makes it somewhat unique. Most youth orchestras are for high school and/or college students but PYSO provides motivating experience for younger musicians at a critical time in their musical development.

The Pasadena Youth Symphony Orchestra (PYSO) is a part of the Pasadena Symphony Association's commitment to encouraging orchestral experience for young musicians.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Concert was cancelled due to weather. We look forward to having them perform next year.

IT'S A JUNGLE OUT THERE

The Prehistoric Garden is located north of the lagoon and contains an excellent collection of cycads and a small grove of sequoia.

Cycads are primitive plants resembling palms, but are actually members of a group of plants called gymnosperms.

Metasequoia or Dawn Redwood dates back to Mesozoic times.

SUMMER GARDENING COLORS RED, WHITE, BLUE

By Wendy Sekovich

Summer is a time for vacations, backyard barbecues and relaxing. Unfortunately, my garden seldom cooperates! It's always at its best the day after I have company or the day before I go on vacation! June becomes a busy month of planting heat-loving annuals, perennials and last-minute vegetables, controlling pests and watering. July is usually consumed with watering, feeding, watering, pest control and watering!

This weekend, I'm planning a trip to the nursery to pick up some showy annuals and perennials to give my garden a boost of bright summery color. I'll be looking for China Aster (*Callistephus chinensis*), *Ageratum houstonianum*, *Celosia*, *Coreopsis tinctoria*, *Cosmos*, Sweet William (*Dianthus barbatus*), sunny shades of *Gaillardia pulchella*, Baby's Breath (*Gypsophila paniculata*—for flower arrangements), Strawflower (*Helichrysum bracteatum*), and various shades of *Statice* (*Limonium*). Of course, I'll buy a few packs of Marigolds (*Tagetes*), *Phlox drummondii*, *Zinnia* and *Verbena*. The nursery always has a wonderful display of colorful summer plants and each year the decision gets tougher.

For our July 4th barbeque, I've decided to plant a red, white and blue garden with *Salvia splendens* (red), *Lobularia maritime* 'Carpet of Snow' (white), and *Lobelia erinus* 'Crystal Palace' (blue). I'll also put

some containers of those hard-to-resist Petunias on the patio to match my patriotic color scheme.

If I hurry, there's still time to fill in the vegetable garden with beans, corn, cucumbers, lettuce, melons, peppers, tomatoes, squash and a home-grown pumpkin for Halloween.

About July 1st, I like to feed everything in the garden. Someone once said, "A healthy plant is a happy plant," and maybe if I keep them healthy, they won't mind the blistering summer heat. I've discovered that I can eliminate most water-stealing weeds by putting down a thick mulch. This also helps cool the soil and slows evaporation, easing my watering schedule and leaving me time to lay back in my hammock, munch on some freshly harvested juicy strawberries and raspberries, and survey my beautiful color palette while I dream of bigger and better things to plant this fall.

ADVICE TO THE LEAF-LORN:

Before leaving on your vacation, gather all of your outdoor container plants in one place (keep the shade plants in the shade and sun plants in the sun) and put all of your houseplants on a waterproof surface (like the kitchen counter). This will make watering chores easier for your neighbor. If you have any finicky fellows, leave "care notes" taped on their containers.

HUCK FINN DAY — JUNE 29

Please note always date
All the makings for an old-fashioned family holiday will come together during Huck Finn Day at the Arboretum on June 29. The fun starts at 9 a.m. Saturday and continues until 3 p.m. An assortment of wholesome activities will take everyone back to the time when summer meant fun in the sunshine. The music of the Banjoliers Dixieland Band will keep toes tapping while a strolling mime and clown bring chuckles to kids of all ages. Free lemonade and balloons for children add to the lighthearted atmosphere. Highlight of the day will be a fishing derby for youngsters 4 through 16 years of age with cash prizes

awarded to kids who hook one of the tagged fish. The Arboretum will outfit participants with authentic bamboo fish poles and bobbers (the only fishing gear allowed) as well as adult helpers to bait the hooks and unhook their trophies. A costume jamboree will encourage youngsters to act out their fantasies of how Huck Finn, Becky Thatcher and Tom Sawyer would have dressed for a lazy summer day 100 years ago.

The more adventurous grown-ups and children will want to join the treasure hunt with clues that send them all over the Arboretum. Prizes will reward the searchers who are the most successful.

COMING EVENTS

ADMISSION: Adults, \$1.50; over 62, 5 through 17 years, students, \$.75

TRAM TOURS: \$1.50 each

JUNE 1 & 2 — 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. — Ayres Hall

Satsuki and Azalea show. Over 100 satsuki and azaleas trained in the ancient oriental bonsai form highlight the 10th annual show sponsored by the San Gabriel Valley Satsuki and Azalea Society. The art of training the shrubs in the bonsai style will be demonstrated three times daily. Members will be present to sell plants and answer questions. Sponsored by the California Arboretum Foundation.

JUNE 8 & 9 — 1 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday — Ayres Hall 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday

Gladiolus show. Virtually every type, class and color of gladiolus can be inspected at the annual Southern California Gladiolus Society show. 2,000 flowers will be displayed. Members will be present to answer questions and sell flower spikes. Sponsored by the California Arboretum Foundation.

JUNE 15 through 30 — 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. — Ayres Hall

Art Exhibit. Women Artists of the American West. Preview night sponsored by the California Arboretum Foundation.

JULY 6 & 7 — 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Cactus and Succulent show. The Cactus and Succulent Society of America will feature examples from deserts of the world at their annual show.

JULY 13 & 14 — 1 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4:40 p.m. Sunday.

Miniature Rose show. Thousands of the Southland's finest examples of miniature roses will be displayed at the annual show sponsored by the San Gabriel Valley Rose and Horticultural Society.

JULY 20 & 21 — 1 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday.

Begonia show. Canes, tuberous and semi-tuberous as well as rex are only a few of the various types of begonias exhibited at this year's show sponsored by the San Gabriel Valley branch of the American Begonia Society.

JULY 26 through 31 — 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., July 31 — until 2 p.m.

Art Exhibit. 50 artists comprising about a quarter of the Mid-Valley Arts League will showcase approximately 500 of their finest works.

WOMEN ARTISTS HOLD PREVIEW JUNE 14

California Arboretum Foundation will host a special art preview for their members and the Women Artists of the American West on Friday, June 14 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. in Ayres Hall.

Members and guests will view the recent works of 35 sculptors and painters who specialize in depictions of the American West of 150 years ago.

These professional artists have exhibited their works in many major galleries and museums throughout the West.

The theme of this year's show is "Trails West." This is the second year the group has presented an art show at the Arboretum. Last year's show drew many hundreds of visitors demonstrating the popularity of this style of art as well as the keen sense of artistry of the membership.

While there is no charge for the preview party, reservations are a must. Please call the Foundation office (818) 447-8207.

SOME CLASSES STILL OPEN

Summer Adult Education evening classes still have some openings, according to Wendy Sekovich, Educational Specialist for the Foundation.

Trees and Shrubs for the Home Landscape will be presented by Dr. Leonid Enari, retired senior biologist at the Arboretum, six consecutive Monday evenings beginning June 17 and ending July 22.

Garden Pests; Identification and Control will be taught by Michael Hall, horticulture instructor, Southern Regional Occupation Center, Los Angeles Harbor College, six consecutive Wednesday evenings beginning June 19 and ending July 31.

Both programs are held in the Lecture Hall from 7-10 p.m., Dr. Enari's class fees are \$20.00 for Foundation members and \$25.00 for non-members. More information is available at the Foundation office, (818) 447-8207.

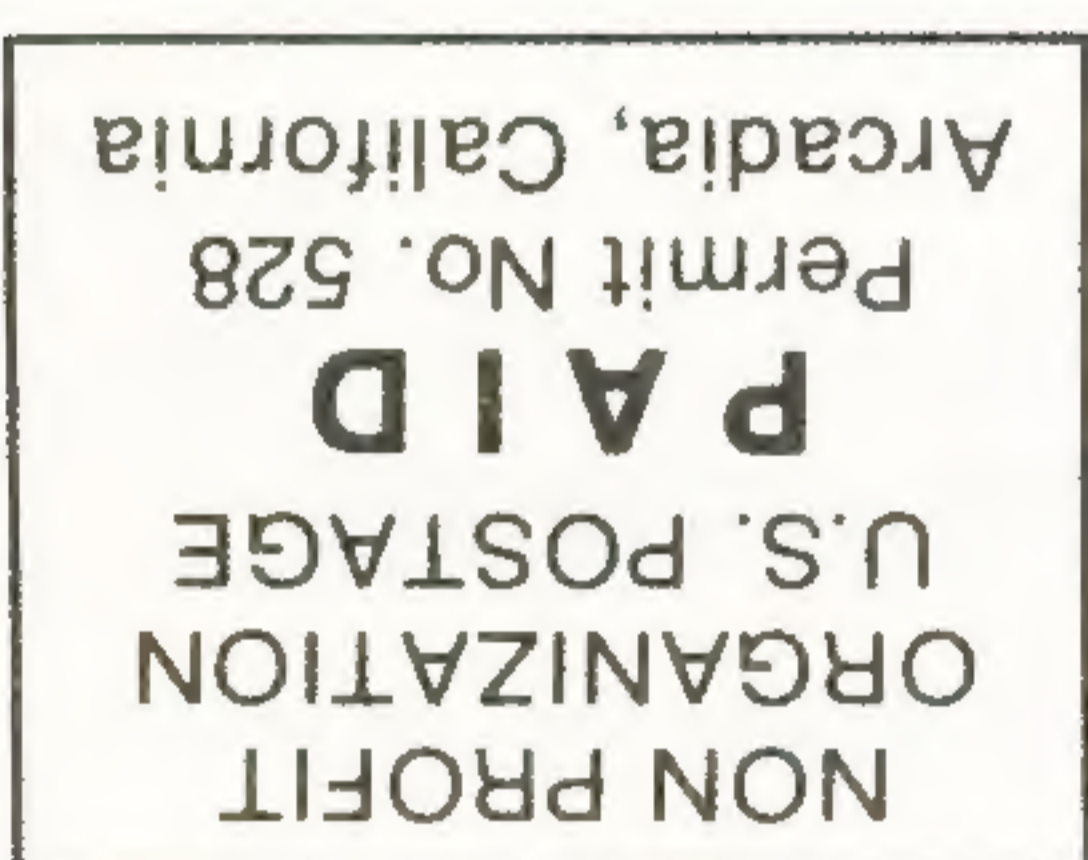
DISCOVER GARDENS ON VACATION

While vacationing be sure to seek information on local botanical gardens.

One little known garden is the Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens in Fort Bragg, California, which features coast forests, fern canyons, headlands and tidepools.

**Your Contribution
to the
Matching Fund
is Needed by
June 30.**

Editor — The last Foundation newsletter was very good, but I do have to chide you about one thing. The volunteers are the working arm of the Foundation and the group is composed of both women and MEN. We have about 30 active men members and presently two men are field leaders. — E.H.



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