

## IMS GRANT

THE CALIFORNIA ARBORETUM Foundation has received a grant of \$25,000, the largest amount available from the Institute of Museum Sciences, an independent agency within the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. The Institute, in its second year of operation, supports a variety of museums including art, history, and natural history museums, general and specialized museums, aquariums, botanical gardens, planetariums, science-technology centers, and zoos.

"General operating support grants are the most valuable type a museum can receive because they are applied towards the basic services that museums provide — education, conservation, security, exhibitions, and outreach programs — while allowing local museums to establish their own priorities," said Mrs. Lee Kimche, director of IMS. "The Institute's grants are designed to help developing and established museums meet the financial pressures caused by inflation, energy shortages, and the demands made by the nearly 500 million visitors annually to the nation's 5,500 museums."

This grant will enable Arboretum

personnel to greatly expand their capability to dispense horticultural information to the general public as well as to constantly update the plant collection information.

## GRANT TO SOUTH COAST

THE ATLANTIC RICHFIELD Foundation has given a \$25,000 grant to the South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation. The money will be used to build a gift shop at the garden on Palos Verdes Peninsula.

"We are delighted to receive this generous gift from Atlantic Richfield," said Mrs. Patricia Box, president of the Foundation. "A gift shop should increase our income considerably so the Foundation can give even more support to the garden."

Mrs. Box pointed out that the gift shop now operates from a make-shift area but is contributing more than \$5,000 a year to the Foundation. Most of the money comes from sales of craft items made by volunteer and craft classes from materials gathered in the garden.

The grant was presented to Mrs. Box by George Babikian, a senior Vice President of Atlantic Richfield at a reception at the garden.

## AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF BOTANICAL GARDENS AND ARBORETA

DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR Francis Ching has been elected president of the American Association of Botanical Gardens and Arboreta for a two-year term beginning in January, 1980. The 1,000 member association, a national professional organization representing individuals and institutions in the United States and Canada, is dedicated to supporting those aspects that affect the preservation and enhancement of the environment for the benefit of man. The association further provides forums for the exchange of ideas and programs that lead to a greater range of public services by arboreta and botanical gardens.

Prior to his election as president of the association, Mr. Ching served as vice-president in 1978-79 and as a member of the board of directors during the previous three years. He was instrumental in developing a nationally recognized certification program for professional gardeners. The program leading to a North American Diploma in Horticulture is a move to standardize the training and licensing of persons planning a career in gardening at arboreta, botanic gardens, parks, and in the horticultural industry.

Other officers elected were vice-president, Dr. Fred Widmoyer, Head of the Department of Horticulture, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, N. M., and secretary-treasurer, Joseph Oppe, Director of the Arthur Hoyt Scott Horticultural Foundation, Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pa. Elected to the Board of Directors were Dr. William Klein, Director of the Morris Arboretum of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.; and Dr. Erich Steiner, Director of the Matthaei Botanical Gardens of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.



*At a recent South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation brunch, Mrs. Patricia Box, Foundation president (right), presented a check for \$10,000 to Los Angeles County Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke. The check will be applied against the Foundation's obligation to the County.*





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