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## AFFILIATED FOUNDATIONS

### **CALIFORNIA ARBORETUM FOUNDATION, INC.**

The California Arboretum Foundation, Inc. is governed by a Board of Trustees consisting of twenty-five Foundations members elected for a three-year term. The membership roster totals 752.

### **AFFILIATED VOLUNTEERS**

Las Voluntarias: a self-governing organization of private citizens whose efforts make possible the extension of many Arboretum public services. Organized in this biennium, membership has grown from an original 18 to 96. The ladies of Las Voluntarias serve primarily as school field trip leaders, but assist also in Foundation activities as well as in the Research, Public Information and Education Divisions.

Los Ayudantes: the junior division of Las Voluntarias whose 25 teenage members have contributed significantly to Arboretum and Foundation functions.

Southern California Unit of the Herb Society of America: has in this biennial period increased the number and variety of plantings and generally improved the

Arboretum Herb Garden which it established 20 years ago. Its members have also assisted the development of the adjoining Braille Terrace, cultivating the fragrance garden so that the blind may be able to touch, smell, and thereby "see" the beauties of nature.

## EDUCATION

As in previous years, the Foundation sponsored two spring and fall classes for adults: Flower Arrangement; Sketching and Water Colors.

## PEACOCK PAVILION

This building houses the Gift and Book Shop, Foundation offices and Snack Bar. A staff of four and an executive secretary operate the gift shop and business offices. The Gift and Book Shop has an inventory of 700 items.

Listed below are the major contributions to the Arboretum made by the Foundation during the past two years:

1. Funds for perpetuation of the Arboretum Historical Section . . . . . \$693
2. Funds for trees and Arbor Day ceremonies . . . . . \$1,177
3. Funds for sound film "Green Leaves" . . . . . \$2,100
4. Funds for Fragrance Garden Braille Terrace . . . . . \$273
5. Matching funds with Sunset Magazine for plantings in Home Demonstration Gardens . . . . . \$600
6. Funds for Youth Education Division . . . . . \$4,838
7. Plaques installed in Peacock Pavilion patio and building . . . . . \$606
8. Memorial funds for trees . . . . . \$200
9. Peacock Pavilion Building furnishings . . . . . \$3,515
10. Santa Anita Depot furnishings . . . . . \$1,411
11. Harry J. Bauer Memorial Fund . . . . . \$10,000
12. Purchase of Clark Tractor for tram and maintenance . . . . . \$3,231
13. Purchase of rare books for Arboretum library . . . . . \$1,736
14. Publication of a quarterly, "LASCA Leaves" for distribution to members, botanical gardens, educational institutions, and government agencies.

15. Grant Awards for research from:

- a. National Institutes of Health. Amount: \$11,373. Project: "Air Pollution Effects on Plant Tissue."
- b. National Science Foundation. Amount: \$4,000 on a two-year grant of \$23,600. Project: "Subliminal Infection and Inactivation 'In Vivo' of Tobacco with Mosaic Virus".

A major function of the Foundation is to administer reserve funds donated by members and friends. A portion of these include funds for the Santa Anita Depot, Daytime Home Garden classes, The Herb Society, Las Voluntarias, Foundation-sponsored classes, and the Flowering Booklets co-published with the Los Angeles Beautiful and Southern California Horticultural Institute.

### **DESCANSO GARDENS GUILD, INC.**

The Descanso Gardens Guild, Inc., is governed by a Board of Trustees consisting of twenty-five Guild members holding office on a rotating basis.

In terms of capital and permanent improvements for the gardens, Descanso Gardens Guild contributed over \$10,000 in this biennium. Principal expenditures were for landscaping and a new approach to the Tea House area; a new door in the Hospitality House to provide more flexibility and circulation for flower exhibits and large groups; a feed shed in the Bird Observation area; improvements in the Handicapped Children's Gardening area utilizing Guild-provided equipment, tools, and shed.

Over \$1,000 was spent for equipment necessary to bring electrical power and a gas line into the gardens for the Guild-sponsored Festival of Lights and Fountains, held in alternate years.

### **VOLUNTEERS**

Approximately 55,000 volunteer hours were given to the various activities of the Guild, principally to the staffing of the post card counter and the hostessing of the Christmas, daffodil, bonsai, and chrysanthemum shows.

Guild docents gave approximately 100 tours to 3,000 children and also served as teaching-assistants in summer classes. Eighteen trained docents assist staff tour guides in conducting nature tours for children of the Los Angeles Unified School District.

A Guild-sponsored program for physically and mentally handicapped children has served approximately 1,000 children from the Roosevelt School in Pasadena and the Home School and Columbus School in Glendale, supplying volunteer guides and paying for bus transportation from the schools to the gardens in the amount of approximately \$600 per year.

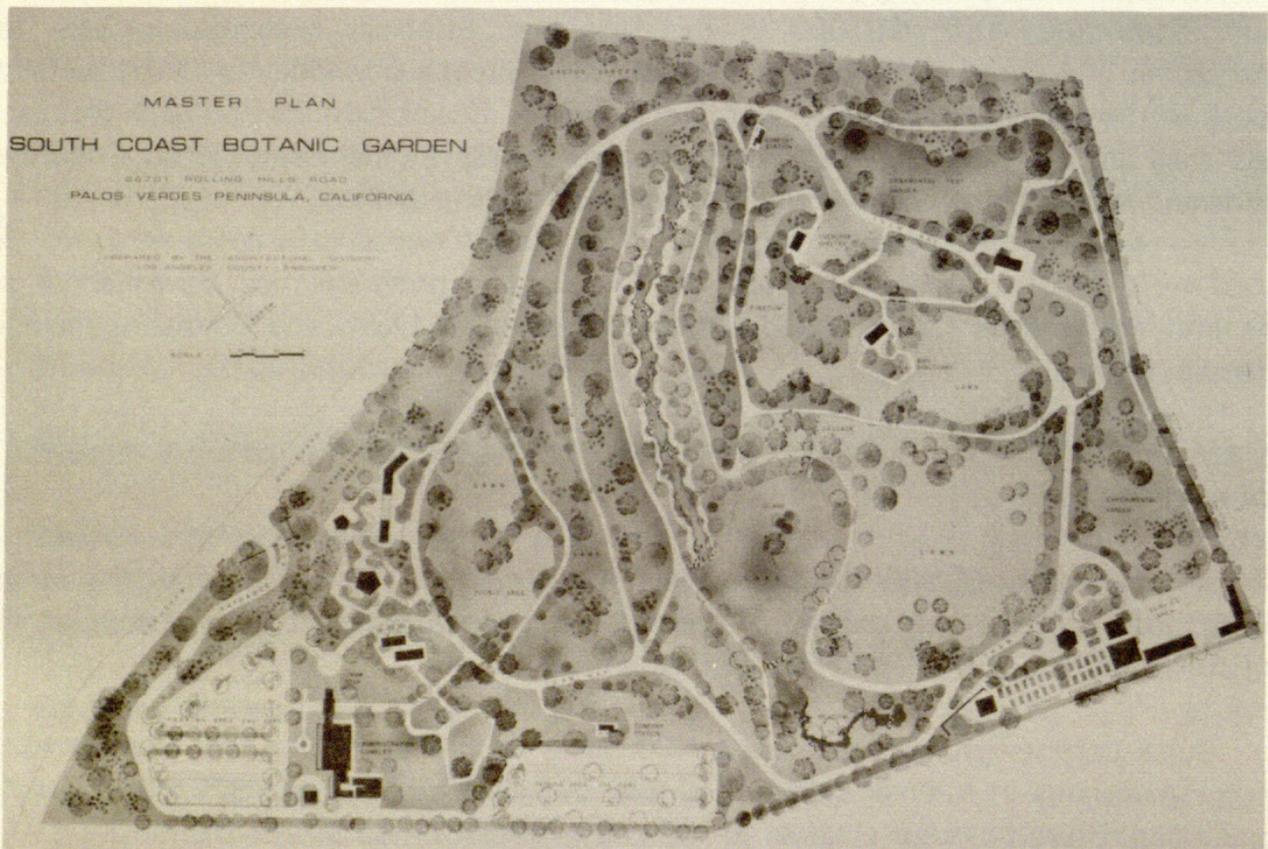
## **SOUTH COAST BOTANIC GARDEN FOUNDATION, INC.**

After eight years of dedicated service, Mrs. Frances Young, founder and president of the Foundation since its incorporation in June 1961, retired on April 18, 1969. Mr. R. Glen Mackenzie, a longtime member of the Foundation's Board of Trustees, was elected her successor.

### **VOLUNTEERS**

Foundation Volunteer Aides broadened their scope of activity at the garden in this biennium. Among their diverse accomplishments has been the study of California native plants as preparation for comprehensive listings of those growing at South Coast and the conducting of tours; working with the Aududon Society to study and list birds in the garden; assisting propagators with potting plants for the Fiesta de Flores show; assisting the staff tour guide in a variety of clerical jobs, and in conducting public tours.

Although youth education classes have been conducted at the garden almost since its inception, adult classes in home gardening were offered on the grounds for the first time in the fall of 1968. The Foundation sponsors these adult courses in cooperation with the Education Division of the Department.



*Some of the features shown in this master plan for SCBG have already been completed, notably the lake and stream. Next major step will be the construction of the buildings forming the administration complex and the construction of the new entrance off Crenshaw Boulevard.*



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