



GARDEN KITCHEN

TAKE a kitchen in a stately, 35-year-old mansion, remodel it according to the ideas of a group of energetic garden-lovers, and end up, if all goes well, with a contemporary version of the old farmhouse kitchen, remembered for its warmth, its island tables, windowsill herb pots, and lots of counter space. This is what the Descanso Gardens Guild did with the kitchen in the home newspaper publisher Manchester Boddy built for himself, high on a scenic ledge, following his purchase of the 165-acre site of Descanso Gardens in 1937. As the Gardens' Hospitality House, the home has since become the scene of art exhibits, education classes, and innumerable luncheon meetings by garden clubs from all around the area. The new kitchen, replete with all the latest appliances, will facilitate the preparation of luncheons and other affairs at which good cooking is at a premium. It will also serve as a demonstration of how

kitchen herbs and other plants, grown in hanging containers and in built-in, counter-top planters, can brighten and aid the work that goes into the daily routine of preparing meals. The Guild is so pleased with its project that it has created a crew of kitchen docents who conduct public tours every afternoon of the week from 1 to 4 p.m.

UPCOMING —

BALDWIN BONANZA IV will be presented by the California Arboretum Foundation next April 7, a Sunday. Chairman Mrs. Vance Gerry of Las Voluntarias reports that although details are not available at this time, this Bonanza will have a greater concentration on plants. There will still be sections on crafts and hanging baskets, always very popular with the gardening public. The event will be staged in the Demonstration Home Gardens and a special preview held the night before.

A home gardening and horticultural field day, subtitled "Spring Extravaganza," will be presented by the Arboretum and the California Arboretum Foundation next May 18 and 19. Designed to bring the public into close contact with the work of nine major plant societies and the propagation, public services, education, and research centers of the Arboretum, the event will provide the home gardener with just about everything he wants to know in a concentrated two days. The art of bonsai and the techniques of container gardening will be demonstrated in the Demonstration Home Gardens, the plant societies will exhibit their specialties either in the lecture hall, greenhouses, or Garden For All Seasons, and a special information center will cover such basic subjects as plant identification, fertilizers, pest and weed control, plants for fire retardance and erosion control, plant selection and ground covers.



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