

## MEET AND GREET

### Meet Hose and Percival

The Arboretum Library has names for its two new residents. Hose, our gopher snake and Percival, our western toad, have taken up residence in the Library. We had a naming contest during the first few months of their residence and two Arboretum members won and got their suggestions used to name our new friends. Catherine Hogan named Percival and Ava Chamberlin named Hose.

Come visit the Library to see them and also to check up on the other changes happening here. We are purchasing new books and audio-visual materials. They are moved to the front of the library, so even though we don't have our online catalog yet, you are welcome to browse them and find inspiration. The children's collection is growing and Hose and Percival like to hear stories about plants, so please do come in to read to them. We also now have the ability to do interlibrary loan, so if the Library doesn't own the book, we are happy to order it from another library.

The Arboretum Library hours and Hose and Percival visiting hours are Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Also check-out the Library webpage also at [www.arboretum.org](http://www.arboretum.org) and look for Library on the left side of the homepage. There are lists of recent magazine articles of interest, other information about the Library and, of course, there is a wishlist of possible book donations.



Ava Chamberlin



California Poppies

## GRAPEVINE

### Not just an easter egg hunt

We thank The Arboretum Volunteers for putting on a great event. The 2nd annual all-volunteer-run Great Easter Egg Hunt was a fun-filled day for hundreds of families on Saturday, April 15. The nature related activities not only brought smiles to the faces of hundreds of children, but also proved to be an educational experience. The nature crafts, egg hunt, eco-games really make this event much more than just an easter egg hunt. The Arboretum Bunny gave every participating child carrot seeds to grow.

### A wild view

What does 52 pounds of seed look like? A spectacular view of California native wildflowers, of coarse. Spread amongst the Engleman Oak grove, you can see sprinkles of blue, orange, yellow and purple. Come and see the mix of *Nemophila maculata* (Spotted baby blue-eyes), *Nemophila menziesii*, *Layia platyglossa* (Tidy tips), *Clarkia amoena* (Farewell-to-spring) and *Eschscholzia californica* (California poppy) this spring.

### For many days to come

The Southern California Hemerocallis and Amaryllis Society (SCHAS) has donated and planted some 230 different named daylily cultivars (varieties) in patches of like colors amongst the magnolias. Some of them have even started to grow and produce buds. These clumping perennials will add much color and interest after the last of the winter and spring-blooming magnolias are done. We thank SCHAS for their generous donation.

### Arbor Day the Arcadia Rotary way

The Arcadia Rotary planted a *Magnolia x brooklynensis* 'Yellow Bird' tree for Arbor day at The Arboretum. See it grow big and strong in the coming years. We thank the Rotarians for this new addition to our collection.



Rotarians on Arbor Day



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