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ROBERT KETCHUM AT THE ARBORETUM *Internationally renowned conservation photographer*



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Chinese Fringe Tree
Chionanthus retusus

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SEASONS

As I write this, I am reminded of the popular adage that "there are no seasons in Southern California."

The pungent fragrance of drying sycamore leaves perfumes the air with a redolence of the crispiest New England fall. The long shadows of late afternoon are cast by a warm spectral light just above the horizon, and the drying leaves of the deciduous trees rattle against each other in the breeze. How could anyone miss the presence of autumn?

Our perception of autumn is attuned to changes which we see in the landscape. While much of our local cultivated landscape is dominated by seemingly static evergreen vegetation, many plants respond to shorter days of autumn by changing color, shedding leaves, ripening fruit, going dormant, or coming into flower. The landscape opens up and becomes more transparent. A tranquilizing sense of the repose fills the air.

The Arboretum is a wonderful setting in which to see the many facets of autumn in Southern California. One of the most unique aspects of our regional fall is the marvel of the Brazilian Silk Floss Trees (*Chorisia speciosa*). Their extravagant rose pink flowers appear in August or September, and continue to bloom through the winter.

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Join us for an afternoon with internationally renowned photographer and environmental activist, Robert Glenn Ketchum, winner of the Ansel Adams award for conservation photography and the United Nations Environmental Achievement Award.

To benefit the California Arboretum Foundation

Sunday, October 17, 2:30 p.m.

Slide Presentation, Ayres Hall
Followed by

Sherry Tea Reception with Mr. Ketchum signing his new monograph.

Join us in the gardens for a traditional Tea Buffet in the style of garden parties held on Arboretum Grounds in the days of Lucky Baldwin.

\$45 per person.

For information call
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