

LONG RANGE PLAN PHASES 1 & 2 ENTHUSIASTICALLY RECEIVED AT ADVISORY BOARD INAUGURAL MEETING

The May 20th inaugural meeting of The Arboretum Advisory Board, established to assist The Arboretum with its development, concluded with an enthusiastic and positive response to the first two phases of The Arboretum's Conceptual Long Range Plan. All phases of the plan are expected to be completed by the end of 2002, or in early 2003. County administrative personnel, Arboretum staff and volunteers, foundation trustees and several other community leaders also attended the meeting.

Plan Phases Reviewed

An exciting visual presentation by Victoria Pakshong and Bill Hardman, of Nancy Goslee Power & Associates, summarized the goals of the plan and outlined a careful study of the history of and present conditions at The Arboretum — including the strengths in its collections, its views, its natural water elements, its historic components and its unique and impressive potential.

Phase 3 preliminary plans for the "arrival experience" at The Arboretum were also unveiled along with evolving concepts for a children's discovery trail and for making the entire Arboretum an ethnobotanical center — focusing on the essential and fascinating connection between plants and people as the informing theme for future development of The Arboretum.

5-Year Plan

The Arboretum's current Five-year Plan identifies eighteen major programs and facilities initiatives ('projects')

anticipated to be developed at The Arboretum over the next several decades. The Conceptual Long Range Plan is intended to guide The Arboretum's development for the foreseeable future — ensuring that development will be done in a well-thought-out, cohesive, harmonious and organized manner, with appropriate infrastructure and amenities — to be sure that the result is excellent in all respects.

New Advisory Members

Peter Strauss and Dr. Eric T. Haskell recently joined the Arboretum's Advisory Board.

Mr. Strauss is best known for his leading role in the TV mini-series "Rich Man, Poor Man" and many made-for-TV movies and mini-series such as "Peter Gunn", "Masada", "Kane & Abel", and "The Jericho Mile", for which he received an Emmy. However, it is his love for the garden that has brought him to our Advisory Board. "If life is a process of wearing you down", says Peter, "then gardening is a way of staying even." Mr. Strauss's own garden is a botanic paradise including spiny and succulent plants, an orange grove, a Mediterranean garden, a native plant preserve and rose gardens.

Mr. Strauss is also national spokesperson for The Scotts Company Miracle-Gro®, the leading brand in plant foods.

Dr. Haskell, Professor of French and Humanities at Scripps College and Director of the Clark Humanities Museum also joins the Advisory Board. Recently honored as the guest speaker for the Millennium Meeting of the Garden Club of America, Dr. Haskell's distin-

guished career is equaled by his gift for informing and delighting his audiences. A frequent guest lecturer, Dr. Haskell has delivered over 300 lectures in twenty-two states and in nine foreign countries.

Dr. Haskell's publications, in English and French, cover a wide range of topics from nineteenth-century poetry to garden history. His most recent book, *Le Notre's Gardens* accompanied an exhibition he curated at The Huntington Library, Art Collections & Botanical Gardens.

Welcome to the Advisory Board.



CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU



Bill Bochte (L), Past President of Los Voluntarios and Donivee Nash (R), Immediate Past President, LAAF, receive Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County recognition commendations from Tim Gallagher, Director, Parks & Recreation. Received for their extraordinary contributions to The Arboretum over the years, this award is an extreme honor acknowledged by all five County Supervisors. Donivee's and Bill's receipt of the award goes into the history record books for LA County. Congratulations and thank you for all you have both done for The Arboretum!



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