

Coloring California

The Golden Trumpet Tree Tabebuia chrysotricha Introduced April 1964

The golden trumpet tree, introduced by the Los Angeles State and County Arboretum in April 1964, greets Spring by abruptly dropping all of its leaves, then covers itself with a profusion of large, showy clusters of bright yellow trumpet-shaped blossoms. The flowers all appear at the same time and cover the whole tree in a mass of color. In addition to its beauty, the Tabebuia rewards the gardener and landscape artist by being disease-free; is not susceptible to pests; requires little pruning; and is small enough for the average garden and parkway.

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Attention, Please Note

In the Calendar of Events section inside this issue are important announcements and the Baldwin Bonanza Preview Party invitation and reservation form.

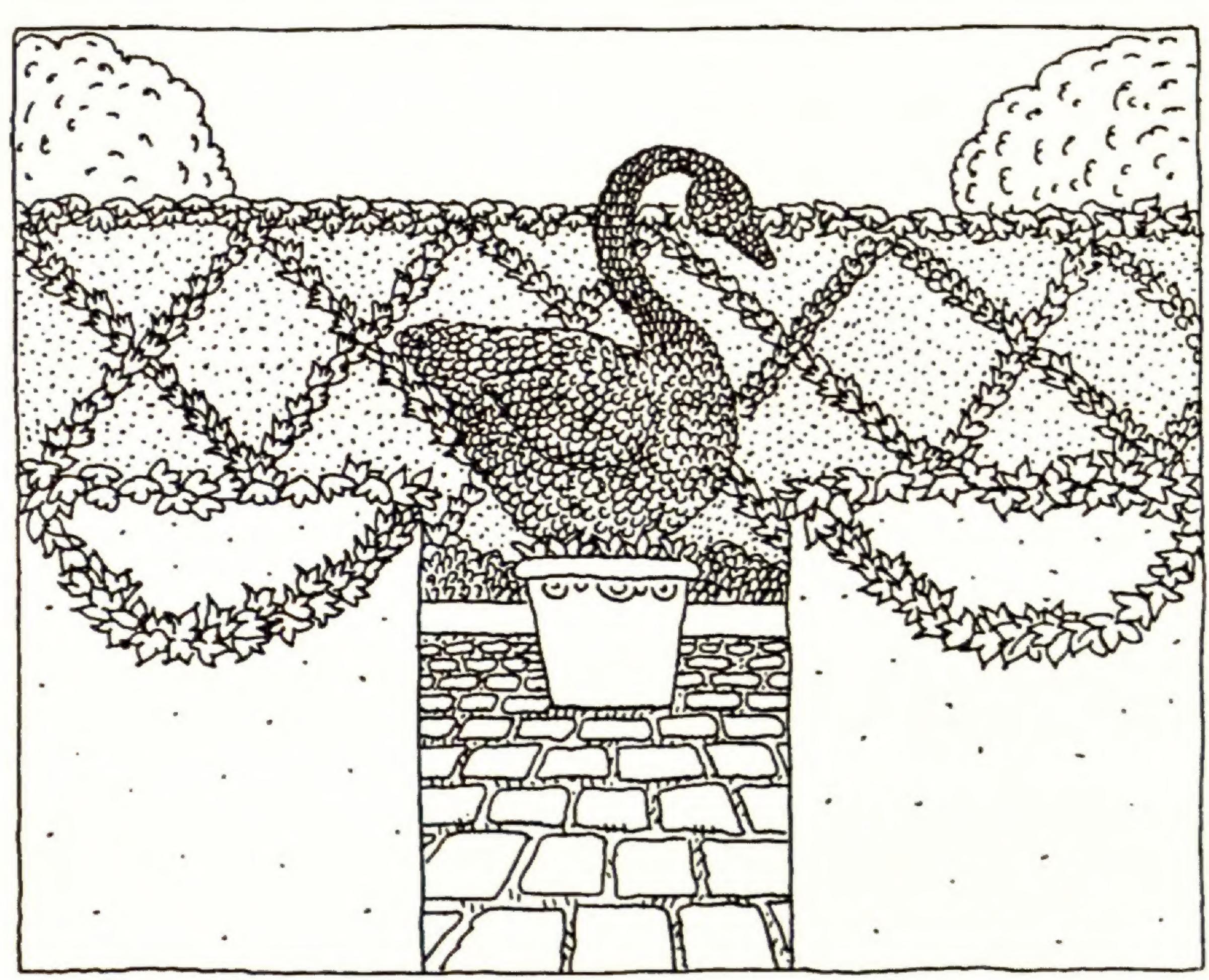
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Totally Topiary A Day With Barbara Gallup



Barbara Gallup, co-author of *The Complete Book of Topiary* and owner of Totally Topiary, her New Jersey based business, will give an illustrated lecture and workshop at the Los Angeles State and County Arboretum on Tuesday, May 16. Mrs. Gallup, one of America's foremost authorities on topiary, has been featured in House and Garden, Town and Country, and House Beautiful.

Co-chairs, Marla Carter and Susan Kranwinkle, have been working with their committee members, Hannah Bradley, Phyllis Henigson, Edwina Johnson, Dolores Keller and Veva McKee. The morning lecture will feature slides of Mrs. Gallup's methods. She will bring a frame of a bear and demonstrate the creation of a whimsical topiary.

Mrs. Gallup will also conduct a separate afternoon workshop. Each participant will have the opportunity to create a turtle to take home.

The Complete Book of Topiary is available at the Arboretum Gift Shop.

Please save May 16 for this very special fundraising event for the Arboretum. The invitation is in the Calendar of Events Section. For further information, please call the Foundation Office at (818) 447-8207.

Board Notes from Alice Frost Thomas, President

Baldwin Bonanza XIX Set For May 7th

With plans for Baldwin Bonanza XIX under way, a recollection of past Bonanzas seems timely. It was Department Director Francis Ching's idea. When asked how the volunteers could make money for needed projects at the Arboretum, he suggested a sale. The volunteers rallied to the cause and on Sunday, April 26, 1970, the Arcadia Tribune contained an article titled "Arboretum to be Setting of Unique Baldwin Bonanza" and continued: "A unique fund-raising sale that promises to be equally rewarding to buyer and seller will be held all day Sunday, May 3, at the Los Angeles State and County Arboretum in Arcadia.

"Dubbed the 'Baldwin Bonanza' after E.J. 'Lucky' Baldwin, the owner of the property during the '90s who had himself reaped a bonanza in Nevada silver mines, the sale is the brainchild of the 100 ladies who comprise Las Voluntarias, the official volunteer agency of the facility.

"Together with the California Arboretum Foundation with whom they are affiliated, the ladies have gathered a collection of antiques from the Baldwin era, have made and otherwise acquired a variety of handcrafted items, and busied themselves in the Arboretum's propagation center planting, growing, and potting select ornamental plants.

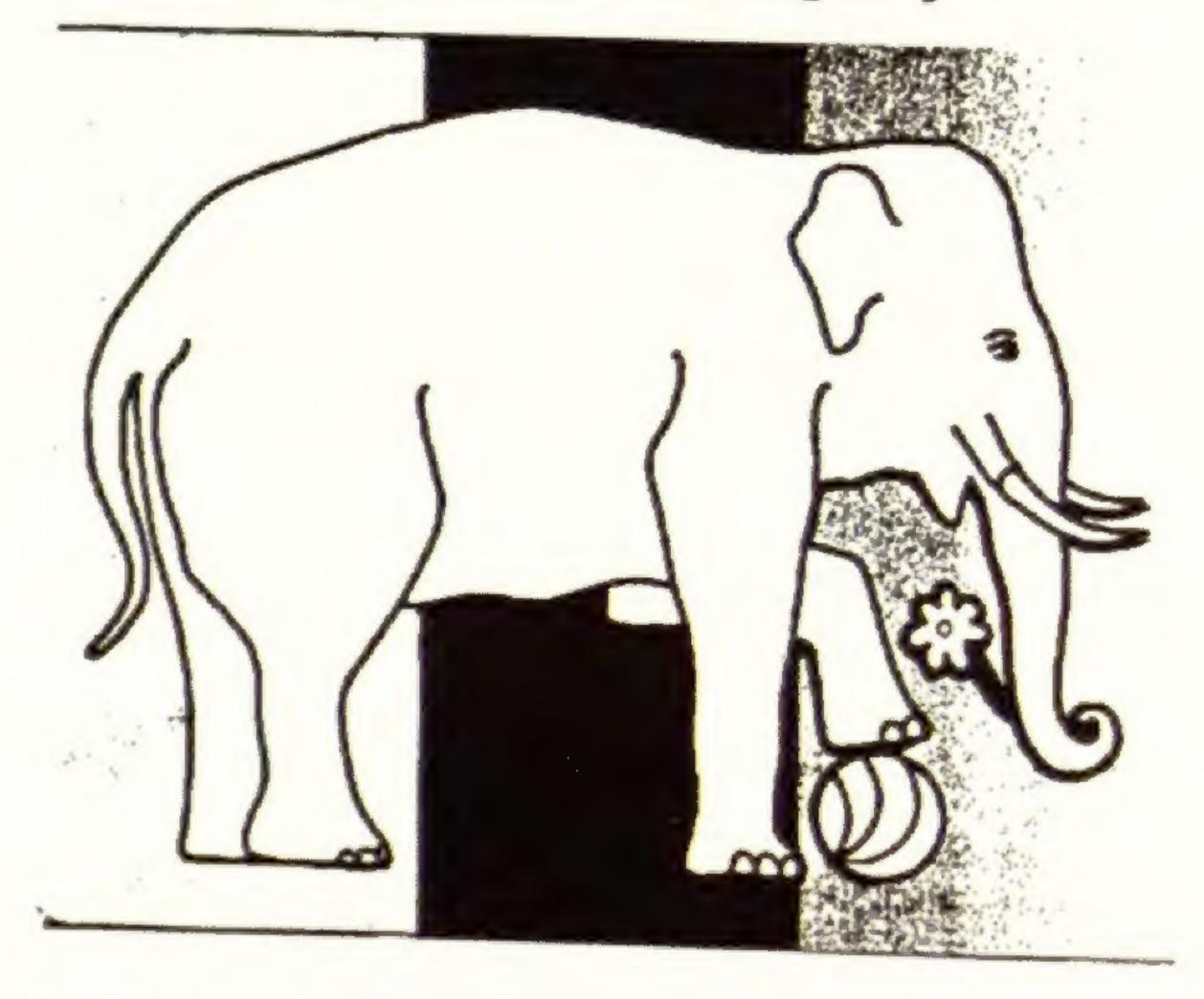
"Proceeds from the sale of these and other items will be used to further various Arboretum projects not covered in its budget. There are a number of these, including many attractions enjoyed by visitors to the garden such as the fountains, pools, waterfalls, public trams, and even some of the greenhouses, all the result of gifts from private citizens to the California Arboretum Foundation through which all non-county funds are channeled.

"The 'Baldwin Bonanza' will be conducted in the Lecture Hall and several outdoor areas of the Arboretum, each decorated in a fashion reminiscent of the gay '90s. It will open at 10 a.m. and close at 5 p.m. There is no admission charge."



Director Francis Ching (l) enjoys the first Baldwin Bonanza Preview Party in 1970 with the Hinshaws and Letty Sample (r).

On the same Sunday in her column in the Los Angeles Times, Christy Fox wrote: "With May 3 just around the corner, the date of the Baldwin Bonanza treasure sale at the Arboretum, plans are afoot for a pre-opening party Saturday. Although it is an invitational preview evening, the big sale is open to the public – and free! It is to aid the Arboretum. Co-chairmen of the Bonanza are Alice and Peter Douglas. There will be a continuous chain of events: a silent auction, prizes and more prizes. Lotsie Busch Flanigan is to be the auctioneer at the party."



Note that when it began, the Baldwin Bonanza was not called a Plant Sale – it was just as much a sale of white elephants as of plants, and this fact was emphasized by the first invitation. It was a large white elephant on a red, white and blue background.

Pictures of the preview evening show the hostesses are in long evening dresses! Billie McCaskill had arranged the flowers for the buffet tables magnificent silver urns overflowing with full-blown roses. There were red tablecloths, silver candelabra, a selection of hors d'oeuvres and finger foods arranged on silver platters. LASCA staff members and husbands of Las Vol members who were assisting wore red and white striped vests and straw hats to compliment the Gay '90s theme. On Sunday there were popcorn, snow cones, calliope music and an area where children were kept busy with spin-art and making prints from pressed leaves.

Summarizing that first Baldwin Bonanza, Don Dimond as editor of LASCA Leaves wrote: "During the periodic auctions, many items went for less than their true value. In the language of the market, antiques and handcrafted items held firm, plants were bullish. Perhaps the most rewarding aspect of the project was the teamwork and spirit of close cooperation demonstrated from start to finish between Las Voluntarias, the California Arboretum Foundation and members of the staff." Gross profits were \$4,926.08.

Two years went by before the next Baldwin Bonanza on April 9, 1972. Grace Robinson was chairman. John Provine, Superintendent, assumed a major role as staff representative. The craft ladies made many macramé pot hangers, very fashionable then. The accounting for this sale showed that of the 20-odd sales categories, plants were far and away the best money maker. Gross profits were \$8,690.94.

The third Baldwin Bonanza, advertised as a PLANT SALE, took place on April Fools' Day. The invitation-only preview was held the night before – "one of those magnificent California evenings when a perfect temperature and clean, scented air provide the perfect back-ground." The sale netted \$7,614.39 and 91 new memberships were sold. Ruth Mary Larson was the chairman while also serving that year as president of the volunteers.

Mary Gerry was chairman of the 4th Baldwin Bonanza. Because of the increase in attendance at both the preview party and Sunday sale, the selling area expanded out of the Lecture Hall and into the Demonstration Home Gardens. A call went out to nurseries and individuals for plant donations. Terrariums were a big item. Many volunteers were working long hours so Mitzi Moore, volunteer president, set up a rest, recuperation and refreshment headquarters for them in the Seminar Room. There were small pots of succulents for children to buy. Proceeds were now designated toward a capital campaign for a building that in the future could house this sale, education classes and horticultural shows. The preview party moved outside too. The table settings and hors d'oeuvres were less elaborate. This was the last year that hostesses wore long dresses. Really eager buyers started bringing their own wheelbarrows and red wagons to take away their prize plant purchases.

The fifth Baldwin Bonanza was held on April 6, 1975. Wendy Taylor was chairman. It rained. Described as a "botanical fair", the highlight of the sale had now become Arboretum introductions. There was a large demand for flowering trees. New items were "living sculptures", hanging pieces of driftwood, palm, manzanita and cork oak planted with ferns and



(l to r), Gary and Carol Overturf, Elaine Hoffman, Virginia Stein and Alice Thomas all enjoy the Baldwin Bonanza XIV.



An overview of the LASCA grounds during Baldwin Bonanza XIV.

Development News

Ahmanson Foundation Supports Campaign

The Ahmanson Foundation has made a generous pledge of \$250,000 to the construction of a new Education Center at the Los Angeles State and County Arboretum.

As a major project in the Arboretum Campaign, the Education Center provides new facilities for the Arboretum's library, herbarium, research center and education program. Francis Ching, Director of the Los Angeles County Department of Arboreta and Botanic Gardens, in recognizing the outstanding support provided by the Ahmanson Foundation, stated, "We are relying upon the private sector to join forces with the County of Los Angeles in preparing our Arboretum to serve the needs of the people of Los Angeles into the 21st century. With the support of this mutually beneficial partnership, the Arboretum will be in a stronger position than ever to clearly enhance the quality of lives in Southern California through improved research, education and public service programs."

The Arboretum Campaign is under the guidance of Trustee Richard A. Grant, Jr. who credited the Ahmanson Foundation with a "major investment in one of the nation's leading arboretums and the only arboretum in Los Angeles County."

The Education Center is a \$4,000,000 project with another \$3,000,000 being raised for program endowment.

Construction is scheduled to begin in 1990.



Arco Foundation Helps Arboretum Volunteers

The California Arboretum Foundation has received a \$25,000 grant from the ARCO Foundation to establish a new volunteer coordinator position for the Los Angeles State and County Arboretum.

Volunteers contributed approximately 36,000 hours at the Arboretum in 1987

– equivalent to twenty full time positions. "This new volunteer coordinator position will help the Arboretum utilize the extensive experience and talent that is available among our volunteers," according to Francis Ching, Director of the Los Angeles County Department of Arboreta and Botanic Gardens.

The volunteer coordinator will be responsible for managing the day-to-day activities of the Arboretum's 250 volunteers. Additional duties include recruiting new volunteers, providing training for volunteers and serving as a liaison with community groups.

Jane Feldstein, President of the Arboretum volunteer organization, Las Voluntarias y Los Ayudantes, noted that "The establishment of the new coordinator position will demonstrate to those in the community who are considering becoming volunteers that the Arboretum is serious about making certain that individuals have satisfying and rewarding experiences at the Arboretum."



Arboretum Associates Announced

The California Arboretum Foundation has established the Arboretum Associates, a new opportunity for the business community to support the Los Angeles State and County Arboretum. The Associates enjoy special membership privileges and represent an important new part of the "Arboretum Family."

The Foundation gratefully acknowledges the support of our new Arboretum Associates:

American Isuzu Motors, Inc.
Great Western Bank
Home Savings of America
Southern California Edison Company
Security Pacific Foundation
Times Mirror
Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A. Inc.



The Tabebuia chrysotricha is a member of the Bignoniaceae or trumpet vine family that includes 110 genera and 750 subspecies of trees, shrubs and vines, all tropical and subtropical. The genus Tabebuia is found in nearly every country of Central and South America. It includes 150 species from shrubs to gigantic trees 200 to 230 feet high, with the largest ones reaching a girth of 10 feet. The blossoms come in white, yellow, red, pink, lavender and purple - all virtually covering the tree when in bloom. "Tabebuia" is derived from two words, "tacyba" (ant) and "bubuya" (wood), a reference to the frequent occurrence of ants in Tabebuia twigs. The words are Tupian, and from the linguistic family of the Indians of South America.

The small ornamental tabebuias have long enhanced the landscape of Florida, especially pleasing the tourist industry by blooming at the height of the season, being both salt water tolerant and tolerant to flooding. The Los Angeles Arboretum was delighted to find a species that was tolerant of the climate of California where temperatures range from 23 to 110 degrees.

The Tabebuia chrysotricha has a propensity to "twin"; all new growth is typically in pairs. The gardener is advised to remove one of the initial shoots so a single trunk will develop. The tree has an interesting grayish bark with many fissures. A tawny fuzz covers the young twigs and leaves. Hummingbirds feed on the nectar by piercing the base of the blossom with their beaks! The seeds are numerous and winged. For fertile seeds, one must catch them in flight or before the pods open. New plants can be propagated by layering and cuttings.

The wood has an exceptional beauty in both grain and color. The larger tabebuias are economically important for timber. Three qualities of timber are produced for commercial use: one resembles birch; one resembles plain sawed oak; and the last, to which the chrysotricha belongs, is called the lapacho group - a very dense, very beautiful wood, highly resistant to decay - as demonstrated by the beams of a 300 year old cathedral in Panama.

Education News

It is interesting to note that tabebuias have been found near ruins in remote tropical areas in South and Central America. An example is near the base of the Great Pyramid in the Mayan city of Chichen Itza. Flowers similar to those of the tabebuias and other bignones occasionally appear on ornate stone carving and other works of art.

Tabebuias have been described in the journals of early explorers in the Amazon region. We relate one such description dated 1848. "It was a truly magnificent sight - a great tree covered with one mass of flowers - to hear the deep distant hum of millions of insects gathered to enjoy the honeyed feast, all out of reach of the curious and admiring naturalist - flowers are produced over the outside of the great dome of verdure exposed to the vertical rays of the sun - on many of the trees, not a single blossom is to be found at a less height than 100 feet."

Constance Wood



New Children's Education Program to Begin

The Arboretum's Education Department will inaugurate a new Children's Education Program this Summer. The three week program will feature one week sessions for children in elementary grades. Morning classes will meet in the Plant Propagation Greenhouse. Subjects to be covered include: seeds, flowers, bugs, birds and their relationship to plants. Proposed projects for the classes are to make a bird feeder, a plant press and a bug house. A complete brochure outlining the class schedule, fees and registration form will be sent to the membership later in the Spring.

The Fall Children's Education Program will feature classes after school and on Saturdays. Participants will have the opportunity for a hands-on experience in the new Children's Garden.

Christmas Bird Count



Audubon's Great Horned Owl

"The annual Christmas Bird Count ritual blends the diverse qualities of sport, social function, field ornithology and outdoor exercise; in California such counts are a unique and immensely popular experience" (Jan.-Feb. "Western Tanager," L.A. Audubon publication).

The Arboretum is included in the Pasadena - San Gabriel Valley Christmas bird count area (a circle with a 7 1/2 mile radius centered at the intersection of Duarte Road and San Gabriel Blvd.). The function of this event is to count every wild bird seen in one's assigned area thus determining the number of species and individual birds on the given day. The data from all the Christmas bird counts are compiled and published in "American Birds" (a seasonal journal published by the National Audubon Society) and are a major source in determining the numbers and distribution of wild bird populations of the U.S.A., Canada, and a few locales south of the U.S. - Mexican border.

On the morning of December 19, 1988 our Arboretum count group (Charles Hamilton, Harold Bond, Shantanu Phukan, Barbara Cohen) set forth with hope for temperate weather (which was granted) and perhaps an unexpected rare avian visitor; due to previous "scouting" this December we

held no high expectations for numbers or individuals, both were definitely down compared to previous years. The wintering Costa's hummingbirds, Gray Flycatcher, Western Flycatcher and several warbler species had not been sighted. The usual Cedar Waxwings, Robins, Goldfinches, Chipping and White-crowned Sparrows have been almost rarities. The wild duck population has been most disappointing. On a positive note, in addition to it being a "fun-day" (which terminates with a gathering of bird-counters at Eaton Canyon Nature Center for a preliminary tally of the day's efforts, dinner and "bird-talk"), we were rewarded with a visit from a Merlin (small falcon), a good viewing of a stunning Solitary Vireo and the full cooperation of our resident Great Horned Owls. The day's totals: 55 species and 1,079 individuals.

Barbara Cohen



1989 Members' Lecture Series Save the Dates

"ADVENTURES IN AFRICA"
Jalien Tulley
Professional Nature Photographer
Friday, March 31, 1989
7:30pm

"EXCEPTIONAL TREES OF LOS ANGELES" Don Hodel Environmental Horticulturalist, Author Thursday, April 27, 1989 7:30pm

Fees: Members \$5 per lecture Nonmembers \$8 per lecture

All lectures will be held in the Lecture Hall at the Arboretum. Advance reservations are necessary. For further information, please call 818-446-8251, ext. 49.



Arboretum Library Featured

The library at the Los Angeles State and County Arboretum was featured in the Los Angeles Times Magazine on Sunday, February 5. Titled, "Libraries of the Unexpected," the article featured our plant science librarian Joan DeFato.



Volunteer News

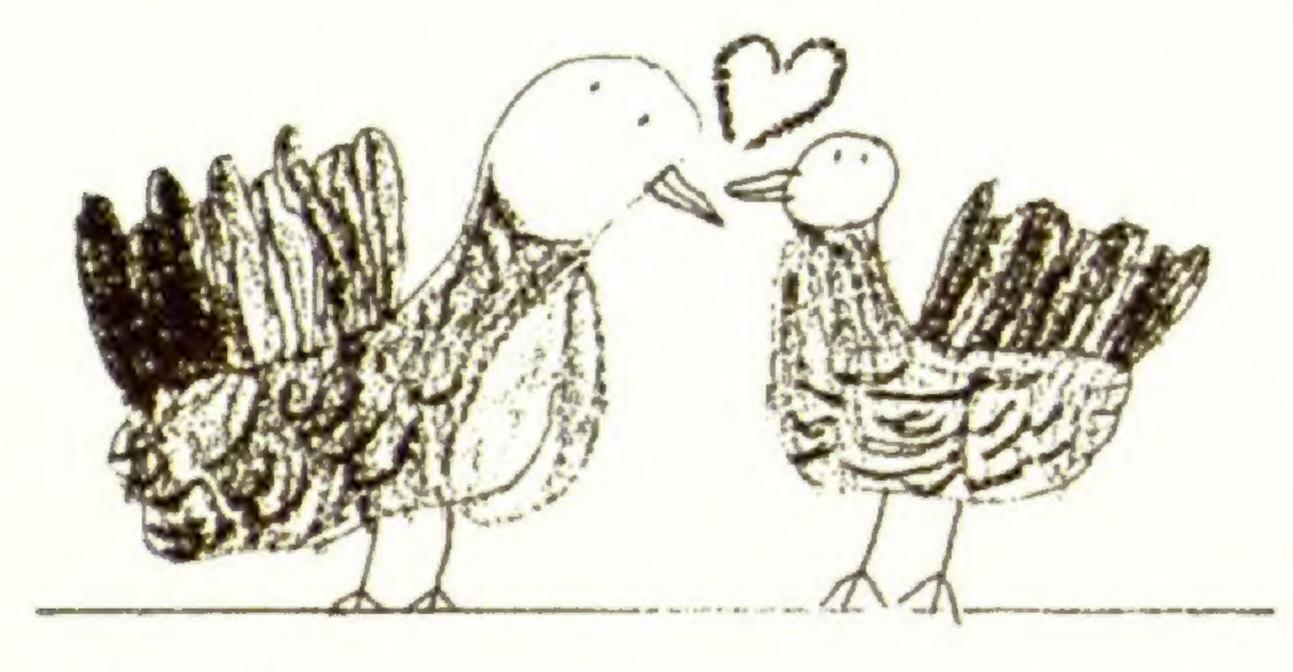
Field Leaders



Tours of the Arboretum, led by our volunteer Field Leaders, are very popular with elementary school children. The following comments are unexpurgated excerpts from letters the children have written to the Field Leaders after a school trip. They are very frank to tell what they liked (and didn't like)!

"You're a really fast walker. You're a good tour guide too. I guess you're brilliant. I learned a lot of real good and important things from Arboretum and you."

"I enjoyed all the fun things and the handshake. I want to go with you again. I missed you the minute I got on the bus. You are like my grandpa, but he died. I wish you were him."



"I like the peacocks because when they kiss they never let anyone see. They're shy."

"It's fun washing the peacocks."

"I liked the buckwheat because it was weird how plants can taste like honey or lemon."

"I learned how the pond was built from an earthquake."

"I was amazed at how Indians made their houses and how the kids had to sleep outside when there wasn't enough room."

"I liked the lamb's ears. I hope you didn't get into trouble for showing us exter stuff."

"I like the wild strawberries and looking in that guy's house and barn."

"How did you manage to build the Arboretum?"

"Thank you very much for telling us a lot of things we didn't know. The best thing I liked was the little cactus."

"I aspecially like the wild grapes.
Thank you for being so concerned with
my problems."

"I never would have learned about erosion and the peacocks and that wild ducks have oil on there feathers that keeps them dry in the water. I also think you are a very kind lady for lending your day to help some kids get a better education."

"My favorite part was the fantasy island house. But I wonder why he wanted to walk further to his kitchen instead of having it in his house."



Oops, We Goofed!

In the Winter issue of CAF News, a photograph of Esme Gibson at the Los Angeles Garden Show Preview Party was identified as Melinda Winston. Our apologies to both ladies for this error.





"You are invited to dinner, Tails Please." won the most popular second award for Joan Fagan and the Las Vols at the St. Edmund's Tea.

Las Vols Table Wins a Prize A very special thank you to Joan Fagan, ten-year Arboretum volunteer and CAF member, for lending her artistic talents and priceless table collections to create, "You are invited for dinner, tails please," for the St. Edmund's Tea. Joan has been a winner of the tablesetting contest every year that she has participated and this year was no exception. Assisted by her daughter, and Las Vols volunteer Eva Shepard, Joan represented the formal part of this year's theme, "Tail-Gates to Tail Coats." Her display was voted the "Most Popular Second" by those in attendance.

Thank you, Joan, for being an outstanding Arboretum volunteer.



Calendar of Events Section

March

Sunday, March 19 Lorquin Society Show and Lectures 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Ayres Hall and Lecture Hall - A & B

Tuesday, March 21 California Arboretum Foundation Board of Trustees Meeting 4:00 pm - Seminar Room

Friday, March 31 Members' Night Lecture Series "Adventures in Africa" Jalien Tulley Lecture Hall - 7:30 pm Reservations necessary

April

Saturday, April 1 Aril Society & Iris Society 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm Ayres Hall and Sunday April 2, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Saturday, April 1 Landscaping with Native Plants Arboretum Gift Shop Patio 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Saturday, April 8 & Sunday, April 9 Shohin Bonsai Show - Ayres Hall

Saturday, April 15 Amaryllis Show - Ayres Hall 12 noon to 4:30 pm and Sunday, April 16, 10:00 am to 4:30 pm

Monday, April 17 LASCA Volunteers General Meeting Ayres Hall – 7:30 pm to 10:00 pm

Tuesday, April 18 California Arboretum Foundation Board of Trustees Meeting 4:00 pm – Seminar Room

Saturday, April 22 Pacific Rose Show Ayres Hall – 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm and Sunday, April 23, 9:00 am to 4:30 pm Saturday, June 3

Thursday, April 27 Members' Night Lecure Series "Exceptional Trees of Los Angeles" Don Hodel, Author Lecture Hall – 7:30 pm Reservations necessary

Sunday, April 30 Epiphyllum Show Ayres Hall - 9:30 am to 4:30 pm

May

Monday, May 1 Las Voluntarias Board Meeting 9:30 am to 12 noon - Lecture Hall - B

Saturday, May 6 Baldwin Bonanza Preview Party 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm CAF Members and Guests Reservations necessary See enclosed invitation

Sunday, May 7 Baldwin Bonanza Plant Sale 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Saturday, May 13 Geranium Show Ayres Hall 12 noon to 4:30 pm and Sunday May 14, 9:00 am to 4:30 pm

Tuesday, May 16 "Topiary Day" Barbara Gallup, Author Lecture and Luncheon Ayres Hall, Reservations necessary See enclosed invitation

Tuesday, May 16 California Arboretum Foundation Board of Trustees Meeting 4:00 pm - Seminar Room

Saturday, May 20 Valley Satsuki Azalea Show Ayres Hall - 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and Sunday, May 21, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Monday, May 22 Sherman Gardens and Roger's Nursery Tour All day - see enclosed invitation Reservations are necessary

Saturday, May 27 Santa Anita Bonsai Show Ayres Hall – 9:00 am to 4:30 pm and Sunday May 28, 9:00 am to 4:30 pm and Monday May 29, 9:00 am to 4:30 pm

June

California Arboretum Foundation/Herb Society – Tea In The Garden Meadowbrook Area - 1 pm to 4 pm See enclosed invitation and reservation form

Wednesday, June 7 CAF Annual Meeting

Thursday, June 22 Las Voluntarias Annual Picnic and Bike Around

The following organizations and societies meet monthly at the Arboretum. The meetings are open to Foundation members:

Akebono Bonsai Society Second Friday, 7:30-10 pm

Arcadia Garden Club Second Wednesday, 9-12:30 pm

Arboretum District Garden Club First Monday, 9:30-12 noon

California Rare Fruit Growers, Foothill Chapter Second Sunday, 10:00-12 noon Cymbidium Society of America Fourth Tuesday, 7-10 pm

Epiphyllum Society of America First Tuesday, 7:30-10 pm

Herb Society of America First Thursday, 8:00 am-3:00 pm

International Geranium Society Third Thursday, 6:30-10 pm

Los Angeles International Fern Society Third Friday, 7:00-10:00 pm

Pacific Rose Society First Thursday, 5:00 - 10:00 pm

San Gabriel Valley Orchid Hobbyists, Inc. Third Thursday, 6:00 - 10:00 pm

San Gabriel Valley Cactus & Succulent Society Second Thursday, 7:30-10:00 pm

Santa Anita Bonsai Society Second Sunday, 7:30 - 10 pm

Shohin Bonsai Society of Southern California Second Wednesday, 7:30 - 10 pm

Southern California Camellia Society Second Tuesday, 6:30 - 10 pm

Southern California Hemerocallis and Amaryllis Society Third Saturday, 9:00 - 3:00

Southern California Iris Society First Saturday, 9:00 - 4:00

An invitation to become a....

CALIFORNIA ARBORETUM FOUNDATION SPONSOR MEMBER

Founded in 1988, Sponsor Members
support the Arboretum through an
annual membership of \$250

Sponsor membership benefits include:

- Recognition as a Patron of the Baldwin Bonanza
- 2 complimentary tickets to the Baldwin Bonanza Preview Party
- VIP passes to special presentations and events sponsored by the Foundation
- 4 Garden Express Card entitles the holder to free admission to each of the 4 gardens of the Department of Arboreta and Botanic Gardens and discounts in their Gift Shops

The Foundation gratefully acknowledges the support of the 1988 Charter Sponsor Members

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Yes, I would like to become I have enclosed a check for	a 1989-90 Sponsor Member of the California Arboretum Foundation. \$250.
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Address	
Please makes checks payable to the Califor	nia Arboretum Foundation and return this form to:
	California Arboretum Foundation
	301 North Baldwin Avenue
	Arcadia, California 91006
VISA / MASTERCARD Number	
Signature	Expiration Date

Autumn Tour of New England Set for September 23

California Arboretum Foundation sponsors an 8 day Tauck Tour of New England to view the autumn colors

- Begins September 23rd from Boston
- Sightseeing in the area including the route of Paul Revere's immortal ride to Lexington and Concord
- Drive to Salem and Gloucester and on through Rye and Hampton Beaches to Portsmouth, New Hampshire
- Overnight in Portland, Maine
- Journey along Maine Lakes to North Conway, New Hampshire; exciting ride to the summit
 of Cranmore Mountain
- Travel the scenic Kangamagus Trail to Franconia Notch to see the Old Man of the Mountain
- See Montpelier, Vermont; overnight in Stowe the ski capitol of the East
- Ferry across Lake Champlain to New York State and the rugged Adirondack Mountains and overnight in Lake Placid
- Motor south through the Berkshire Hills of Western Massachusetts

Rates: \$1295 land package double occupancy; \$1638 land package single occupancy

Land Package includes: cancellation insurance & a \$75 tax deductible donation to the California

Arboretum Foundation. Air Fare to Boston is on your own (approx \$400), and the trip will be limited to 44 persons.

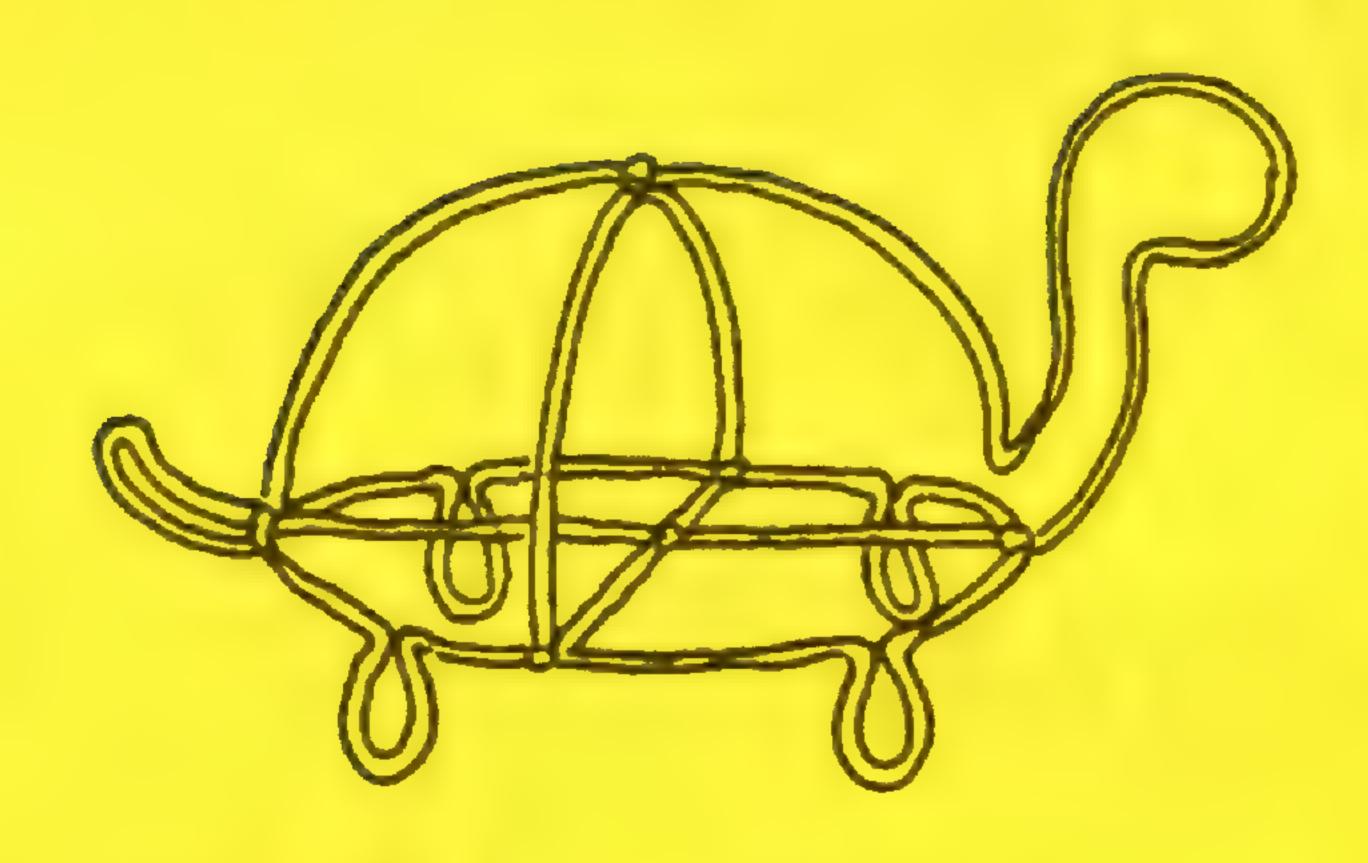
Reservation deposit: \$100 per person, due by May 23, 1989.

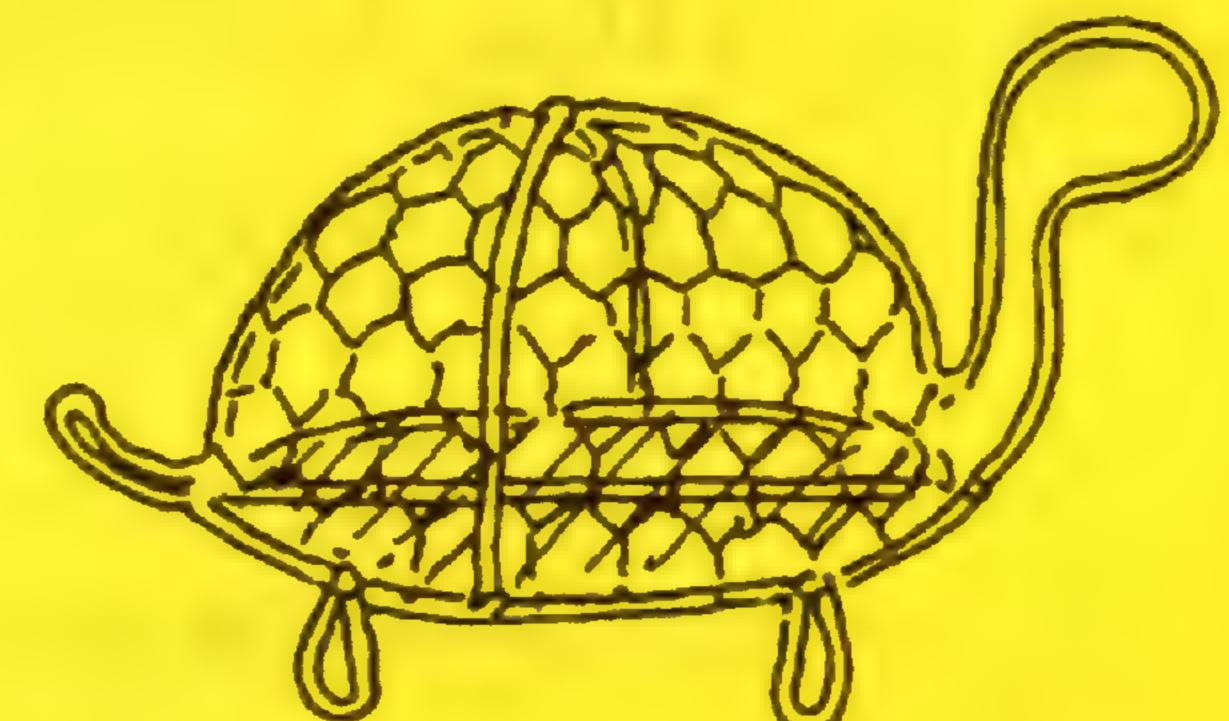
For reservations please complete the form below and mail with your check made payable to Friendly Hills Travel, attention Didi Engler, 14831 E. Whittier Blvd., Whittier, California 90605. The final balance will be due August 15, 1989.

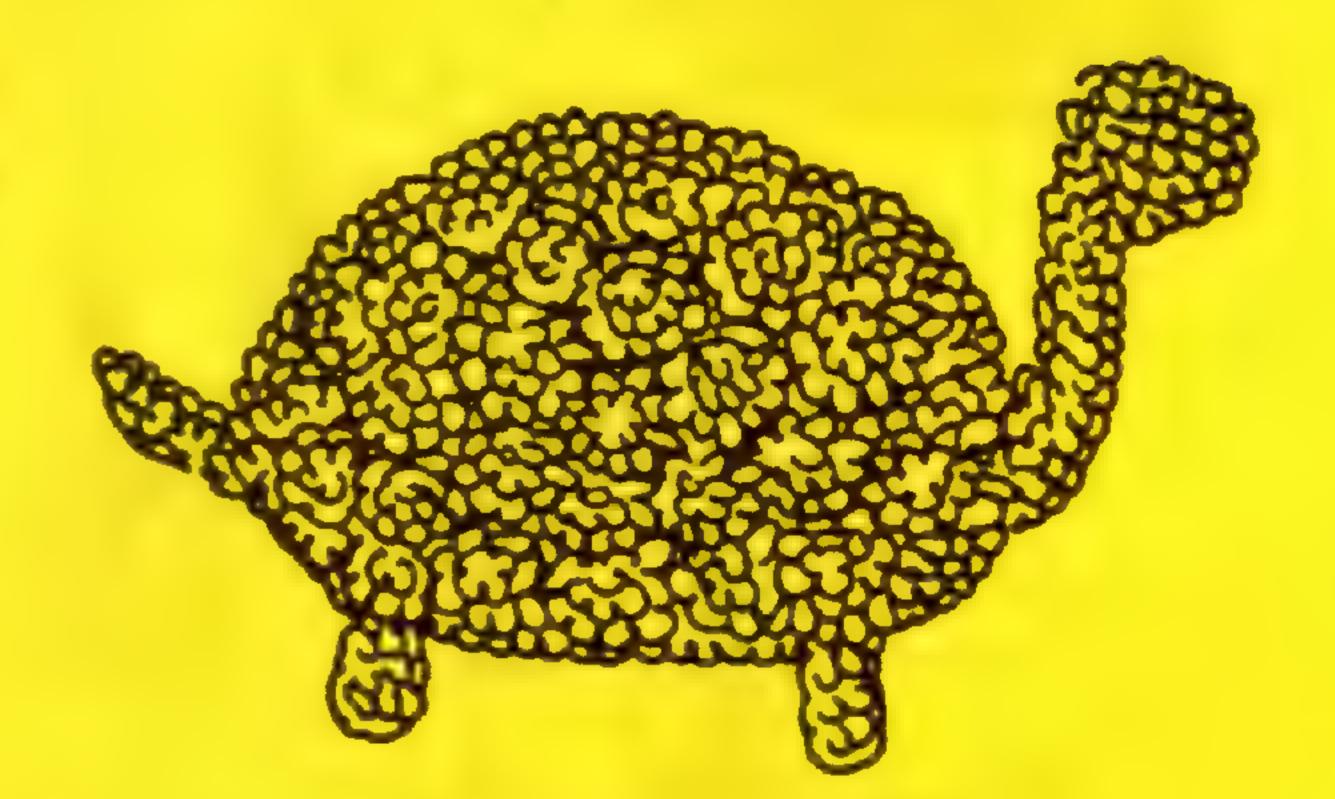
New England Tour Reservation Form				
I would like to reserve places on the New England Tour at the double occupancy rate of \$1295 per person.				
I would like to reserveplaces on the New England Tour at the single occupancy rate of \$1638 per person.				
Enclosed is \$ deposit for reservations.(\$100 per person)				
Name				
Address				
Telephone				

Totally Topiary

A Day With Barbara Gallup Tuesday, May 16







10:00 am Illustrated Lecture and Luncheon

Ayres Hall of the Los Angeles State and County Arboretum at 301 North Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia. Reservations: \$40 per person

1:30 pm Topiary Workshop

Under the guidance of Barbara Gallup, each participant will create a topiary turtle to take home. Reservations: \$75 per person. Enrollment is limited and price includes all materials.

A Day With Barbara Gallup is sponsored by the California Arboretum Foundation as a benefit for the Los Angeles State and County Arboretum.

Topiary Day Reservations

I would like to make_	reservations for the to	ppiary lecture and luncheon at \$40 per person.
I would like to make_	reservations for the to	ppiary workshop at \$75 per person.
I am unable to attend b	out wish to donate \$	to the California Arboretum Foundation.
	Total Amount E	inclosed \$
Name		Phone
Address		
VISA or MasterCard# _		Exp. Date
Signature		

Please make checks payable to California Arboretum Foundation and return with this form to:

California Arboretum Foundation 301 North Baldwin Avenue Arcadia, California 91006



The morning will be spent at:

Sherman Library and Gardens

- An historical research center devoted to the study of the Pacific Southwest
- Extensive botanical collections, rare cacti and succulents, exotic tropical vegetation, and a conservatory housing orchids and bromeliads
- A discovery garden designed to stimulate the senses of touch or smell

After lunch the group will go to: Roger's Gardens

• A 7.5 acre botanical garden featuring a Patio Shop, Antique Gallery, Nursery and Garden Supply

California Arboretum Foundation to sponsor a tour of

Sherman Library and Gardens and Roger's Gardens

in Corona del Mar

Monday, May 22, 1989
Meet at LASCA parking lot
(301 North Baldwin Avenue)
at 8:45 am
Bus leaves at 9:00 am sharp
Bus returns at 5:00 pm

Lunch in the Tea Garden at Sherman Gardens

Member's Fee: \$50.00 per person Non-Member's Fee: \$55.00 per person no refunds after May 1

For reservations, please complete the form below

Sherman Gardens Reservation Form	
Name	
Address	
Phone	
CAF member reservations at \$50 per person Guest reservations at \$55 per person Please make checks payable to: California Arb to: California Arboretum Foundation, 301 N. I	poretum Foundation and mail
VISA/MasterCard#	Exp. Date
Signature	



Baldwin Bonanza XIX Plant Sale

Sunday, May 7, 1989 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Raffle drawing at 2:00 pm

Los Angeles State and County Arboretum 301 North Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia

Sponsored by the California Arboretum Foundation and the Los Angeles State and County Arboretum

Free Admission for CAF members

Usual Arboretum admission fees in effect for non-members

Baldwin Bonanza XIX

Members' Preview Party and Plant Sale

Saturday Evening, May 6, 1989

5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

- Hors d'oeuvres
- No Host Wine Bar, Soft Drinks
- Silent Auction

\$7.50 CAF Members \$12.50 Guests

For tickets, please complete the reservation below.

Name _______ Phone _______ Phone ______ City _____ Zip ______ CAF Members at \$7.50 each Guests at \$12.50 each I am unable to attend but would like to donate \$______ Please make checks payable to: California Arboretum Foundation and mail to: California Arboretum Foundation, 301 N. Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia 91006 \$______ Total Enclosed VISA/MASTERCARD No. _______ Exp. Date _______

The California Arboretum Foundation and the

Herb Society of America - Southern California Unit cordially invite you to

Tea In The Garden

Saturday, June 3

One o'clock to Four o'clock in the afternoon

Meadowbrook Area of the Los Angeles State and County Arboretum

301 North Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia



- Traditional Tea
- Music
- Informal Modelling
- Herbal Boutique
- Fashions from Bill Winn, San Marino
- Narrated Demonstrations
- Herb Books and Gift Shop Items
- Tours of the Herb Garden
- Door Prizes

All proceeds to benefit the Arboretum's Herb Garden

Tickets will be sent to you if reservations are received before May 22. Tickets for reservations received after that date may be picked up at the CAF Office, or they will be held at the Rotunda entrance.

Tea in the Garden Reservation Form					
Name	Phone				
Address					
I would like to reservetickets at \$10 each. (Price for CAF members and Herb Society mem					
I would like to reservetickets at \$15 each. ((non-members)				
I am unable to attend, but wish to donate \$	to the Arboretum's Herb Garden Fund.				

Please make checks payable to: California Arboretum Foundation and mail to:

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Horticultural Problems? Ask Rose Green

Q. The lemons from my tree are not juicy. Why?

A. The lemons are old. Strip the tree of all old fruit. Next year do not allow fruit to remain on the tree as long.

Q. Why don't my lilacs bloom reliably?
A. Any flower cluster removed from a lilac bush will prevent that branch from blooming the following year. Try to cut lilac bouquets from the portion of the bush that you usually do not see.

Q. Why is my St. Augustine lawn drying up even though I water regularly?

A. You probably have cinch bugs which can be controlled by applying Diazinon, Aspon or Dursband according to the directions on the package.

Q. How can I protect my pine trees from the Ips Engraver beetle?
A. Spray the trunk and any branches over three inches in diameter with Sevin or Lindane. The main flight season is from March through May.

Q. Does the Arboretum do soil testing? A. No, but if you call us we can refer you to commercial soil testing laboratories.

Q. How do I correct an alkaline soil condition (pH of 8.5)?
A. Apply soil sulfur according to directions on the bag.

Q. I saw the following two plants at an Arboretum plant sale: Brighamia citrina var nepuliensis and Breynia disticha cultivar 'Roseo-picta' (Snow-bird). Please give me their cultural conditions.

A. They can only be grown in a greenhouse.

Q. Why are my squash plants not producing fruit?

A. The first flowers that are formed on a squash plant are male and will not produce fruit. If the female flowers don't produce fruit, it's either because they weren't pollinated or because they are growing in too much shade.

Q. What variety of tomato produces the best fruit?

A. Burpees Better Boy. For most prolific production try Early Girl.

Q. How do I prepare my soil for a vegetable garden?

A. Vegetables are annuals and as such do not have deep root systems.

Preparing the soil six inches deep is adequate. In most cases you should

Correction from the Winter issue: 20-0-0 fertilizer - to find the amount of actual nitrogen: take 12 pounds actual nitrogen divided by .20 (20% nitrogen). Answer is 60 pounds are required per 1000 sq. feet. (12.00 ÷ .20 = 60 pounds)

Silent Auction to be held

add organic material.

A new feature at this year's Baldwin Bonanza Preview Party will be a Silent Auction. The primary auction item will be a copy of Southern California Gardens: An Illustrated History by Victoria Padilla. This book, published in 1961 by the University of California Press with support from the Southern California Horticultural Institute, traces the history of horticulture in our area in terms of chronology, the people involved and the plants. Although the author claimed to be writing only for the lay reader, her work is now a basic resource for researchers interested in any aspect of the local history of gardening. The book has been out of print for a number of years, a fact recently bemoaned on the editorial page of the Los Angeles Times, and is difficult to acquire because those who have a copy keep it.

The author, Victoria Padilla, was born in San Francisco but lived most of her life in Southern California. A teacher of business and English, she became a recognized expert on bromeliads and was long active in the Southern California Horticultural Institute. At the time of her death in 1986, she was considering a revision of her history in order to bring the history of Southern California gardens up to the 80s.

bromeliads. Brown Jordan donated a set of patio furniture to the raffle and Southern California Greenhouse Manufacturers contributed a lathhouse. Attendance was up – 1000 at the preview, 13,000 at the Sunday sale. Formality was disappearing in favor of increased profits – \$26,000 was raised. 260 volunteers worked.

Baldwin Bonanza VI was chaired by Judy Opel and it rained again. Cycad seedlings from the worldwide collection of Loran Whitelock were a feature as were the Arboretum vegetable seed packets. Joan Malafronte was chairman of the 1977 Bonanza held on May Day. This sale was held under a 12,000 square foot saran-covered shade area. There was a record attendance of 17,575 on Sunday, 1900 members and their guests attended the preview party and there was a \$41,000 net profit earmarked for the new building. 500 miniature roses, 1000 blue hibiscus and 5000 pelargoniums sold out in the first few hours. There was gorgeous weather for the eighth Baldwin Bonanza chaired by Jean Atkinson. 2200 attended the preview sale on May 6.30 visitors held winning raffle tickets for garden items donated by local businesses. Marj Roos was chairman of the ninth Bonanza sale and, for the first time, tickets to the preview party were limited because of the crowds. Several thousand were waiting in line for the gates to open on Sunday even though the county had started charging an admission fee to the Arboretum to counteract the loss of income due to the passage of Proposition 13. Foundation memberships, since free admission to LASCA is a benefit, were a hot sales item. Carol Overturf was chairman of the tenth. 2300 attended the preview. All the fuchsias sold out that evening. A LASCA introduction 'Mood Indigo', cultivar of the lily of the Nile (Agapanthus), was a big hit.

The success of LASCA's plant sale had by now led to competition from other botanical gardens and horticultural societies. John Provine was constantly looking for the unusual to maintain the Baldwin Bonanza's profitability. For Baldwin Bonanza XI there were bromeliads from Mexico and 300





Peacock Café News

This column features herb recipes created for the Arboretum by Susan Kranwinkle, a Foundation Trustee and Food Columnist for the *Star News*.

Herbed Lemon Tea Bread

Most often we see recipes using herbs in savory dishes, but this matches herbs with a sweet dessert. Lemony herbs and lemon juice give this tea bread an intense and assertive flavor. This recipe is a variation on a Lemon Bread recipe found in *Herbs*, *Decorations and Recipes* by Tolley and Mead.

3/4 cup milk
1 T finely chopped lemon balm
1 T finely chopped lemon thyme
2 cups unbleached flour
1 1/2 tsp baking powder
1/4 tsp salt
6 T butter, softened
1 cup sugar
2 eggs
1 T grated lemon rind

Butter a 9 x 5 x 3 inch loaf pan. Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Heat the milk with the chopped herbs and let steep until cool.

Mix the flour, baking powder and salt together in a bowl. In another bowl, cream the butter and gradually beat in the sugar. Continue beating until light and fluffy. Beat in the eggs, one at a time. Beat in the lemon rind. Add the flour mixture alternately with the herbed milk. Mix until batter is just blended.

Put the batter into the prepared pan. Bake for about 50 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out dry. Let cool on a wire rack for about 10 minutes and then remove from pan and place waxed paper under the rack. Pour Lemon Glaze over the warm bread. Decorate with a few sprigs of lemon thyme.

Lemon Glaze

Place juice of two medium lemons in a bowl and add just enough powdered sugar to make a thick but still pourable paste. Pour over warm bread.

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named cultivars of rhapis palm imported from Japan. Joyce Bauer was the chairman. The next year Dodie and Milt Murset were co-chairmen. There was a preview Friday night, April 30, and the sale for the first and only time extended over two days, both Saturday and Sunday. 10,000 weekend shoppers turned out, parking was easier and there were shorter lines at the cashiers. Hanging baskets of fuchsias, the order tripled from the previous year, lasted until mid-morning Saturday. Pelargoniums sold out by early Sunday. 300 volunteers worked to make the sale a big success. Ayres Hall had been completed and the sales area spread between the hall and the tent on the lawn to the west. The thirteenth sale having been preceded by an article in Los Angeles Times Home Magazine mentioning the sale and the plants available, saw buyers arriving with the article in hand and used as a shopping list. Robin Stafford was chairman. Jack Smith, Los Angeles Times columnist added his relaxed low-key humor to the raffle while his wife, an ardent plant fancier, shopped. The fourteenth Baldwin Bonanza was chaired by Virginia Stein who decided to take advantage of the fact that it was one week before Mothers's Day. There was a large selection of blooming plants: cymbidiums, hanging fuchsias, proteas, phalaenopsis orchids, gloxinias, pelargoniums, and cut stems of proteas. An unusual plant was the batflower (Tacca chantrieri). There was a children's booth of easily cared for plants priced from 50 cents to \$1. The weather was marvelous. Late-arriving orchid lovers were disappointed - sold out by mid-afternoon. By now Sunday buyers are mostly jeans clad and T shirted, ready to take home their purchases and plant them immediately. Infant strollers are often used to transport plants while the child walks or rides on the shoulders of a parent.

Sandy Haven was chairman of Baldwin Bonanza XV. In an attempt to please the customer, sales were streamlined by centralizing the cashiers. Sales were no longer made in the various plant sections (ferns, orchids, flowering trees, etc.). All selections were paid for at one time. 1600 attended the preview party on May 3, 1985. Highlight was a selection of blue flowering perenials. Baldwin Bonanza

XVI, proclaimed "Sweet Sixteen" with Joan Malafronte serving as chairman for a second time, enjoyed perfect weather. 2500, the largest crowd yet, attended the preview party and 6000 came on Sunday. The opportunity to get first choice of plants at the preview had definitely led to an increase in membership as only members received the invitation. All these new members were now making use of this benefit. Anything in bloom was gone by Sunday noon – orchids, fuchsias, hydrangeas, gloxinias and decorated baskets filled with colorful spring flowers.

Tom McDuffie and his computer took charge of Baldwin Bonanza XVII and every plant and every volunteer was organized as never before. It was a providential change because Tom's lists and statistics have come a wonderful source of information. Naturally, Tom was appointed chairman of the 18th sale and also for this year -Baldwin Bonanza XIX. A good leader is hard to find and it will be even harder to let him go. Another organization is demanding his attention so John Shepard, Co-Chairman, is in training and will be chairman of the grand XX in 1990. 1988 was the first time the preview party was catered. A loyal corps of hospitality volunteers had, over the years, prepared enormous platters of fresh vegetables with dips, thousands of meat balls and close to a million cubes of cheese. The party had moved from the Lecture Hall to the Home Demonstration Garden to the lawn outside the tent and finally to the west porch of Ayres Hall. Dress has changed from the quite formal to the practical. John Provine continues to find new and unusual as well as popular plants for the Bonanza customer. The sales area is constantly being changed for more efficiency. The cashiers are drilled to speed up sales. We hate to see buyers waiting as much as they hate lines.

A radical change occurred in 1987 when, in an attempt to increase sales but not lines, and sell plants when they are in bloom, an Orchid Sale was held in February. That first orchid sale was such a success, with almost the entire supply sold out before noon, it was

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Membership News

The California Arboretum

Foundation extends a warm welcome
to the following new members.

Cheryl Amestoy Mrs. Kingsland D. Brown Mr. and Mrs. Ted Bruins Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brydolf Mr. and Mrs. E.F. Bulmahn Yvonne Burger Marilyn Carpenter W.P. Chang Hector Chaparro Nana Chong Kelly and Kim Christensen Barbara and George Cogorno Ann and Leon Cory Cheryl and Roger Craig June W. Crawford Mary Crowley Jane Harvey Curran Lauri and Paul Delegram Leona S. Drechsler Katharine Drechsler and Alan Cohen Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Dreesen, Jr. Mrs. Samuel Dunham Marnie Bodek and Ed Moss Langdon Faust Marsha Feinhandler Elinor Floum Alberta Fluke Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Foster Hank Frankfurt Paula D. Gibson Mr. and Mrs. Steve Goldin Betty Goldstein Junko and David Greenfield Leo A. Guevara Kathleen and Douglas Hatch Mr. and Mrs. William B. Hicks Daryl Higashida Robin-Joy Ongley and Brian Higgins Sylvia W. Crowley Holmes Michael H. Horibe Mr. and Mrs. Philip Hsu Mrs. Hopkins Huntington Lesley Islas Georgia Jallo Robbye Sullivan Kane Kelly Kimball F.E. La Roche Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Lamb, III Kathy and Ralph Lang Ruby M. Law Mr. and Mrs. Wing Y. Leong Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Levine Michael Lipshultz Leslie Lisnek Joneen Liston Janet Lovejoy Mr. and Mrs. Vincent G. Maher Helen Marcellus Mr. and Mrs. James L. McAdam Alison McAlpine Donald McIntire Christine Varnes and Bill McNallen Mr. and Mrs. Knox Mellon Mr. and Mrs. Stephen C. Mengos

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repeated profitably in 1988 and has become a regularly scheduled event on the Arboretum's calendar. Another sub-sale will be inaugurated this year on July 8th. It will feature palms and summer-blooming plants.

The Baldwin Bonanza has become an institution at the Los Angeles State and County Arboretum. Profits have been used for support of the summer intern program, education, construction of Ayres Hall and many other projects. It has brought about an increase in Foundation membership and always brings together the volunteers, Foundation and County staff in a spirit of

Fall Foliage Tour in New England

In our continuing effort to offer quality group travel to members of the California Arboretum Foundation, we are pleased to announce a tour for the fall of 1989 titled *Autumn New England From Boston*. This memorable program has been arranged through Tauck Tours, one of the finest tour operators specializing in the United States and Canada.

Our eight day, seven night Fall Foliage tour from Boston offers a lovely itinerary including Massachusetts, Vermont, New York, New Hampshire and Maine, right at the peak of the traditional changing of the colors. We have selected a September 23rd departure date, with a per person tour rate of \$1195.00, based on double occupancy, plus a donation of \$75.00 to the California Arboretum Foundation. Optional trip cancellation insurance is available.

The package rate will include almost every expense...all motorcoach transportation, accomodations at the finest hotels available, all sightseeing, admissions, taxes, services of an escort and driver, and twenty meals, usually with a la carte choices.

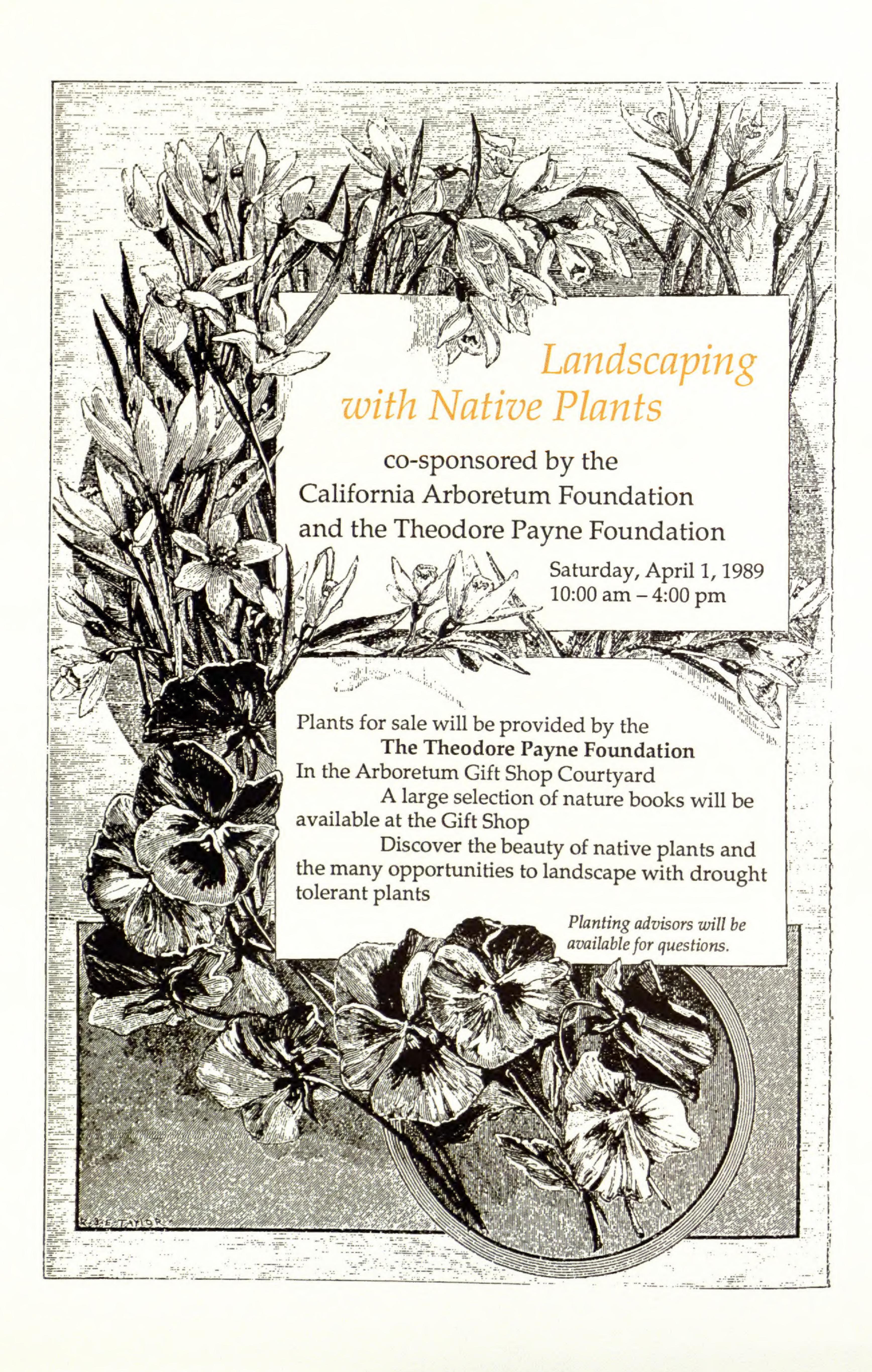
Please consider joining the Foundation's Fall Foliage tour on September 23rd and be guaranteed of travelling with others who have a common interest in horticulture. And know also, that your participation will benefit the Arboretum Foundation's fund raising efforts.

For further information and reservations, please contact Ask Mr. Foster/ Friendly Hills Travel Center at (213) 698-0511. Detailed itineraries available.



cooperation and friendship that lasts throughout the year(s). The Arboretum found a treasury of benefits in the Baldwin Bonanza. This year's sale, Baldwin Bonanza XIX, will be May 7th, with a preview party and pre-sale for members and their guests on Saturday, May 6th, from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Put it on your calendar. See You there!





Book Signing at the Arboretum Gift Shop

Saturday, May 20, 1989 10:00 to 4:00



Johnny Weissmuller and Herb Mundin in the jungle at the Arboretum

Author Leon Smith

will be here to personally autograph your copy of

Hollywood Goes On Location

a guide to famous movie and T.V. sets

Available for purchase at the Arboretum Gift Shop for \$14.95

In "Hollywood Goes On Location," author Leon Smith, a lifelong movie buff, guides us on a nostalgic journey to famous film locations.

Many sites featured are on the Arboretum's grounds.

Exact addresses of these historic sites are revealed.

Includes present day photographs and production stills.

Gift Shop News



This Spring, the Arboretum Gift Shop will feature the following new items from the Atlas Herb Series by Country Bouquet.

Framed painted wood prints; 4 designs: each \$15

Seed box: \$54

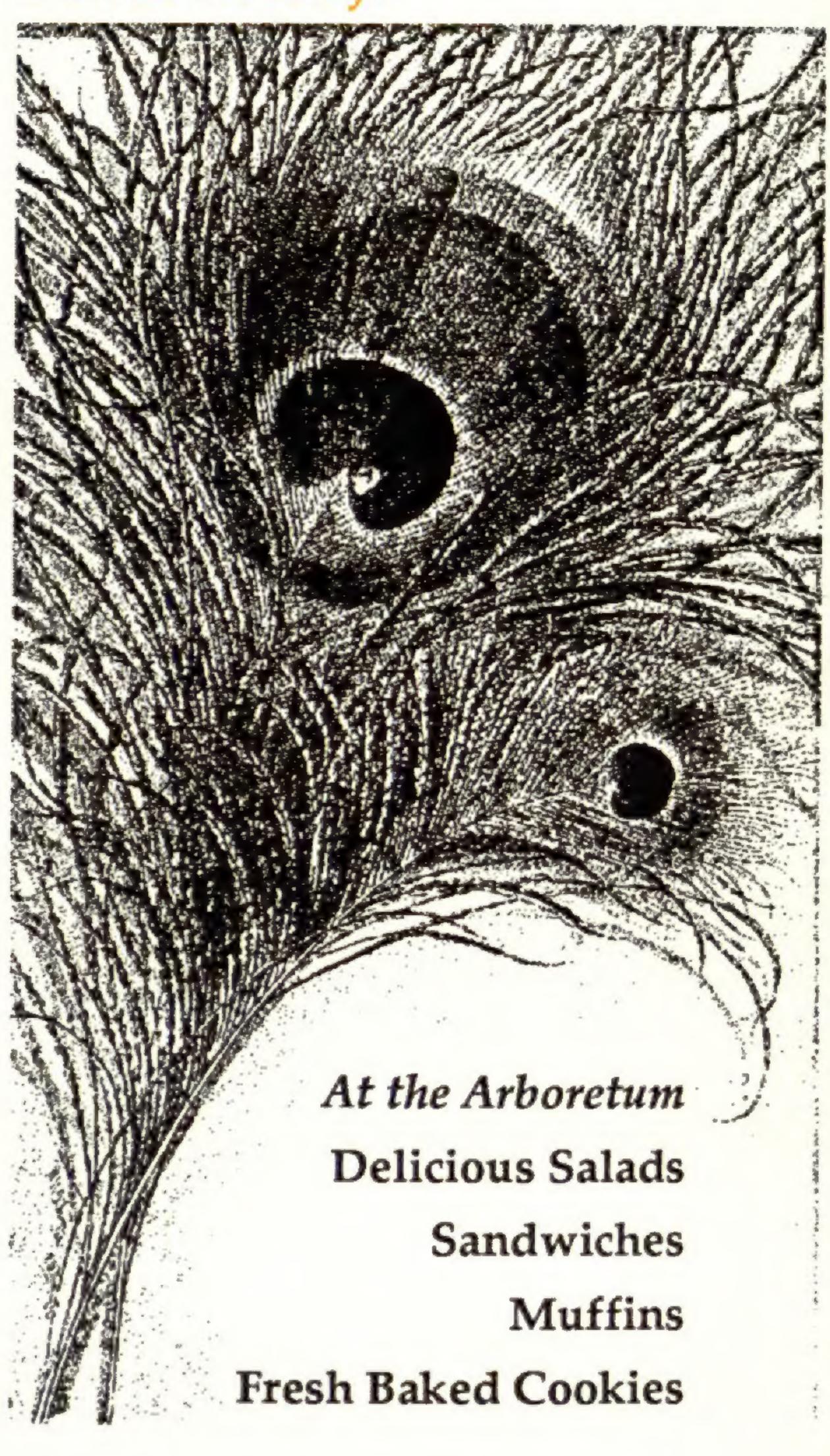
Mail box: \$20

Small wood plaques: Set of 4 designs: \$18 set

Wood tool box: \$60

All items are subject to limited availability. CAF members receive a 10% discount.

Peacock Café



The view is unequaled. Watch the Peacock Parade. Open daily 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

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