

# DELASCAN

County of Los Angeles, Department of Arboreta and Botanic Gardens

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## RAIN, RAIN, RAIN

Record precipitation during the month of January caused damage at all Department facilities. Descanso Gardens suffered \$40,000 damage from a mudslide that filled all streams, ponds and debris basins, depositing six inches to two feet of mud in the Lucy Hester Garden. Superintendent Mark Anthony estimates that complete cleanup may take a year.

At South Coast, extensive preparations last summer prevented major damage; however, roads were damaged by run-off. Damage is estimated at \$6,000.

Damage to the Lux Arboretum has not yet been fully estimated, since all roads were washed out.

Faring best, the Arboretum lost several trees, including the historic date palm by the Hugo Reid Adobe. Erosion damage was light. Rainfall at the Arboretum totalled 20.49 inches for January, 22.43 inches for the season.

A hailstorm the morning of February fifth caused extensive damage to Arboretum greenhouses, breaking over 140 windows and damaging many plants.

Cleanup operations are underway at all facilities and are expected to continue for some time.

## NEW INSTRUCTIONS WILL PROVE VALUABLE GUIDE

Departmental Instruction #1 and Administrative Instruction #18 have been prepared to provide employees and supervisors with standards for performance and a uniform discipline code.

Lee Wakeman suggests all employees read these instructions, which are available from supervisors.

## COMING EVENTS

Arboretum - Temple City Camellia Show,  
February 22 & 23.

Descanso - Theodore Payne Foundation  
Lecture, February 19, 8 PM.

## HELLOS, GOODBYES, AND CONGRATULATIONS

The Department wishes to welcome five new employees and announce the transfer or promotion of four others.

At South Coast, William Crume and Jerry Tooley are new Grounds Maintenance Men. Bill Kennon has been promoted to Arboretum Gardener and James Terukina to Senior Grounds Maintenance Man.

Descanso Tree Trimmer Ass't. Robert Hamilton has transferred to Parks and Recreation. Frank Perdomo will transfer from the Arboretum to fill this Descanso vacancy.

At the Arboretum, Michael Williams is a new Tree Trimmer Ass't. Sabine "Sam" Puopulo brings the Custodial Unit to full strength, and Robert Erny rounds out the Arboretum Tour Guide permanent staff. Richard Ferguson is a new Arboretum As-Needed Tour Guide.

## EDUCATION PROGRAMS EXPANDING

Education Chief Dr. Duane Crummett announced 19 adult education classes, 12 at the Arboretum, 5 at Descanso and 2 at South Coast. Classes range from Flower Arrangement to Biology and Control of Residential Area Pests. Classes are offered in cooperation with UCLA Extension, PCC, the California Arboretum Foundation, Descanso Gardens Guild, and the South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation. Classes schedules are available at the Gatehouse.

An eight by twelve storage structure at Descanso and two redwood potting benches at South Coast are new additions to Youth Education equipment.

Gertrude Woods reports 218 children registered in classes at the three facilities. In addition, three sessions have been scheduled for a mentally retarded eighth grade class. Volunteer help totalling nearly 24 hours a week lightens the teaching load of Youth Education staff.

Arbor Day (March 7) plans are proceeding on schedule, with seedlings growing, guests accepting, printing of brochures, and assurance from the weatherman that this year will not be a wash-out.





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