

Urban Gardeners

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To develop your theme garden, the Foundation has attracted some of Southern California's finest specialists to lecture and demonstrate their knowledge of bringing that quiet garden spot into your environment.

Such well known names as J. Michael Evans, horticulturalist, Clair G. Martin, III, rosarian/horticulturalist at the Huntington Botanical Gardens, Raymond Grenald, lighting consultant and Glenn Walker, herb specialist and professor at California State University at Long Beach will highlight the first Seminar.

Neil S. Weikel, cartographer, John Greenlee, landscape designer, Robert Cornell, landscape architect and Joseph Brosius, nurseryman, will share their knowledge at the second Seminar.

Nancy Westbrook, consultant, Jeffrey Hook, landscape architect, Pamela Ingram and Robert L. Rosebrock will tell the secrets of success in gardening in the third Seminar.

Spring Seminar, 1986, is another program designed for the plant and garden lover who wants to participate in horticulture at the more serious level.

These Seminars are a part of the Adult Education program of the California Arboretum Foundation.

BIRDS AND BIRDWATCHERS VISIT ARBORETUM

We get so wrapped up in the horticultural studies being carried out by our gardens we sometimes forget it is a bird refuge. The Arboretum is blessed with a large and even spectacular population of avians which changes with the days, seasons, and even hours.

More than 168 species of birds have been observed, including 16 species of ducks and geese during migration; 14 species of birds of prey of which 8 are resident; and 50 species of the family Emberizidae (warblers, sparrows, blackbirds, and orioles). Among the 168 species are 14 rare or endangered species which enjoy protection from predators, man, and even domestic pets that can seldom be obtained outside the sanctuary.

On the first Sunday of each month, Barbara Cohen leads a birdwalk starting at 8:00 a.m. from the gatehouse. Her interest in birds began years ago when she first saw a red-winged blackbird at the Arboretum and was enriched through a class, "Birds and the Environment", taught at the Arboretum in the 1970's by Robert Copper. "We bird the Arboretum," Barbara says, "to see change of species. We are interested not only in when our usual species come and go, but also in finding a rarity — birds

that don't usually appear here, or are here at the wrong time."

Several years ago she discovered a willow flycatcher — the only record for this bird wintering in California. Barbara is aided in her efforts by a devoted core of nearly a dozen other birders which is supplemented on occasion by people from all over Southern California and beyond.

Last December 30, they banded together to participate in the 86th Annual Christmas Bird Count, sponsored by the National Audubon Society. This nationwide ritual involved tallying the numbers of birds of each species and provided an indication of how food supply, weather, predation, and environmental influences such as pollution affect the country's bird population.

"A family can have fun birdwatching," Barbara says, "since no special equipment is needed. A pair of binoculars adds to the enjoyment, but even good eyesight is not entirely essential since many birds can be identified by listening to their calls." She suggests a good field guide such as "Birds of North America" on sale at the Arboretum Gift Shop. Then pick up a "Bird List", a compilation of bird sightings at the Arboretum and walk through the various sections of the gardens to discover how many ducks, herons, hawks, and songbirds you can find.

California Arboretum Foundation, Inc. Statement of Revenue and Expense Year ended June 30, 1985

Revenues

Gift Shop income	\$84,874
Special income projects	62,581
Membership fees	60,990
Location income	48,044
Interest income	42,659
Support services	19,758
Coffee Shop	12,983
Total	\$331,889

Expenses

Salaries	97,383
Horticultural students	59,600
Grounds Maintenance	58,927
Educational activities	52,967
Office costs	15,918
Payroll taxes	10,679
Las Voluntarias	5,316
Other expenses	30,412
Total	\$331,202

Excess Revenues over Expenses \$ 687

NOTE: During the year certain "matching funds" were received from Los Angeles County and Foundation members. They have been and will be expended for capital improvements to your Arboretum.

CHINESE GET GARDEN ORIENTATION

Francis Ching, Director of the Los Angeles State and County Arboretum has announced the beginning of a plant exchange with China.

The exchange will begin this summer with the visit of the director of the Canton Gardens. Later, two horticultural students from Shanghai Gardens will visit.

ANYONE KNOW AN OLD ROSE?

The Rose Garden beside the Hugo Reid Adobe contains rose bushes of the type featured in Grandma's day. Many are varieties over 100 years old.

LUCKY BALDWIN SHIPS CITRUS, 1880

Southern Pacific's San Gabriel Stationmaster listed Lucky Baldwin's orange shipments as 591 boxes.

Baldwin, according to the report owned 14,700 trees.



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