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#### March Shows at Descanso

**T**HREE major shows will be presented at Descanso Gardens this month starting with the annual camellia show staged by the Southern California Camellia Council. The dates are March 3rd and 4th. Melvin Gum, president of the Council, reports that visitors can expect to see three to four thousand cut flowers in the tents set up for the show.

On the weekend of March 24th and 25th, the Southern California Daffodil Society will present its 22nd annual show which, like the camellia show, will be a competitive event. In both shows judging will be done on Saturday morning with the exhibits open to the public at noon and from 9 to 5 p.m. Sunday. Jay Pengra, new president of the society, reports that visitors can expect to see around five thousand named varieties encompassing all shapes, sizes and colors known to the species.

The following week, on March 31st and April 1st, the Descanso Gardens Bonsai Society will stage its annual show on the main lawn from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. The date is a switch from last year when the show was held in September. James Everman, president of the society, expects to have close to 300 plants representing 18 classifications for the display. As in the past, information booths will be set up with members of the society fielding questions from visitors and offering technical guidance on the various aspects of the centuries-old art.

#### Bonanza IX

**I**T WAS ON MAY 3RD, nine years ago, that members of the California Arboretum Foundation's Las Voluntarias staged the first Baldwin

Bonanza at the Los Angeles State and County Arboretum. It was billed as a "unique treasure sale," as indeed it was, offering old books and paintings from the Baldwin era, numerous handcrafted objects, and many plants. Since that time, the event has evolved mainly into a plant sale, and in succeeding years, as more and more unusual and hard-to-get plants were offered, word went out that this is an annual fund-raiser not to be missed. As a result, crowds worthy of a major film premiere have lined up outside the entry gates before the standard 9 a.m. opening, waiting to fill their bags, crates, and fugitive shopping carts with every plant goody striking their fancy.

This year, the opportunity comes on Sunday, May 6th. According to co-chairmen Marj Roos and Carol Overturf, both members of Las Voluntarias, buyers can look forward to all of the standard popular plant material offered last year plus a larger-than-usual collection of plants

in the uncommon category. Referred to Superintendent John Provine for a rundown on what these might be, we learned there will be a large selection of various species of stag-horn ferns mounted on 8-, 10-, 12- and 16-inch boards, some rare echeverias, some flowering anthuriums, many species of cycads, plus a good selection of erythrinas and Arboretum plant introductions.

Mr. Provine said there will be the usual selection of fruit trees, the usual five thousand colorful pelargoniums, a sizable collection of miniature roses, and a larger-than-usual variety of orchids. He said also that this year's Bonanza would offer more plant specimens in larger sizes, citing plenty of house plants in 12-to 14-inch tubs as an example.

Chairman Roos said that other standard features would include craft items and raffle prizes and that on the evening of May 5, the now traditional preview party would be given for Foundation members and their guests.

## Baldwin Bonanza

### PREVIEW PARTY

For Members and Guests of the  
California Arboretum Foundation

Saturday, May 5, 1979

5:30 - 8 p.m.

Arboretum Plant Introductions

*Platyceriums (Staghorn Ferns)*

*Anthuriums*

*Cycads*

*Polyscias*

*Erythrinas*

*House Plants*

*Pelargoniums*

*Orchids*

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