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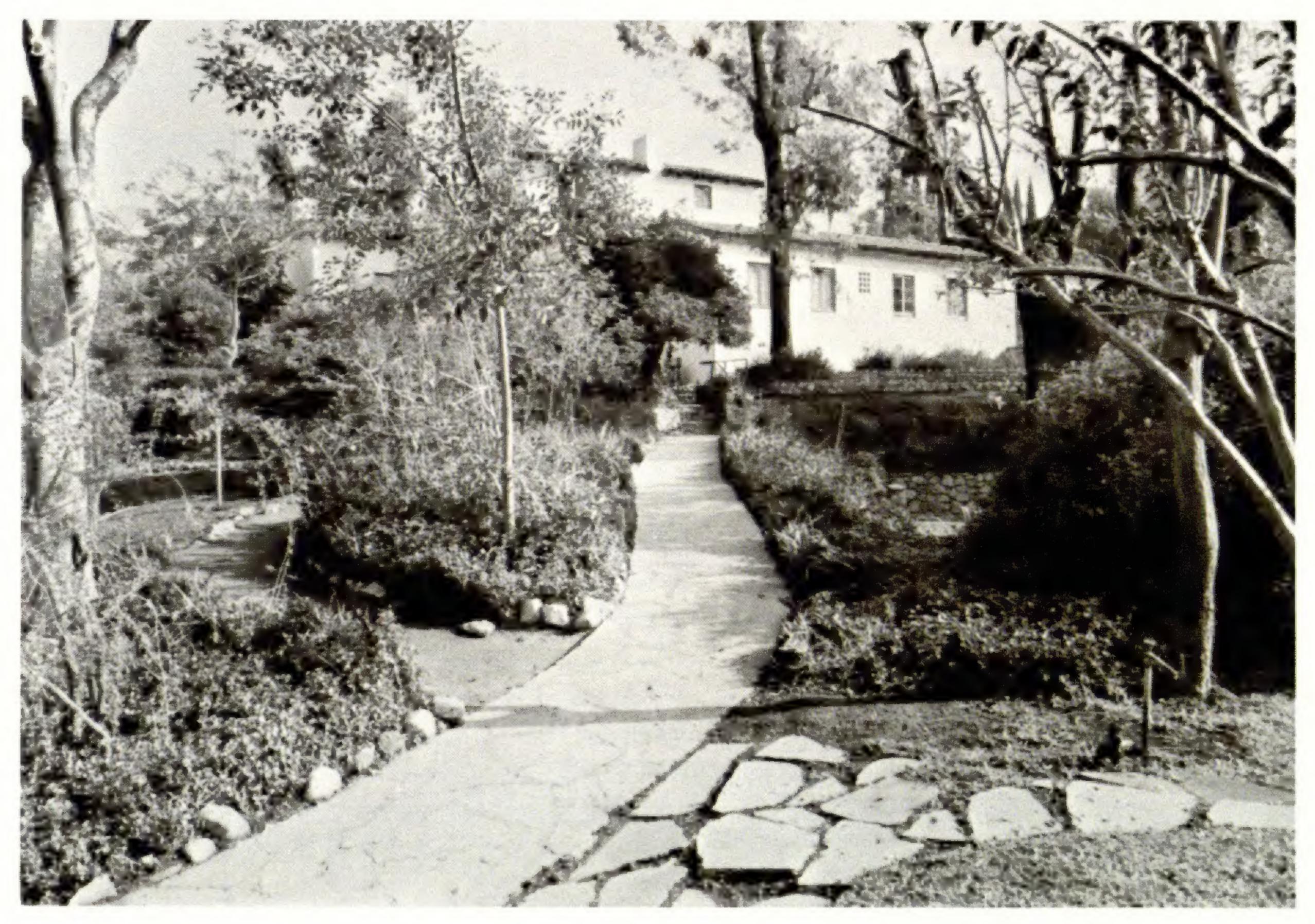
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Winter 1988

Coloring California

The Freeway Daisy

Ayres' Bequest Exemplary Planned Giving



Osteospermum fruiticosum

The Freeway Daisy is well known throughout Southern California due to its colorful presence on the banks of the area's freeways. Introduced to the commercial nursery trade in June 1958, Osteospermum fruticosum was the second Arboretum introduction to color California. As it is a native of South Africa, the Freeway Daisy is adaptable to the Southern California climate. It grows easily, blooms often and propagates itself.

The first species in the genus osteospermum (Osteospermum moniliferum) was named by Carl von Linne (1707-1778), a Swedish botanist who established the modern system of botanical nomenclature. The word osteospermum is from the Greek and alludes to the hardness of the fruit of the plant: osteo means bone, sperma means seed. A flagstone path leads through the gardens of the Ayres Estate to the house.

Dr. Samuel Ayres Jr. played a key role in the conceptualization of an arboretum to test the hardiness of exotic flowering plants in Los Angeles County. He then oversaw the implementation of that plan. Dr. Ayres was committed to the goal that colorful plants would be collected from around the world, be carefully tested, and ultimately be distributed to Southern California's plant industry. Because he cared so deeply, Dr. Ayres made provisions for a generous source of perpetual support for the Arboretum through a bequest in his will.

Foundation. The property was subsequently sold to David and Maureen Williams, resulting in nearly 3/4 of the \$1,000,000 necessary to fully fund the Dr. Samuel Ayres Jr. Endowed Chair of Ornamental Horticulture.

This small plant, with its South African heritage, is a natural candidate for

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In his will, Dr. Ayres left his personal residence to the California Arboretum

The new owners, working as their own contractors, are restoring the house and the densely planted two-and-onehalf acres with loving care and imagination of what used to be there. They are the ideal couple for this huge undertaking.

For Dave, associated with the real estate firm of Podley Caughey, it was

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Director's Message from Francis Ching



After the theme "Gardens for All Seasons" was chosen, the task of developing the total design concept fell to Patrice Ragusa of Hines Nurseries. The entranceway theme display, with its timeless Mediterranean influence, materialized with the efforts of designer Dale Witt and landscape contractor Don Cowper.

Promotion of the show this year was aided by cooperative advertising from several sources. Armstrong Garden Centers included information about Los Angeles Garden Show in both their weekly ad and their regular fall circular and Builders Emporium also distributed circulars on the show. Pacific Earth Resources contributed the services of their advertising agency in developing a radio commercial that aired on stations KFWB and KJOI. Extensive coverage by the Los Angeles Times, area newspapers such as the San Gabriel Valley Tribune and Sunset magazine also contributed to the show's success.

LASCA Superintendent John Provine leads a group from the Ladies/Spouses Committee of the Consular Corps through the garden show exhibits.

The synergistic effect – where the whole is greater than the sum of its parts – perfectly describes the success of the 1988 Los Angeles Garden Show. By working together, the Garden Show Steering Committee and the plant industry, along with the Arboretum staff, developed a show that is now recognized as one of the best of its kind in the nation. No one segment of the team alone could possibly put on a show of this quality.

support of the gardening staff for detail work. His office handled all the myriad details involved in setting up the show – the truckloads of plants as they arrived, the construction of outdoor garden features, the Trade Mart tents – in short, everything visitors saw, and much that was behind the scenes. Under Mr. Provine's direction, in a matter of weeks, three acres of lawn and 10,000 square feet of indoor space were transformed into more than 30 detailed display gardens, each complete down to the last delphinium.

The biggest contributors, as always, were the exhibitors. With their creativity and hard work, they make the Los Angeles Garden Show the exciting event gardeners in Southern California have come to look forward to every fall. Since this is a judged show, top exhibits in each category received awards.

The unique setting supplied by the Los Angeles State and County Arboretum, both outdoors and inside the Samuel and Helen Ayres Hall of Environmental Education, makes it possible to mount a show that rivals anything on the West Coast. But a setting requires a jewel. In this case, the jewel of the Arboretum calendar is a garden show so costly that it can be developed only by utilizing the enormous resources and manpower available to the growers, nurseries, landscape designers, horticulturalists, volunteers, sponsors and others in the California horticultural scene.

Cliff Comstock of Monrovia Nursery Company presided over the Steering Committee, as he has for earlier Garden Shows, inspiring, cajoling and coercing the cooperation necessary for such a large scale venture. Without Mr. Comstock's genial efforts, the show could never have drawn the participation from other major growers that has made the show one of the largest quality displays of its kind. In addition, Monrovia Nursery Company was awarded the Harry E. Rosedale plaque for their extensive display of grasses with color splotches of red banana, bougainvillea and verbena.

To Our Readers:

CAF NEWS was created at the request of Foundation members who expressed an interest in pertinent horticultural and botanical information for our Southern California area. CAF NEWS will replace GARDEN magazine, which will be discontinued after the November/December 1988 issue.

As Arboretum Superintendent and Garden Show Coordinator, John Provine had the responsibility of coordinating all the physical aspects of the show, including the utilization and

1988 Los Angeles Garden Show Awards

Sweepstakes Award Tom Moran Landscaping The Theme Award-Exterior Hines Nurseries The Theme Award-Interior Armstrong Garden Centers, Inc. 1st Place-Over 20' x 60' Tom Moran Landscaping 1st Place-Over 20' x 60' Armstrong Garden Centers, Inc. 1st Place-20' x 60' Baikoen Bonsai Kenkyukai Society 1st Place-20' x 60' UCLA Extension Landscape Architecture Student Association 1st Place-20' x 20' Earl Ross 1st Place-20' x 20' Stonescapes Educational The Pasadena Garden Club Samuel Ayres, Jr. Award Los Angeles Garden Show Committee and Sun Bird Enterprises Luther Burbank Award Los Angeles County Department of Agricultural Commissioner / Weights Ernest Braunton Award Hines Nurseries E. O. Orpet Award Perry's Panorama Alfred D. Robinson Award Los Angeles County Department of Arboreta and Botanic Gardens Douglas W. Coolidge Award Los Angeles International Fern Society Henry E. Rosedale Award Monrovia Nursery Company Rose Marie Head Award Stonescapes



Judges Merit Awards California Association of Nurserymen, Los Angeles Chapter Joseph Macias Horticultural Therapy Monrovia Nursery Herb Society of America Stewart Orchids Cornell and Wiskar Landscaping, Inc.

Garden Show Exhibit judges, Ginie Braun (l) and Gwen Babcock (r) pause in the garden designed by Tom Moran Landscaping, the Sweepstakes Award winner.

and Measures

Eugene Germain Award Los Angeles Wholesale Flower District

William Wolfskill Award Fair Oaks Nursery Kate Sessions Award Sassafras Nursery and Farms Ralph D. Cornell Award Gloria Shams

Theodosia Shepherd Award Southland Orchid Show Committee, Inc. Hugh Evans Award The Tropics, Inc. Elias J. "Lucky" Baldwin Award O'Farrior Topiary John Bodger Award Magic Growers Nursery / Mid-Sussex Architectural Theodore Payne Award City of Los Angeles-Department of Water and Power Joseph Sexton Award Desert to Jungle Nursery Manfred Meyberg Award Waterworks Franz Hosp Award Aquasphere–Flowering Waterlily Gardens John Armstrong Award Magic Growers Nursery / Mid-Sussex Architectural



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Garden Show Committee member Joan Banning

Development News

Memorial Gifts 1988

The Board of Trustees gratefully acknowledges the following Memorial Gifts to the Foundation.

In Memory of Eleanor Page Huse Given by: Nicolette Miller Mrs. Hardin Craig, Jr.

In Memory of Francis W. Thayer Given by: Mrs. Donald McDermaid Mr. John Krehbill

Billie McCaskill Memorial Fund Established in 1986, this fund has been restricted for the purpose of rebuilding the boathouse in the Arboretum's Historical Section.

In Memory of Mrs. Billie McCaskill Given by: members of The McCaskill Family

Alice Rickey Frost Memorial Established June 1988

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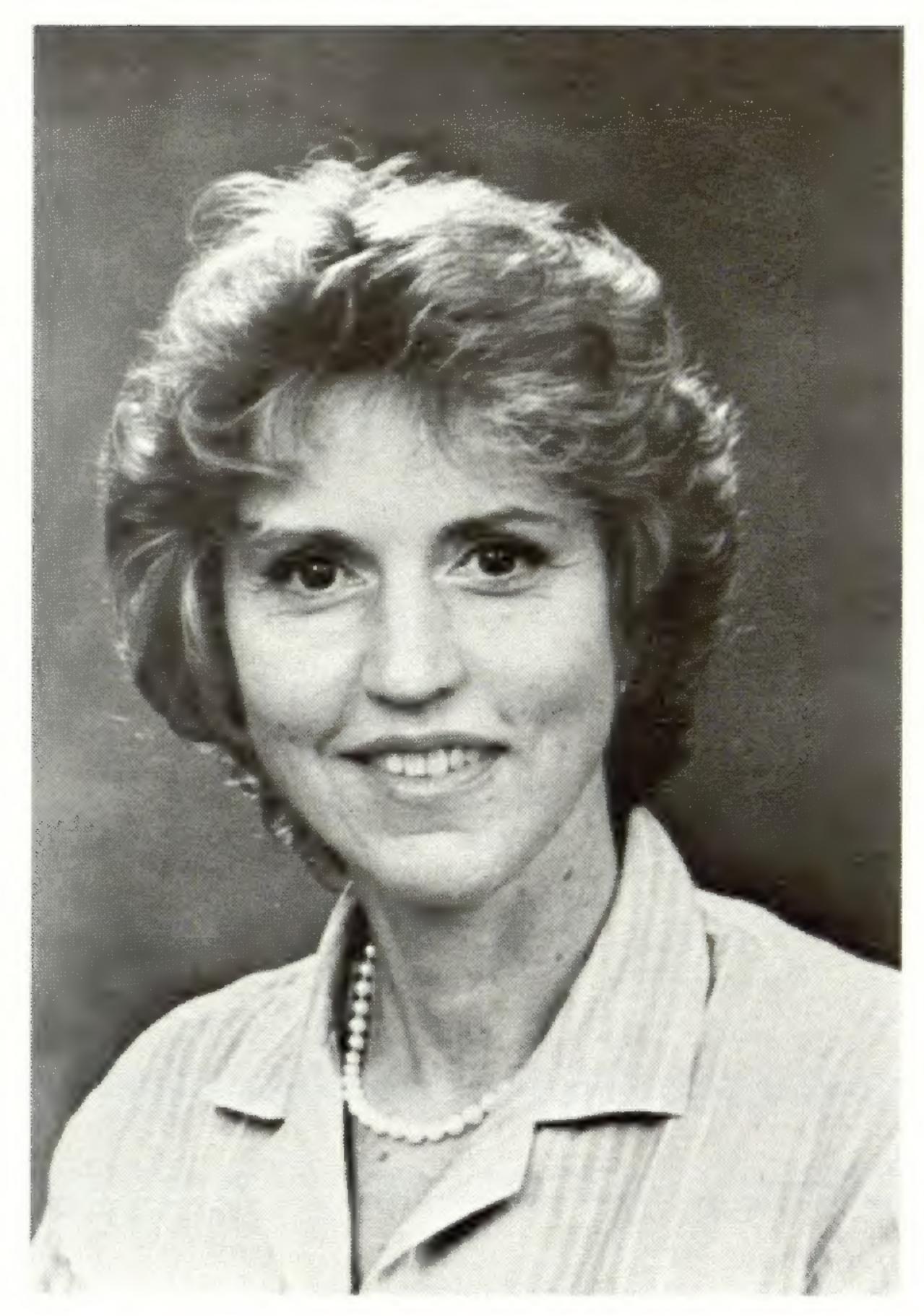
Visitors entered the Garden Show through this dramatic Mediterranean archway.



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First grade students from Clairbourn School visit their box garden entered in the Los Angeles Garden Show Children's exhibit. First grade classes from 14 local public and private schools participated in the exhibit.

Board Notes from Alice Frost Thomas, President





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"the house I had to have at first sight. It's like coming home." Maureen, Associate Hospital Administrator, Finance, at Los Angeles County-U.S.C. Medical Center, is just as enthusiastic about the new house. She says she knew it was for Dave as soon as she saw it. The other members of the family are Sarah, a dalmatian, and two cats, Emma and Sadie.

There are sweeping restorations underway at the Williams' new home. The most impressive changes that have already taken place are a handsome wrought iron fence along El Camino Corto and an impressive view from the driveway between recently pruned trees down to the pool and west to the lawn. Dave calls it "the meadow" and it is indeed a large expanse of green replacing what was once a tennis court, covered with soil long ago by the Ayres themselves. The house has a fresh coat of white paint and there is a new iron gate (fashioned to resemble, but not copy, the scroll work on the window grills) opening into the entry courtyard. The central fountain has been repaired, cleaned and sparkles with water once again.

Beth Rogers becomes a new Foundation Trustee.

In October, Elizabeth D. Rogers and Thomas D. Verti became members of the California Arboretum Foundation's Board of Trustees.

Thomas D. Verti of Pankow Corporation joins the Foundation Board.

Thomas D. Verti, Vice President of Pankow Corporation, general partner of Charles Pankow Builders, Ltd., and Regional Manager of the Altadena office, joins the Foundation Board as Chairman of the Building Committee. Throughout his career with Charles Pankow Builders, Mr. Verti has planned, managed and supervised the design and construction of a wide variety of commercial construction projects. Tom holds a B.S. degree in Architecture, Building Technology and Administration from the University of Washington.

Well known at the Arboretum for her participation on the Los Angeles Garden Show Steering Committee, Beth Rogers has an extensive background in horticulture. Beth and her husband, Richard Rogers, own Pacific Earth Resources, the parent corporation of Pacific Ranch Company, Pacific Sod and Pacific Arbor Nurseries. She was educated at Wellesley College and holds undergraduate and graduate degrees from UCLA and the UCLA Graduate School of Management.

The Foundation cordially welcomes Beth Rogers and Tom Verti to our Board of Trustees.

Dr. Ayres was enormously successful in helping the Arboretum staff maintain an active plant introduction program. The shrubby blue hibiscus, pink and yellow tabebuia trees, and the freeway daisies and yellow cassia trees are just a few of the plants introduced through the efforts of the Los Angeles State and County Arboretum working together with its nonprofit support group, the California Arboretum Foundation.

Through the Ayres Endowed Chair, funding for a horticulturalist is secure. The lifelong avocation of Dr. Samuel Ayres Jr., to color the California landscape with flowering plants, will continue in perpetuity.



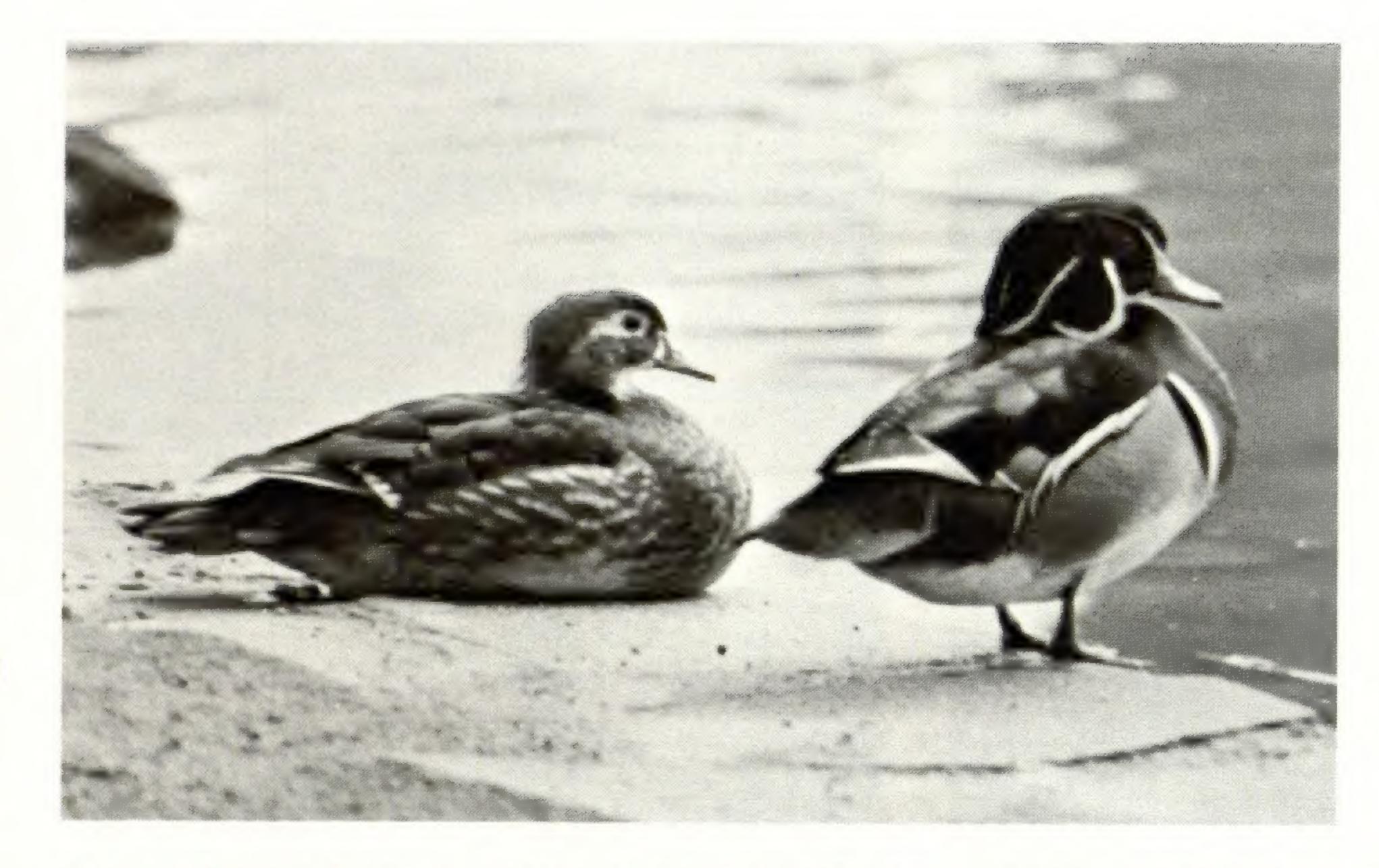
David Williams (c) and his wife, Maureen (r) greet Foundation President, Alice Frost Thomas (1) in the garden of the Ayres Estate.

Dr. Ayres did more than most people in his lifetime. It is up to future generations to carry on this research that has embellished the life of every resident. If you would be interested in contributing to the endowment or to any other project at the Arboretum through a planned or outright gift, please contact Beverly J. Rouse, Director of Development, 818/447-0184.

Education News

Birdwatching at the Arboretum

In these days of habitat destruction and population pressure, nature in urban areas becomes even more vital for birds and people. The Los Angeles State and County Arboretum is not only a botanical garden but a designated bird sanctuary as well. The varied habitat and natural bodies of water serve the needs of many avians. It is an ideal spot for birdwatching for everyone from the serious birder to the casual observer. The physically handicapped may also participate in this avocation due to the easy access to most areas.



Except for the long hot summer, one is usually guaranteed interesting sightings and observations of behavior. At present the Arboretum bird list numbers a bit over 200 native species (L.A. County totals 448) plus a number of introduced species and exotic escapees.

The Arboretum bird walk is held on the first Sunday of each month at 8:00 am. We meet in front of the Arboretum entrance. All CAF members are welcome.

A pair of wood ducks, sometime imigrants and winter visitors at the Arboretum.

potassium. This is lower fertilizer content than most farm animal manures.

Dear Rose:

A lawn book told me I should put 12 lbs. of actual nitrogen on the lawn per 100 sq. feet per year. What is actual 7:30 pm nitrogen?

Signed, Confused

Dear Confused:

1989 Members' Lecture Series

Save the Dates

"English Herb Gardens" Guy Cooper, Garden Consultant, Author, Tuesday, January 31, 1989

"Designing Disneyland The Fantasy and the Reality" Morgan "Bill" Evans Landscape Architect Tuesday, February 28, 1989 7:30 pm

Barbara Cohen

Horticultural Problems ? ask Rose Green

Dear Rose Green: What should I use to protect Fuchsias from insects? Signed, Buggy

Dear Buggy:

You can use Diazinon for aphids, mites and whiteflies. For mites and whiteflies be sure to use a spreadersticker (emulsifiable oil) to make it

Lawn books cannot tell you how many pounds of fertilizer to apply as every fertilizer blend is different. Actual nitrogen refers to the nitrogen content of the fertilizer. For example, ammonium sulfate contains 20% or 1/5 actual nitrogen. The other 80% consists of sulfur, oxygen and hydrogen molecules. To get one pound of actual nitrogen take five pounds of ammonium sulfate, as each pound of ammonium sulfate contains 20% of the required actual nitrogen. Arithmetically, you can divide the actual nitrogen required by the percentage of fertilizer the compound contains to find the pounds of fertilizer required. By law the fertilizer percentages must appear on the label. The first number is the percent of nitrogen. 20-0-0 Take 12 (months per year) divided by .20 (20% nitrogen). Answer is 60 pounds are required per 1000 sq. ft. per year. Don't put this on all at one time. Take 12 divided by .15. 15-5-10 Answer is 80 pounds per 1000 sq. ft./ year. 10-0-0 will require 120 lbs./1000 sq.ft./year.

"Adventures in Africa" Jalien Tulley Professional Nature Photographer Friday, March 31, 1989 7:30 pm

"Exceptional Trees of Los Angeles" Don Hodel Environmental Horticulturalist, Author Thursday, April 27, 1989 7:30 pm

Fees:

Members \$5 per lecture or \$18 series, Nonmembers \$8 per lecture or \$30 series. All lectures will be held in the Lecture Hall at the Arboretum. Reservation brochures will be sent in mid-December. For further information, please call 818-446-8251, ext. 49.

adhere.

Dear Rose:

Can rabbit manure be used without composting? What is the composition of rabbit manure?

Signed, Bunny

Dear Bunny:

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Yes, but don't apply it to potatoes, beets, young newly planted deciduous trees and shrubs. Composition: 2.4% nitrogen; 1.4% phosphorus; .6%



Calendar of Events

December

Sunday, Dec. 4 – Bird Walk 8:00 am

Sunday, Dec. II – Queen Anne Cottage Open House 9 am to 4 pm

Wednesday, Dec. 14 – Christmas Tree Lighting - Ayres Hall 7 pm

Saturday, Feb. 18 - Orchid and Specialty Plant Sale - Ayres Hall -9 am to 4 pm

Tuesday, Feb. 21 - CAF Board of Trustees Meeting - Seminar Rm. 4 pm

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

Sunday, December 25 – Arboretum Closed

January

Monday, Jan. 9 – Las Voluntarias Board Meeting 9:30 am to Noon

Tuesday, Jan. 17 – CAF Executive **Committee Meeting 4 pm**

Monday, Jan. 23 – Trip to Sherman Library and Gardens and Rogers Gardens - All day

Sunday, Jan. 29 – Baikoen Bonsai Show Ayres Hall 9am to 5pm

Sunday, Feb. 26 – Los Angeles Mycological Society Show -Open to the Public -Ayres Hall - 9 am to 5 pm LA Mycological Society Lecture -**Open to the Public - Lecture Hall -**12 pm to 4 pm

Tuesday, Feb. 28 – Members' Night Lecture Series - "Designing Disneyland - The Fantasy and The Reality," speaker, Morgan Evans, Landscape Architect, Lecture Hall - 7:30 pm

March

Sunday, March 5 – Bird Walk - 8:00 am

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 First Friday, 7:00-10:00 pm

Sunday, Jan. 29 – Southern California Gladiolus Society - Lecture Hall -9 am to 3:30 pm - Bulb Sale -Open to Public

Tuesday, Jan. 31 – Members' Lecture series "English Herb Gardens" speaker, Guy Cooper, author 7:30 pm Lecture Hall

February

Sunday, Feb. 5 – Bird Walk 8:00 am

Saturday, Feb. II - Temple City Camellia Society Show - Ayres Hall -1 pm to 4:30 pm

Thursday, March 9 - CAF sponsored "Day at the Races"

Friday, March 31 – Members' Night Lecture Series - "Adventures in Africa" Jalien Tulley, Professional Nature Photographer - 7:30 pm -Lecture Hall

April

Thursday, April 27 – "Exceptional Trees of Los Angeles" Don Hodel, Environmental Horticulturalist, author 7:30 pm Lecture Hall

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

Saturday, Feb. II - Descanso Gardens Rose Seminar - Fee \$25 8:45 am to 3 pm - for reservations and information call 818-790-5414 Descanso Gardens Guild Office

Sunday, Feb. 12 – Temple City Camellia Society Show - Ayres Hall -9 am to 4:30 pm

Monday, Feb. 13 – Las Voluntarias **General Meeting - Ayres Hall** 9:30 am to noon

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

Christmas Events at the Arboretum

 Annual Open House at the Queen Anne Cottage
 Sunday, December 11
 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
 \$1 Donation to the Historical Restoration
 Fund to tour the Cottage

Christmas Tree Lighting

Wednesday, December 14 7:00 pm Ayres Hall

Entertainment for the entire family with performances by:

Please call the Foundation Office for reservations 818-447-8207 San Gabriel Valley Brass Band A capella Quartet Kenneth Hensley, magician A special visit from Santa Refreshments

California Arboretum Foundation sponsors a tour of

Sherman Library and Gardens

and Roger's Gardens

in Corona del Mar

Monday, January 23, 1989 Meet at LASCA parking lot (301 North Baldwin Avenue) at 8:45 am

The morning will be spent at: Sherman Library and Gardens 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 January 6 For reservations, please complete the form following the Day at the Races announcement.

 An historical research center devoted to the study of the Pacific Southwest

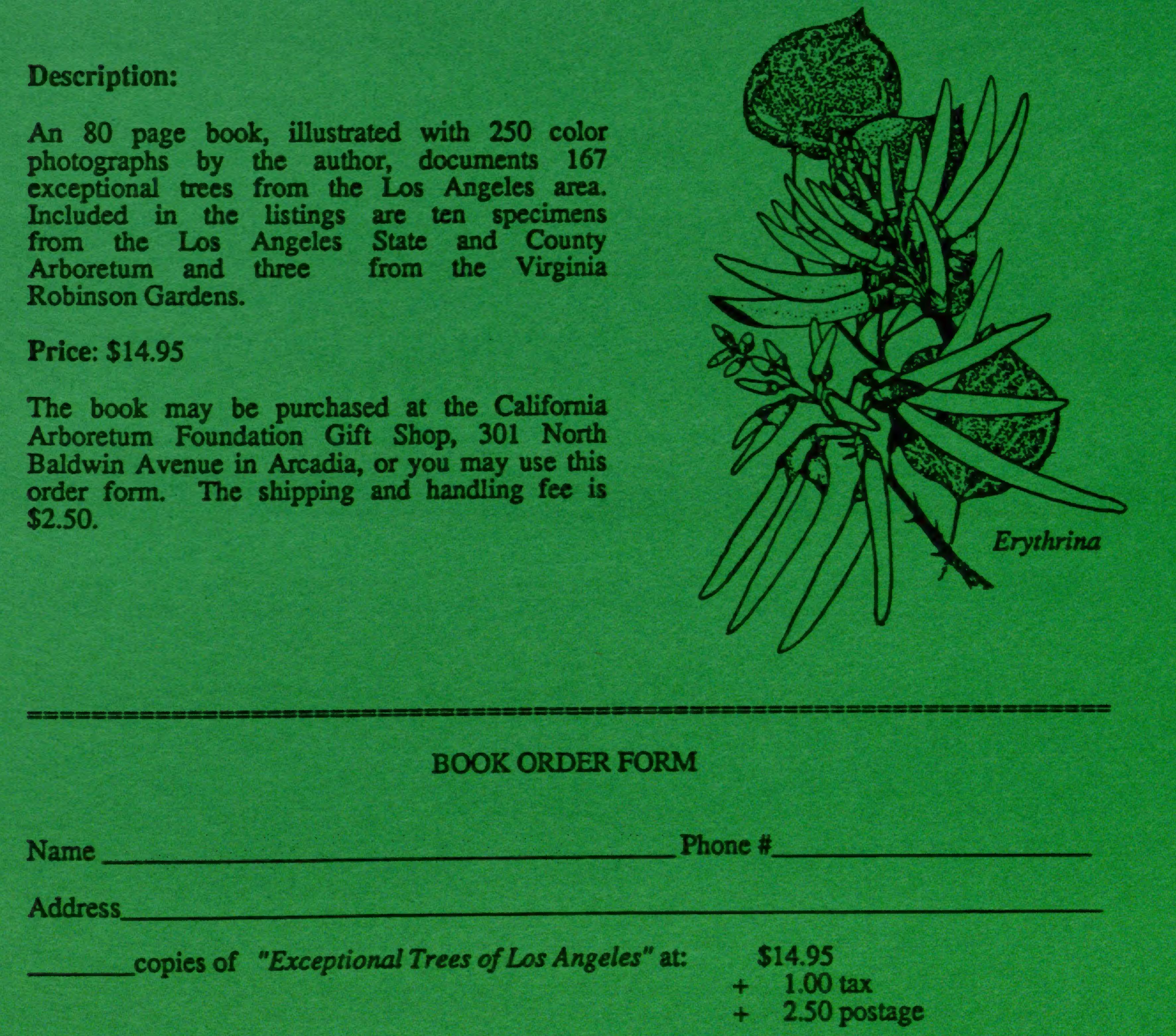
 Extensive botanical collections, rare cacti and succulents, exotic tropical vegetation, and a conservatory housing orchids and bromeliads

 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

The California Arboretum Foundation has sponsored the publication of the book, "Exceptional Trees of Los Angeles," by Donald R. Hodel, the Environmental Horticulture Advisor for the Los Angeles Office of the University of California.

(The pre-publication price for "Exceptional Trees" ended November 1, 1988.)



Total enclosed

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Signature.

Please make your check payable to: and mail your completed form to:

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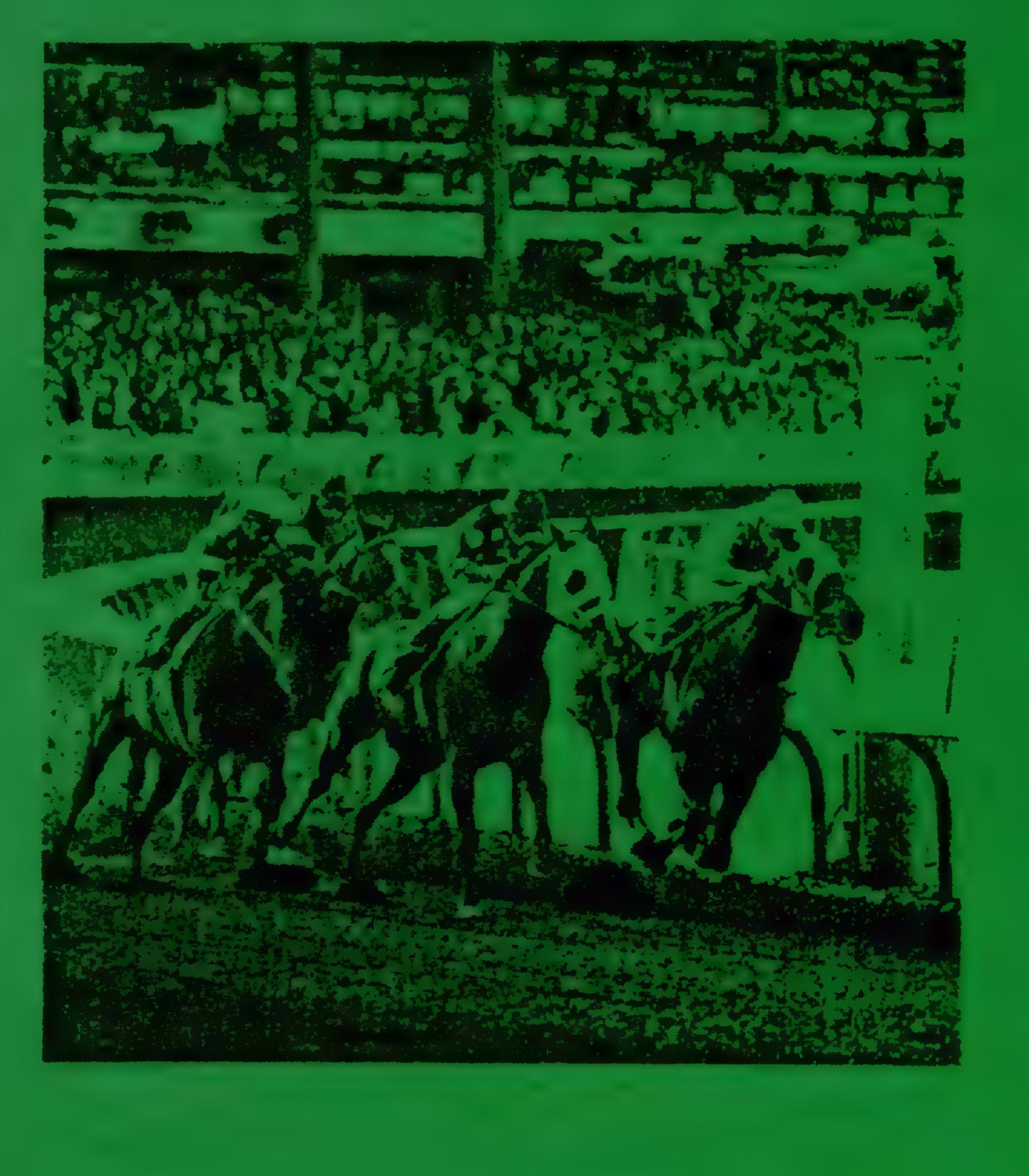
A Day at the Races

Sponsored by the California Arboretum Foundation for members and their guests

Time

12:00 noon

Date Thursday, March 9, 1989



Place Club Court A Santa Anita Race Track 285 West Huntington Drive Arcadia

> Price \$20 each includes entrance ticket and

Deluxe Buffet Luncheon

Questions Please call the Foundation Office, 818-447-8207



Name

Address Zip

Day at the Races Number of Reservations ______ x \$20 each = \$_____ Total remitted

D Sherman Gardens Tours Number of Member Reservations ______ x \$50 each Total Remitted \$

VISA/Master Card Number _____ Expiration Date _____

Number of Non-Member Reservations ______ x \$55 each

Phone

Please Make checks payable to the California Arboretum Foundation. Please write a separate check for each event. Return your form with payment to: California Arboretum Foundation, 301 North Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia, California 91006

Name and address of Guests



Orchid and Specialty

California Arboretum Foundation

Saturday, February 18, 1989

at the Los Angeles State and

Many from Brazil, Mexico and Borneo

Admission is free to CAF members with their membership card. The public is invited to attend. Phalaenopsis and Cymbidiums

Current Arboretum admission will apply.

The Los Angeles State and County Arboretum is located at 301 North Baldwin Avenue Arcadia

> For further information: Please contact the CAF office at 818-447-8207

Tropicals Include Ginger and Heliconia

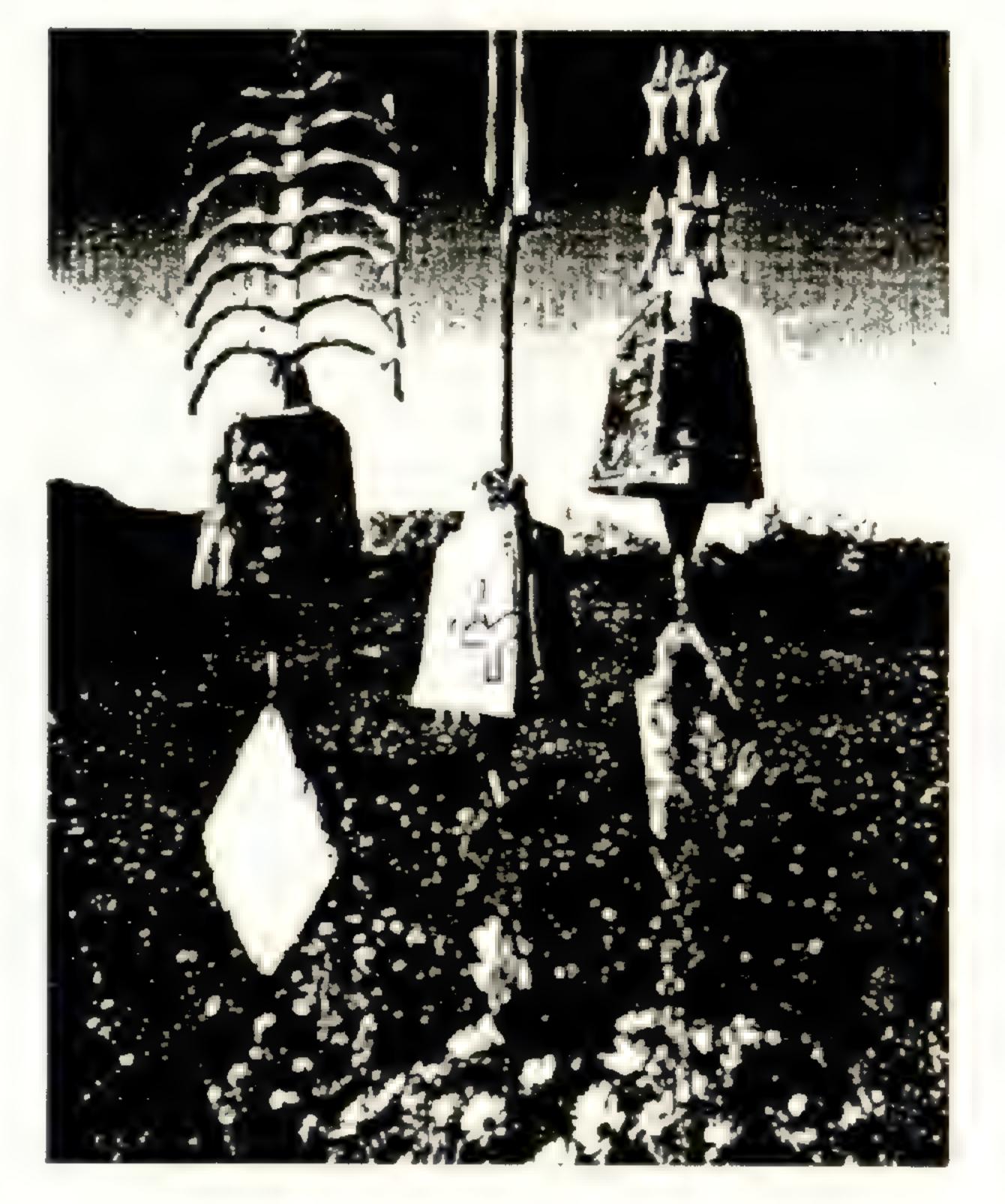
Staghorn Ferns

1 cup olive oil 1 bunch fresh herbs (either all one kind with my favorite being basil, dill or tarragon or a mixture) 1/2 cup white wine vinegar, cider vinegar or champagne vinegar 1 tsp Dijon mustard salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste

Pour the olive oil into a large container. Wash and chop the herbs - stems and all. Add to the oil and let steep for 12 to 24 hours. Strain out the herbs (or leave them in for more flavor) and combine with the rest of the ingredients. Taste for seasoning. Makes 11/2 cups of dressing.

GAR SKOP NORD

Casting Bronze Windbells





The restaurant subcommittee of the Foundation's Board of Trustees, chaired by Nancy McCullough, has formally named the Arboretum's restaurant, The Peacock Café. Open daily, from 9:00 to 4:00, the Peacock Cafe offers a varied menu of homemade soups, sandwiches and gardenfresh salads. Outdoor seating is available, with a lovely view overlooking the lawn and the Bauer reflecting pool. With advance notice, boxed lunches can be ordered for groups visiting the Arboretum. Each issue of CAF News will offer new recipes developed for the Arboretum by Trustee and restaurant columnist, Susan Kranwinkle. The recipes will feature fresh herbs, many of which are grown in the Arboretum's Herb Garden.

Arboretum Herbed Chicken Salad

2 T butter 1 onion sliced 6 whole chicken breasts (or 4 chickens quartered) 2-3 T chopped fresh herbs juice of two lemons 2 cups chopped celery 1 cup pecans 11/2 cups basic herb vinaigrette dressing salt and pepper to taste

Architect Paolo Soleri developed the term Arcology to describe the concept of architecture and ecology working as one integral process. Arcostanti and Cosanti are two complexes in Arizona, built to exemplify his concept of Arcology.

Special Herb Dressing for the Arboretum

This is a basic vinaigrette dressing that

Spread the butter over a large baking sheet. Scatter the onion slices in the pan and lay the chicken pieces on top. Sprinkle on the herbs and the lemon juice. Bake in a preheated 375 degree oven for 30 to 45 minutes or until just barely done. Cool.

Remove the skin and bones from the meat and cut or shred into cubes or slivers. Place in a bowl and stir in the celery, pecans and vinaigrette dressing. Add salt and pepper to taste. Makes 4 quarts.

Cast bronze windbells are designed and manufactured by the traditional bronze casting process using design techniques developed by Soleri at Arcosanti. The foundrymen/craftsmen carve or press an original individual design and the Coasanti hallmark into the upper section of each mold. The uniqueness of each bell demonstrates Soleri's innovative approach to craftwork. Now available in the Giftshop.



can be used on a mixed green salad or on a fancier chicken salad. The dressing can also be changed in several ways - by adding an egg yolk which makes it more creamy, with the addition of chopped fresh herbs (whatever may be available in the garden at the time) or by using an already flavored vinegar.

Variation: grapes or chopped apples may be added or leave out the celery and pecans and substitute capers, black olives and chopped green onions.

The 1989 Entertainment '89 book is now available for purchase by CAF members. Membership in the Discount Club offers you hundreds of two for one offers from well- known restaurants and attractions.

The cost to join the program is \$30. Books are available at the CAF Office Monday through Friday. For further information, please call the Foundation Office at 818-447-8207.

Elightights of our Special Events



Cookbook Party Great Success

Two hundred guests attended the California Heritage Continues Through The Seasons party in September. Co-sponsored by the California Arboretum Foundation and the Junior League of Pasadena, the party was held in LASCA's Sunset Home Demonstration Gardens. Guests were treated to delicious hors d'oeuvres prepared by the JLP committee from recipes in their new cookbook, *Califor*-

nia Heritage Continues.

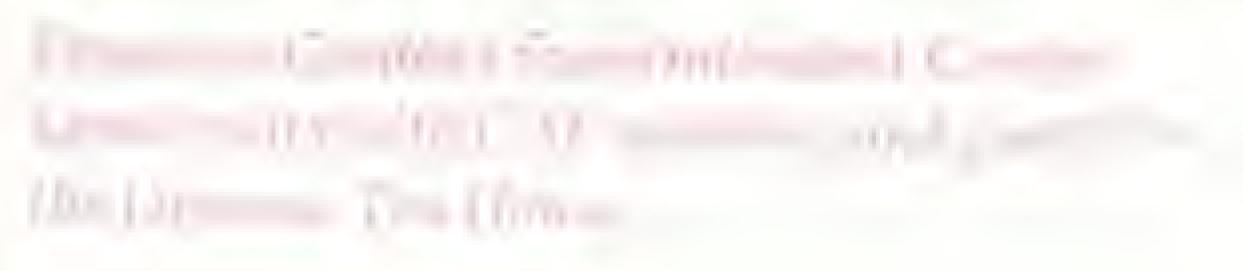
The JLP Cookbook is currently available at the Arboretum Gift Shop for \$22.50 each.

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Foundation Members Visit 3 Department Gardens





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Highlights continued

Garden Show Preview Party a Great Success





Preview Party Chairman Suzie Miller (c) and her husband, Richard Miller greets her committee members, (l to r) Brooke Larsen Garlock, and Trustees Marla Carter and Alice Thomas at the party.

Alice Frost Thomas (r) greets Mia and Dan Frost at the Preview Party.



CAF Trustee Marla Carter (1) chats with Melinda Winston (c) and Judge Cynthia Holcomb Hall (r) at the entrance to the Garden Show.

Membership News

The California Arboretum Foundation extends a warm welcome to the following new members.

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so it became known as "Burgundy Mound." These two variants were a double introduction by LASCA in October 1969. Arboretum introductions are: "Snow White," 1962; "Burgundy Mound," 1969; "Pink Champagne," 1975; "Sunshine," 1982. The species, Osteospermum fruticosm, is the best ground cover as it is not as rampant, nor as tall growing.

In their native country, South Africa, the osteospermums lead an equally versatile life. They are found along the coast of the Cape peninsula, growing equally well in sand and soil. They cover the high grassland of the Veld in Natal. In South Africa they are listed in the horticultural literature as Osteospermum-Veld Daisy.

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Southern California gardens. It is an herbaceous, trailing perennial, spreading rapidly by long, low runners. All osteospermum are versatile. They will spill over a wall, hang in a basket, grow in a pot, spread over ground or cling to a hill. In the *Los Angeles Times Home Magazine*, December 1974, Woodward Radcliffe wrote, "Step back when you set out plants of the Trailing African Daisy! This vigorous plant can cover a four foot circle between now and next summer, if you do right by it."

Many of the varieties in Natal were described in 1865 by William Henry Harvey, an Irish botanist and authority on South African flora when Natal was scarcely explored. The literature from South Africa reveals that not all Compositae are desirable, "Few species are important economically, many attract attention by their beauty, others have considerable nuisance value as weeds, while some are poisonous to stock."

The botanical description lists the osteospermum as reclining; with spatula-shaped leaves broader above rather than below the middle; of smooth texture; with little stalk. The flower is lavender above, changing to white on the second day, violet, lilac or rosy lilac underneath; the single seed, that gives the genus its name (osteospermum) is encased in a small, dry fruit with a tight thin outer wall.

These plants hybridize freely. The Arboretum has been rewarded by producing four beautiful variants. The first, noted in 1962, has flowers pure white on top, purplish on the underside. This plant is more vigorous than the original and more upright. It blooms in late winter through spring, from February through April. The Arboretum named it "Snow White." Constance Wood

Notice Early Morning Arboretum Walkers/Joggers

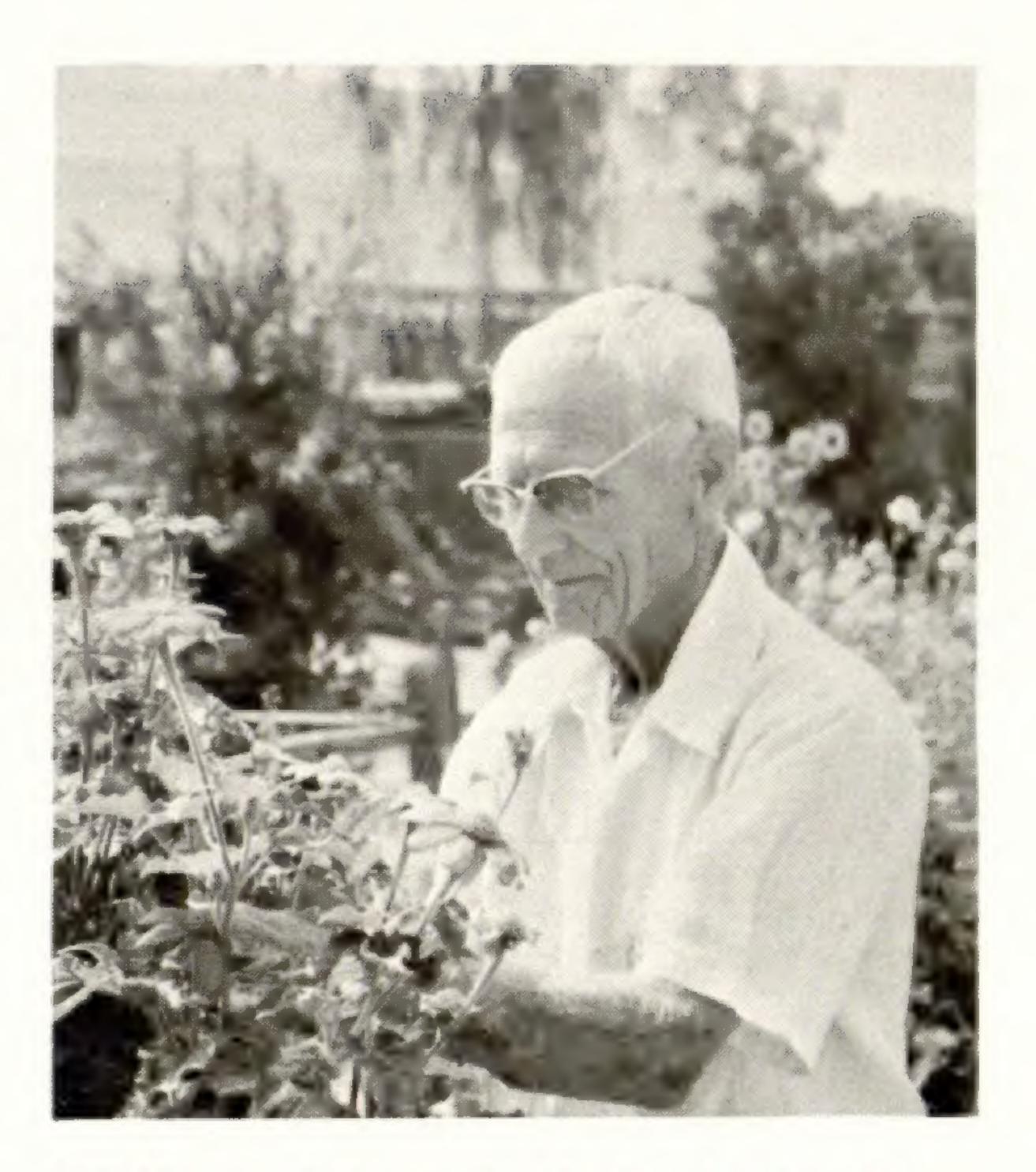
One of the privileges of CAF membership is accessibility to the Arboretum for early morning exercise. Please note that Members are welcome to come on the grounds to exercise beginning at 8:00 am by using the gate next to the Rotunda entrance. Admittance to the grounds cannot be permitted before 8:00 am.

In 1967 another exciting variant appeared. With a profusion of burgundy blossoms, it also blooms from late winter through spring. This plant showed a great propensity to mound,

Volunteer News

Garden For All Seasons

If you have never visited the Garden For All Seasons, you are missing one of the best educational displays at the Arboretum. It is an ever- changing exhibit of what might be growing in your own garden. A mixture of annuals and perennials, vegetables and flowers, it is maintained and interpreted by a hardworking committee of volunteers, under the guidance of chairman, Bill Hager. The Garden for all Seasons was started in 1970 after the large annual and perennial display garden near the Meyberg Waterfall was eliminated due to its high maintenance cost. Since that had been the principal source of cut flowers for the Queen Anne Cottage, Peacock Cafe and Sunset Home-Demonstration Gardens, a replacement was needed. The first co-chairs were George Jack and Louise Phelps. Ann Lansell was very active in the garden's early years.



A summer visitor discovered a three year old seedling hibiscus with blooms ten to twelve inches across, tall delphiniums and foxgloves, sunflowers, hollyhocks, coreopsis, statice, helichrysums (strawflowers), zinnias, marigolds, petunias and many more.

Harry Nissen, in charge of the vegetables, points out huge stalks of sugar cane grown from very small seeds; brown cotton and white cotton; Jalapeno peppers; scarlet runner beans, the beans a bright pink when immature turning to mottled purple and pink, brought West by the pioneers as a food staple; Chinese string beans two feet long and Chinese winter melons so named because you pick them in the summer and store them for winter eating. Showing the healthy corn stalks, Harry explains that the pollen falls from the male tassel onto the female silk, each piece of silk leading to a separate kernel. If this does not happen, there are no ears of corn.

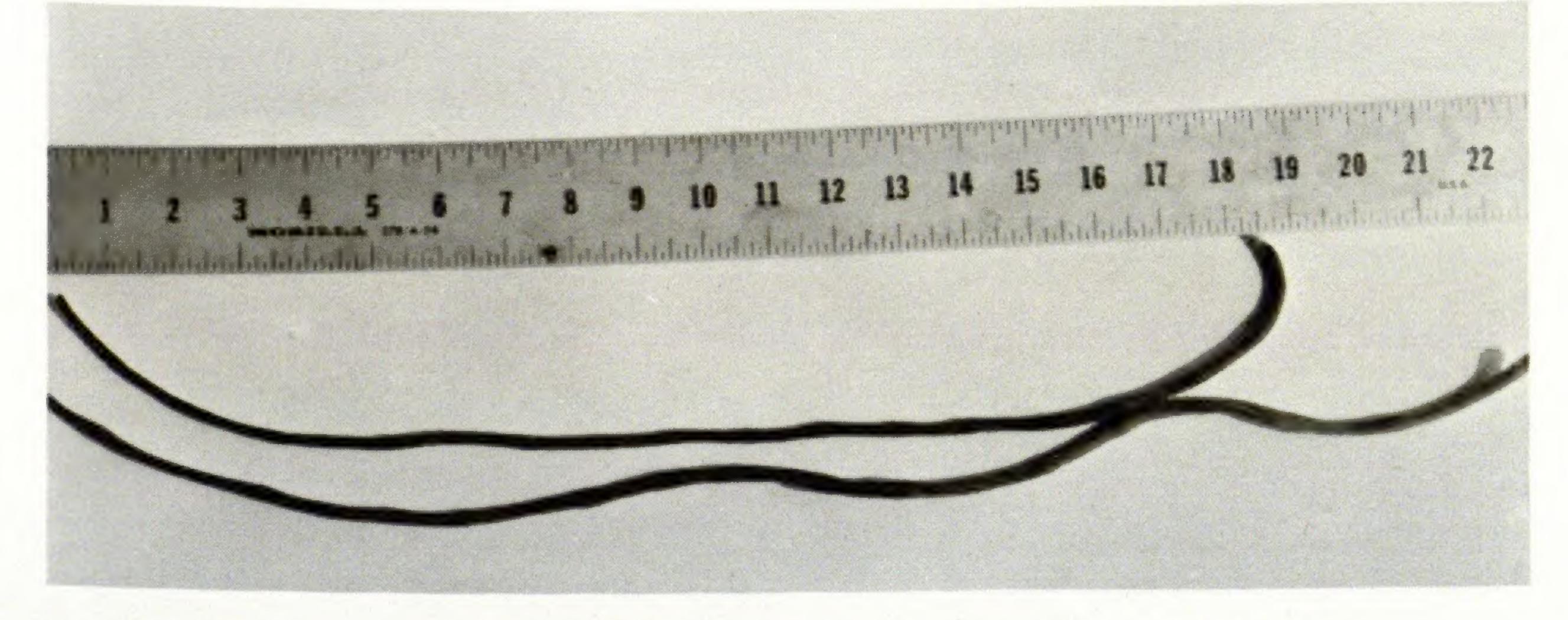
The Garden for all Seasons is a volunteer success story. Visit there on a Tuesday or Friday morning when the whole crew turns out. They enjoy sharing their horticultural tips with you and telling of their plans for the next season.

Bill Hager, chairman for the Garden for all Seasons, checks the flowers in the garden.



String runs through the garden, around the beds, sometimes just around one plant. This keeps the peacocks out. They love to eat the flowers but do not like to get entangled. Where the string cannot do the job, netting is used.

A volunteer measures the diameter of a seedling



hibiscus bloom from Parks Seeds.

Chinese string beans, grown in the Garden for all Seasons, measure two feet in length.

Membership Opportunities

Christmas is coming!!

A great idea for everyone on your Christmas list is a GIFT MEMBERSHIP in the California Arboretum Foundation.Membership in CAF will provide a gift with benefits that last all year long. These include: free admission to the Los Angeles State and County Arboretum - open every day but Christmas; a 10% discount at the Arboretum's Gift Shop; a subscription to CAF NEWS - the Foundation's quarterly newsletter; discounted registration fees to lectures, seminars and classes. Your friends, relatives and associates will enjoy the year-round gift of membership in the California Arboretum Foundation. In addition to all of the benefits of CAF membership, the new member will receive a distinctive gift membership announcement with your personalized message.

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