

On one section of the trail, fields of wild fennel crowded along the edge of the path, scenting the air with licorice. A short while later, the air was redolent of menthol as the hikers entered a eucalyptus grove.

Nearing the ranch headquarters, the road ran down a lane bordered by crisp white fences. At the end was the final destination, a yellow-trimmed ranch house set on a rise between two ranges of hills. After exploring the buildings, which Dr. Stanton rarely opens to outsiders, everyone settled in the shade of huge old pepper trees to eat their lunches.

In the afternoon, Lyndal Laughrin, a naturalist with the Santa Cruz Island Reserve maintained on the island by the University of California, described the unique features of Santa Cruz Island. The 62,000-acre island supports a rich variety of plants and animals, he said. About 40 plant species are restricted to the Channel Islands, and eight of these occur only on Santa Cruz Island. Notable examples of the endemic plants that the Foundation group saw include the Santa Cruz Island ironwood and the Island oak.

A smooth cruise back across the channel, and everyone disembarked

at the Ventura harbor after a unique jaunt.

The trip to Santa Cruz Island is an example of the exclusive field trips to unusual destinations that Alice Thomas, CAF president, plans to offer Foundation members in the future.

YULE SHOW, TOURS, OPEN HOUSE HIGHLIGHT CHRISTMAS

ONCE AGAIN Christmas cheer overflows at the Los Angeles State and County Arboretum with the opening of the Queen Anne Cottage, an open house at the Gift Shop and a three-day Christmas show featuring demonstrations and holiday entertainment.

On Dec. 13, the doors of the Queen Anne Cottage will swing open, allowing everyone a firsthand view of elaborate furnishings and Baldwin family mementos that are usually visible only through the Cottage windows. Antique Christmas cards and ornaments will festoon the parlor and music room. A smaller tree surrounded by antique toys will delight children in the bedroom.

Other historic buildings — Santa Anita Depot, Coach Barn and Hugo Reid Adobe—will also be decorated with period Yuletide ornaments.

An additional \$1 charge for a narrated tour through the Cottage benefits the Historical Preservation Fund at the Arboretum.

Docents will also lead tours through the Santa Anita Depot. The baggage room, not normally open, will be part of the tour. A collection of photographs depicting the chronology of the depot from 1890 to the present will be displayed in this room. The depot kitchen and living quarters furnished with antiques from the 1890s can also be seen. Tours will be led through the Historical Section from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

An open house at the Gift Shop adds to the excitement Dec. 13 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Free demonstrations will continue throughout the day. Gift items from around the world can be purchased. Hot cider and cookies will be served.

At the Christmas show, Dec. 18-20 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., flower arranging and wreath making demonstrations, along with Holiday entertainment will get everyone in the Holiday spirit.

Christmas customs of other countries will be illustrated by exhibits. Holiday craft items and ornaments will also be displayed. Models in Victorian era costumes will circulate through the show area.



Lyndal Laughrin, second from left, lectures on Santa Cruz flora.



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