

IN THE LIBRARY: RARE BOOK COLLECTION

Treasures of the Rare Book Collection: Plants of Mediterranean Climate Areas is an online digital exhibit that shows a small part of what can be found in the Arboretum Library's Rare Book Room. Rather than digitizing entire books, images of botanical illustrations have been selected from the collection's 500 volumes, which date from the 1500s to the 1800s.

This project was created by Sara Lind, a library school intern visiting from Sweden where she is working on a master's degree in Digital Services: Culture, Information and Communication. She collaborated with volunteer Laura Scott Sellers, who authored the texts about the plants.

The plants portrayed in the images are native to areas with Mediterranean climates similar to coastal California's—southwestern Australia, mid-coastal Chile, the Cape of South Africa and around the Mediterranean Basin. —Susan Eubank is Arboretum Librarian.



EXPLORE THE EXHIBIT ONLINE THREE WAYS:

For images and stories about particular plants go to: <http://bit.ly/ArbRareBookCollection>

To see all 122 gorgeous images from the rare books go to: <http://bit.ly/ArbRareBookImages>

Many of these plants are growing at the Arboretum. You can take a self-guided walk to see some plants featured in the online exhibit by using the maps found at: <http://bit.ly/ArbRareBookWalk>

VOLUNTEER AT THE ARBORETUM

Los Voluntarios (Los Vols), the adult volunteer support organization for the Arboretum, is a self-organized group of approximately 300 women and men who annually contribute over 30,000 hours of service to this flagship public garden. Membership is open to adults and requires a minimum of 50 hours of service annually. Depending upon availability, volunteer assignments may include administrative and customer services, educational programming, gardening, gift shop, library, school docents, historic preservation, floral arrangements, Santa Anita Depot docents, walking tours, membership services and special events. Volunteer activities also include interesting and informative meetings, presentations, annual volunteer luncheon and picnic and a volunteer-focused newsletter. Participation in the volunteer orientation program is required.

The fall 2012 "Meet the Arboretum" orientation will be presented by Los Voluntarios on four mornings, 9:30am–12:30pm, mid-October through mid-November and will include an overview and history of the Arboretum as well as information about the various volunteer opportunities. For more information about becoming a volunteer, call Nancy Carlton at 626-802-8471 or nancy.carlton@arboretum.org.



THANK YOU

Volunteers like Linda Moore, left, and Aty Rotter, center, led by Nancy Carlton, volunteer and special events manager, helped to make GROW! A Garden Festival a big success in May.



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