# FEATURING...A MEDIEVAL MYSTERY, MOVIE MEMORIES, AN ETHNOBOTANY EXPEDITION AND A PREHISTORIC GARDEN WALK!

The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Tour & Taste Thursdays series is just around the corner and we invite you to join in the fun.

Each evening, the Tour & Talk begins at 6:00 pm followed by Taste & Dine at 7:30 pm on the terrace of the Peacock Café. This year a brand new feature of Tour & Taste is a free tasting of estate bottle wines, hosted by Renaissance Vineyard &



Winery, located in Yuba County, California. The winery will provide

selections of its various wines for your enjoyment. Renaissance wines are poured at Ritz Carlton and Hyatt Regency hotels, as well as Morton's restaurant.

Reservations are essential. Cost is \$35 per person per program. Call 626-821-4623 or 626-821-4624 to reserve your place.

#### THURSDAY, JULY 12 Murder in the Garden

Back by popular demand our Bardic Host and Herbalist, Stephanie Georgieff, will again enlighten you with tales of Brother Cadfael. Utilizing his experience in the Crusades, sharp wit and deep love of nature, Brother Cadfael solved murder mysteries by noting the herbs found in each case. This year's story is entitled 'A Morbid Taste for Bones.' The Abbot of Shrewsbury Abbey has decided to acquire the sacred remains of Saint Winifred for Shrewsbury Abbey. As

Brother Cadfael goes to collect her relics, a series of mysterious murders surround the grave of Gywnneth's Patron Saint. Come help Brother Cadfael solve the crimes. Characters will be selected from participants, so come ready to lose yourself to an evening of improvisational and creative fun.

#### THURSDAY, JULY 26 Ethnobotany Garden Expedition

Among The Arboretum's collections are hidden treasures - plants with fascinating stories handed down by the people who discovered their uses in the regions where they grow wild. Join The Arboretum's own ethnobotanist, Dr. James Bauml, on a special expedition into the wilds of The Arboretum to rediscover plants used traditionally for food, flavoring, medicine, clothing, shelter, and other purposes.

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 9 Prehistoric Garden Walk

Join Timothy Phillips, Superintendent of The Arboretum, on a tour through the Prehistoric Garden, with a focus on ancient cone bearing cycads. Cycads date back some 60 million years to the Jurassic Period, a time when dinosaurs roamed the earth. During this period, cycads were the dominant vegetation. However, this once

abundant group of plants has been reduced to a mere wheelbarrowfull, with many nearing extinction. Guests will learn intimate details about these fascinating plants...and quite possibly catch sight of a dinosaur.

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 23 Movie Memories

Join historian Sandy Snider in a fascinating pictorial history of movie and television features filmed on location here. Johnny Weissmuller as Tarzan swung through the trees; Dorothy Lamour walked the "Road to Singapore" with Bob Hope and Bing Crosby along Baldwin Lake: James Earl Jones motored down the lake in search of the village of Kunta Kinte in television's Roots II; the Queen Anne Cottage has been better known to TV viewers as Ricardo Montalban's "Fantasy Island" home...the names go on and on. Sandy will show slides of various movies filmed here, and then we will board the tram to see those areas firsthand!

Jill Berry, Education Program Manager

### A Tale of Two Ethnobotanical Gardens

The second lecture in The Arboretum's Ethnobotanical Lecture Series will be given by Dr. James A. "Jim" Duke on Thursday night, June 21, at 8:00 pm in Ayres Hall.

In his talk, "A Tale of Two Ethnobotanical Gardens," Dr. Duke will review some of his early ethnobotanical adventures in Panama, Colombia, Peru, and Maine, and discuss how they led to the establishment of the six-acre GREEN FARMACY GARDEN in Maryland and The ReNuPERU ETHNOBOTANY GARDEN in Peru. He will illustrate his lecture with slides and entertain with music and song (of an herbal nature).

Retired after 30 years with the USDA, Dr. Duke is a popular and entertaining lecturer on ethnobotany, herbs, medicinal plants and new crops. In 1998, he was awarded the Rachael Carson Conservation Award (NNFA) (July 15, 1998) for his conservation efforts with the Amazon Center for **Environmental Education** and Research (ACEER). He received the Distinguished Economic Botanist Award in 2000. In 2001, he was selected as a Distinguished Alumnus of his alma mater, the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. Dr. Duke is the author of over twenty books, and he will bring copies of his newest book, due out in May, which features his two botanical gardens.

> Dr. James Bauml, Senior Biologist



Bauml, James A. 2001. "A tale of two ethnobotanical gardens." *News from the Arboretum of Los Angeles County* 2001: June-July, 4.

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