

## *South Coast*

**L**AST MONTH'S Fiesta de Flores at South Coast Botanic Garden attracted 4,000 visitors during its two-and-a-half day run. As usual, the entries of Palos Verdes Peninsula garden clubs were among the top exhibits, all of which were relocated this year to a shaded area closer to the entrance to the garden. On the closing night, 52 members of the sponsoring South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation gathered for dinner at the Petroleum Club in Long Beach to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the founding of the Foundation.

## *Aquatic Garden*

**A** FEW YEARS AGO Mrs. Manfred Meyberg donated funds for the construction of a waterfall atop Tallac Knoll that would represent both a memorial to her late husband and a scenic addition to the Arboretum landscape. The result, the Meyberg Waterfall, is a lovely cascade that had seemed complete except for a source more convincing than a recirculating pipe. Additional funds from Mrs. Meyberg made possible the construction of that source, the new aquatic garden which, as Frederick Lang notes in his article in this issue, extends fatherhood to the falls by feeding them in a series of gentle rapids falling from its shaded pools. About three-quarters of an acre in all, the garden is already a favorite among fanciers of aquatic plants, of which there are over twenty-five genera and many more varieties, and of those who love the sight and sounds of rushing water.

## *Queen Anne Frolic*

**H**AVING NOW ADVANCED beyond the chrysalis stage, its title and substance defined, we are delighted

to pass on the golden promise of that upcoming party referred to in last issue's Department Notes. First the time, place, and date: gathering at six post meridiem on the mall fronting the Queen Anne Cottage on Friday, September 24, as a mood-setting start. The scene: the historical buildings alight and open; the Meyberg Waterfall and Aquatic Garden atop Tallac Knoll and the Demonstration Home Gardens, all nightlighted. Dinner: expected to be, if not altogether epicurean, pleasing to gourmet palates. Activities: guided tours through state historical buildings, tours around the grounds in the style of yesteryear by means of horse-drawn vehicles and vintage cars.

Through the courtesy of the Yorktown Livery and Robert Strub, president of the Los Angeles Turf Club, guests may ride in a 100-year-old Studebaker-built landau that is a reproduction of one used by President Harrison, or in the wagon, called a democrat, that is used in front of the grandstand at Santa Anita before each race. A rare treat for classic-car buffs will be provided by Sig Caswell of the Horseless Carriage Club of Southern California — eight sparklers from yesterdays' roadways.

The waterbirds of Lasca Lagoon will move over on this evening to make room for guests opting for a moonlight cruise in their own self-propelled paddle boat. And topping off this trip down memory lane will be the strains of That's A'Plenty, Muskrat Ramble, and other tunes of the twenties supplied by the Azusa Fire Department Banjo Band. The purpose of this party is that best one of all, no surprise, the raising of funds by the hosts, the California Arboretum Foundation, to fill at least some of the gaps left by the Arboretum's current austerity budget.

The tariff? You'll find that in your invitation.



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