



## WELLS FARGO: OUR PARTNER IN PUBLIC EDUCATION

Visit the Arboretum on any day during the school year and you'll see scores of students exploring the wonders of nature, as well as important chapters in California history. As evidenced by 16,000 annual student visits, the Arboretum's 127-acre landscape, botanical collections, and historical resources are unparalleled resources for public education.

We thank Wells Fargo for ensuring that Arboretum field trips are available to increasing numbers of school children from across Los Angeles County. For many classrooms, particularly those from larger urban districts, securing funds for transportation is often the greatest obstacle to making a visit. Through its funding of bus transportation,

Wells Fargo has enabled thousands of students to experience the Arboretum, including many from the Los Angeles and Pasadena unified school districts. In addition, this year over 800 middle and high school students were able to attend the L.A. Environmental Education Fair, again thanks to Wells Fargo transportation funding. Finally, the family education activities of the recent Wild West Days event were supported through the same generous support.

We express our deep appreciation to Wells Fargo for a partnership that has done so much to make the Arboretum a cherished resource for children's discovery and learning. 🌱

## SIBY AND PERRY MINTON: NEARLY 40 YEARS OF SERVICE!

Arboretum staff and depot and preservation committee volunteers recently gathered to celebrate the exemplary work of Siby and Perry Minton. Since 1975, they have filled many important roles at the Arboretum, most recently as docents at the Santa Anita Depot. Thanks and congratulations to a fabulous couple who love the Arboretum as well as serving the community. 🌱



## FORCES OF NATURE WINS NATIONAL AWARD

The Forces of Nature exhibition last December featuring art created from fallen trees was awarded a 2013 Achievement Award in the category of Arts and Historic Preservation by the National Association of Counties. In announcing the award to Los Angeles County, the association said, "Due to its exceptional results and unique innovations, your program has been chosen to receive the honor of Best of Category." The association, founded in 1935, is the only national organization that represents 3,069 county governments in the United States.

The three-day Forces of Nature exhibition, curated by Leigh Adams, was a tribute to trees lost in the 2011 windstorm that ravaged the Arboretum. The wood from toppled trees was distributed to more than 100 artists, who brought together a range of artistic vision as diverse as the trees from which the wood came. Their art was sold to raise funds for the next generation of Arboretum trees. 🌱

## ARBORETUM RECEIVES ACCREDITATION

Having achieved standards of professional practices deemed important for arboreta and botanic gardens worldwide, the Los Angeles County Arboretum and Botanic Garden is now recognized as an accredited arboretum in the Morton Register of Arboreta.

The Morton Register is a comprehensive list and database of arboreta and other public gardens that collect and display trees, shrubs, and other woody plants for the benefit of the public, science, and conservation. Accreditation is based on degrees of development, capacity, and professionalism. The Los Angeles County Arboretum was awarded the highest standard achievable by the ArbNet Arboretum Accreditation Program. The program is an international initiative sponsored and coordinated by The Morton Arboretum in cooperation with the American Public Gardens Association and Botanic Gardens Conservation International. 🌱



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