

variety of events relevant to history. Among them this year was the Conference of California Historical Societies, and the Arboretum Historical Fashion Show with annotations on related historical happenings. Additionally, the history volunteers contribute many hours participating in California Arboretum Foundation special events like the Baldwin Bonanza, Queen Anne Frolic, and the Hugo Reid Roundup and assist the Foundation with mailings, typing and other non-history chores just as other members have donated their time for us."

ROBERT ATKINSON

A FRIEND of the Arboretum and of home gardeners all over Southern California was lost recently with the death of Dr. Robert E. Atkinson. For 15 years a regular contributor to the Sunday Home Magazine of the Los Angeles Times, Dr. Atkinson served from 1964 to 1966 as editor of *Lasca Leaves*. His policy during this period of devoting each issue to a single subject resulted in a thorough covering of a number of horticultural topics, among them his own article on "Problems of Western Garden Soils" which appeared in the spring issue of 1965.

FIESTA

DR. ALEX L. PALANDECH, chairman of the 11th annual Fiesta de Flores sponsored by the South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation, reports that his committee is tying up loose ends in preparation for the three-day event on June 22, 23, and 24. Among the attractions that will be offered during the fiesta are a Japanese tea ceremony set in a Japanese garden, strolling musicians, and a speakers program. A standard flower show, titled "Carnival," will make up the major part of the fiesta. It will be under the

sponsorship of the Costa Verde District of California Garden Clubs, Mrs. Robert Vitale, director.

BRIEFS:

IN OUR report on the anniversary banquet in our last issue, we inadvertently failed to note that two longtime Arboretum friends, Mrs. Samuel Ayres, Jr., and Mr. F. Harold Roach, were among the recipients of honorary memberships in the California Arboretum Foundation. The membership awarded to Mrs. Ayres came as a total surprise to this charming lady who is known for her quiet but strong support of her famous husband's activities in the world of plants.

At its regular meeting last March 20th, the Foundation Board of Trustees were hosts for a luncheon given in the lecture hall for staff and volunteers who were spared, if that is the word, the need to divert their attention from lunch or socializing to a single business speech.

Foundation members are invited to a 25th anniversary party, Friday evening, July 13, from 8 to 10 p.m. in the Demonstration Home Gardens. Music will be provided by the Arcadia Ramblers led by lawyer Dexter Jones, and the 19 String Band led by Arboretum assistant gardener, Bruce Dustman.

Tootie Grivich, active new member of Las Voluntarias and chairman of the Hugo Reid Roundup, an invitational affair for members set for Saturday, June 30, wants to remind everyone that this is a *morning* roundup that will take place in and around the Hugo Reid Adobe from 8 to 10 a.m., that it is for the entire family, and that breakfast will be served.

Garden groups and other organizations interested in availing themselves of an excellent, narrated, slide-program about the Arboretum, should call Adell and David Campbell, evenings only, at 885-7337.



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