

# LASCA NEWS

A periodic report from the Los Angeles State  
and County Arboretum to the members of the  
California Arboretum Foundation, Inc.  
Arcadia, California

January 29, 1964

## LAST CALL

We hope, if you have not already done so, you will send in your reservations for the "Day at the Races" on February 11 just as soon as you receive this reminder. Time grows short, and no one should miss this opportunity to enjoy the afternoon at Santa Anita. Many requests for tables have been received, but there are still ample tables for all. It is NOT necessary to take a complete table, for individual seats are available. Our fondest hope is that the Pavilion Building Fund will be handsomely increased through this event, and we hope you will participate by purchasing tickets for this Arboretum day at the track. The tours beginning at 11 AM will, we know, prove most interesting to you.

DO LET US HEAR FROM YOU BY RETURN MAIL

## MARCH LECTURE

Dr. E. Yale Dawson's lecture, originally set for November 22, is re-scheduled for March 6 at 8:00 P.M. in the Lecture Hall of Los Angeles State and County Arboretum. Dr. Dawson, who is Director at the Science Museum in San Diego, will speak on "Cacti and Giant Tortoises of the Galapagos Islands". You are urged to make your reservations as early as possible. We appreciate your helping us plan more efficiently by reserving early.

## NEW PUBLICATION - "Flowering Trees for Year 'Round Color"

With this mailing is a "visualizer" of the new booklet "Flowering Trees for Year Round Color in Southern California - a joint endeavor by Los Angeles Beautiful, California Arboretum Foundation, Inc., and Southern California Horticultural Institute. Demands of many years have been met by the publication of this book - which will prove of value to all in Southern California, providing in one publication information regarding flowering trees particularly suited to this area. Each tree is represented in beautiful color and descriptive paragraphs give pertinent information regarding their culture. The entire publication reflects devotion to the enterprise on the part of the several writers and co-ordinators, and we are indebted to them for their hard work in bringing about this publication. Costs of publication have been met equally by the three organizations on an underwriting basis. These books are for sale at the Gatehouse at the Arboretum or by mail request to this office. Prices are given in the enclosed brochure. **DONT FORGET THE SALES TAX!**

## SEED LISTS

You will note a somewhat new format on the cover page of the 1964 Seed List. This year it will not be necessary for you to return the entire list to us, but by simply circling the keyed numbers at the bottom of the sheet, indicating your preference and returning the page to us, you will have retained in your possession a valuable fact sheet regarding the seeds of your choice. Do return your lists promptly to avoid disappointment in not receiving seeds of your first choice, due to lack of supply.

## APRIL LECTURE

With the African continent once more prominent in the daily news, the April 24 lecture by Mr. Maurice Machris and Mrs. Valley Knudsen is of even greater interest than ever. That area of the world will be explained to us in detail and illustrated by colored slides taken on their recent safari to that continent (weapons were in this case cameras). Both Mr. Machris and Mrs. Knudsen are members of the Foundation's Board of Trustees. We again urge your cooperation in making early reservations for this lecture.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL BE HELD  
MAY 19, 1964



CALIFORNIA ARBORETUM FOUNDATION, INC.  
301 North Baldwin Avenue  
Arcadia, California

January, 1964

HISTORICAL AREA MEMBERS TOUR

Saturday, January 18 is the day scheduled for a conducted tour of the historical points of interest here at the Arboretum. Coffee will be served in the Lecture Hall at 9:30 and we will leave by Tram promptly at 10:00 A.M. under the guidance of Mrs. Maida Boyle, the Arboretum Historical Curator. Mrs. Boyle will inform us of the many interesting historical items to be found here, as well as the numerous articles in the exhibits she has arranged. This tour has been arranged for Saturday in order that the many people who are occupied during the week can join us. Please call us at Hillcrest 7-8207 if you can attend. We hope you can, for this will be an outstanding day.

LECTURE - Dr. George Kennedy

Don't forget - Dr. George Kennedy's lecture is scheduled for January 24 in the Arboretum Lecture Hall at 8:00 P.M. His subject is "Plant Collecting in New Guinea" and is more completely described in our brochure, mailed to you in October, 1963. We shall appreciate your securing your tickets as soon as possible, if you have not already done so.

NOTICE

LECTURE DATE CHANGE

Please note that Dr. E. Yale Dawson, originally scheduled for a lecture before our group November 22, 1963, will speak to us on March 6, a Friday, at 8:00 P.M. in the Lecture Hall. Tickets for the November 22 date will be honored March 6.

DAY AT THE RACES

We hope you are planning to attend the "Day at the Races" scheduled for February 11. Invitations will be sent out within the next few days giving details of the event and instructions relative to reservations for tables.

ROSE PARADE - 1964

In a small measure, the Foundation contributed to the success of the recent Rose Parade by the use of the Tally-ho by the Valley Hunt Club as the lead vehicle in the parade. It was delightfully decorated - with proper restraint - in a fashion that permitted viewers to see the detail of the coach. Members of the Valley Hunt Club were passengers of the Coach - all authentically attired in costumes of the period. We are pleased to have been able to provide the Coach for the parade and that the event brought fine publicity to the benefit of the Arboretum we could not otherwise achieve.

PLEASE LET US HAVE YOUR RESERVATIONS  
FOR THE COMING EVENTS AT YOUR EARLI-  
EST CONVENIENCE. DON'T MISS ANY OF  
THEM!

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## MEMBERS TOUR - April 6, 1964

The Members Tour for April is scheduled for Monday, April 6. Participants will meet in the Lecture Hall at 9:30 A. M. for coffee and introduction to our tour conductor, Mr. George Lewis. The tour will leave promptly at 10 A. M. for the propagation section where Mr. Lewis will let us into the inner workings of his department of the Arboretum. Those who know Mr. Lewis need not be told this will be one of our most outstanding tours, and those who do not, are assured of a most interesting morning at the Arboretum. Please make your reservations immediately for the tour.

## ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S PLANT COLLECTING TRIP

Mr. Glenn Hiatt, Assistant Director of the Arboretum, leaves April 19 for Central and South America to collect seeds and plants of ornamental trees and shrubs, and to enlarge and augment the orchid, bromeliad and other tropical collections of the Arboretum. Mr. Hiatt will be accompanied by Dr. Jack Fowlie of La Canada. In Columbia, they will be collecting on the western slope of Cordillera Oriental above the Magdalena River. The first stop will be Managua, Nicaragua to collect endemic plants in that country. From there, they will proceed to San Jose, Costa Rica to collect and arrange for shipment to the Arboretum of seeds of ornamental trees and shrubs that will probably be lost because of the volcanic eruption of Irazu. Mr. Clarence Horich of Costa Rica, who assisted Mr. Hiatt in 1960 on a collecting trip, and who has been most helpful in aiding us in enlarging the orchid collection, wrote in January, 1964 describing the disaster then (and even yet) occurring. Excerpts from that letter are most enlightening, and emphasize the necessity of our bringing out at the earliest time all specimens for conservation. Mr. Horich writes:

"Last March, this volcano (Irazu) started, with enormous eruptions of volcanic sands and ashes up to 15,000 feet (high); then wind currents drifted the stuff over western Costa Rica. Ten months have passed - several millions of tons of ashes have been spewn out - eruptions hover like mushrooms of gigantic atom bomb explosions in the sky every seven seconds, fanning 60 miles wide and 250 miles over the Meseta Central. Ashes fall like snow. Surely, my orchids cannot take much more of this, nor can the jungle plants. All in all, it is really bad here. Coming to the point, I must collect botanicals and other exotics while they are alive in the forests."

Certainly Mr. Horich's letter eloquently underscores the urgency of plant collecting in this region. Many garden club groups are acting as collecting agencies for those interested in contributing funds to underwrite the expense of collection of native plants in the stricken area.



California Arboretum Foundation, Inc., too, would be pleased to act in this same capacity and anyone wishing to help in this cause is urged to forward their contribution in any amount to the Foundation office, 301 North Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia, California. All donations are tax-deductible. Haste is urged, for the 19th of April will soon be here.

## LECTURE - April 17, 1964

The Knudsen-Machris lecture relating their experiences on their last collecting expedition to Africa promises to be an outstanding event. A special brochure is being mailed which describes in more detail the subject, and also includes a special order form for those who have not already purchased tickets. May we suggest that you interest your friends in attending this lecture which we can assure you will be one of the finest we have ever been privileged to sponsor.

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Arcadia, California

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED

to

ATTEND

the

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, May 19, 1964

at 3:00 P. M.

## PROGRAM

- 3:00 P. M. Membership meeting convenes - Lecture Hall,  
Los Angeles State and County Arboretum,  
301 North Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia, California  
Business Meeting
- 4:00 P. M. Tour of Arboretum (optional) by tram, conducted by  
Arboretum Tour Guides.
- 4:30 P. M. to 5:00 P. M. Refreshments - Demonstration Home Gardens.  
Plant distribution, rear of Demonstration Home  
Gardens.

## PLANTS TO BE DISTRIBUTED

*Tabebuia chrysotricha*  
*Dais cotinifolia*

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP CARD  
MUST BE PRESENTED FOR PLANT DISTRIBUTION

R. S. V. P. to Hillcrest 7-8207 before May 15, 1964

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## CALIFORNIA ARBORETUM FOUNDATION, INC. CALENDAR OF EVENTS 1964 1965

September 19	Arboretum Tour	This tour will introduce you to the Herbarium and Library. Your advance reservations will be most appreciated - to help us in our preparations. Please call Hi 7-8207 to let us know how many will be in your party.
October 17-18	Gordon Guiberson Oriental Garden Bel-Air, Calif. Tour and Tea	The outstanding event of the fall season. Admittance by ticket only. Tickets available by request from the office at \$3.50 each, details will be in the mail to you this week. Benefits Peacock Pavilion building fund.
October 30	Fall Flower Show Preview	Invitational to members and their friends. Preview showing of the Fall Flower Show, sponsored jointly with the Independent-Star News.
November 6	Lecture - Dr. C. R. DePrima	An unusual opportunity to see slides and hear a "people and places" report on Russia, specifically the Georgian area, presented by our member, Dr. DePrima, of California Institute of Technology.
December 13	Christmas Program	The annual Christmas program for members and their friends. This year a different program is planned.
January 22	Lecture - Dr. Jack Fowlie and Mr. Glenn Hiatt	A slide illustrated lecture on the recent orchid collecting trip to Guatemala and Costa Rica.
February 6	Arboretum Tour	To keep you informed of development at the Arboretum.
March 4	Arboretum Day at the Races	A Repeat Performance by request. A day for fun as well as for the benefit of the Peacock Pavilion Fund.
March 26	Lecture - Dr. William S. Stewart	This lecture you will surely enjoy. Dr. Stewart will have just returned from India and will provide much information about his experience there.
April (day to be announced)	Garden Fashion Show and Tea	For the ladies - but gentlemen are cordially invited to attend. Invitations will be sent you at a later time and complete details announced. This event will help to increase the Peacock Pavilion Fund.
May 18	Annual Membership Meeting	The regular Annual Membership meeting, election of Trustees, plant distribution - a get-acquainted session and tea. Special tours of the Arboretum will be provided.

### COMPLETE DETAILS WILL BE SENT TO YOU BEFORE EACH EVENT

Your Social Committee has worked diligently to provide a calendar of events that are outstanding. With each individual interest in mind, a variety of activities and subjects have been included this year. We hope you will attend all of them, for then we will know you approve the program! We ask that you let us know in advance of the event, the number of people in your party, in order that we may prepare adequate facilities. A postal card to the office, or a telephone call to us at Hillcrest 7-8207 is all that is necessary. Send reservations to 301 No. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia, California. Or detach the bottom portion of this sheet and return to us.

Date	Event	No. in party	Date	Event	No. in party
September 19	Tour	_____	January 22	Lecture	_____
October 17/18	Oriental Garden Tour	_____	February 6	Tour	_____
October 30	Flower Show Preview	_____	March 4	Day at the Races	_____
November 6	Lecture	_____	March 26	Lecture	_____
December 13	Christmas Program	_____	April	Fashion Show	_____
			May 18	Annual Meeting	_____



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