

The Palos Verdes Women's Club's "Home Garden Design" tour ended with refreshments in the club house and a tram tour of the garden. This annual tour of selected home gardens in the Palos Verdes area was conducted to raise money for needed equipment at South Coast.

The April 1st South Bay Bromeliad Associates meeting was the group's last regular meeting until July since they have most graciously yielded their meeting dates to upcoming flower shows. Mr. Frank Doerr, guest speaker, gave an informative and enjoyable presentation on "Hybridizing Bromeliads" and highlights of his trip to Florida. Refreshments were served and a door prize was awarded.

The South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation and Girl Scouts of America co-sponsored a very successful Youth Ecology Fair April 7th-8th. There were more than 60 booths, including a nature art show, educational exhibits, and original ecology exhibits representing many community and youth organizations. Official proclamations commending the effort were received from many cities in the South Bay area as well as from Mayor Sam Yorty of Los Angeles and Supervisor James Hayes of Los Angeles County. Nearly 3,000 visitors over the two day Fair kept the tram and tour guides running continually. Our compliments to Mrs. Kirby Davis on the inspiration for and execution of this event.

With the spring migration of the bird population now in progress, April was an especially rewarding month in terms of the number of species observed. Birds sighted on the April 18th walk included: Cinnamon Teal, Great Blue Heron, Costa Hummingbird, Red-shafted Flicker, Scrub Jay, American Crow, Loggerhead Shrike, California Quail.

#### DESCANSO DIVISION

News notes:

The rose garden is coming into full bloom now. We have never seen the flowers so large, many twice as large as in former years.

Through the generosity of the Los Angeles Camellia Council, our tram has been overhauled and converted to propane, resulting in lower and cleaner exhaust emissions.

Bobby Vargas is getting married this weekend. Best of luck to his new bride and to him.

If you want to see a white sparrow come to Descanso Gardens; we have a pair of them here.

#### EDUCATION DIVISION

Spring vegetable-garden plots in the youth education classes are in full production at all three facilities. Students are taking home the dividends of hard work with grocery bags of kohlrabi, lettuce, chard, and radishes.

Fourteen classes of gifted children of grades 3 to 6 from Arcadia schools have recently participated in two-hour workshops at LASCA. All workshops were pre-planned with the teacher and therefore the children had a thoroughly satisfactory experience. Summer workshops for children will begin on June 18. Approximately 475 students will be registered between the three facilities for the two, 3-week sessions.

Adult Education is scheduling two courses only for the summer. Edible Wild Plants with Dr. Enari and Bonsai, Beginning and Advanced with Ben Suzuki. Both meet on Monday nights, 7-10 P.M., beginning on June 18.



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