

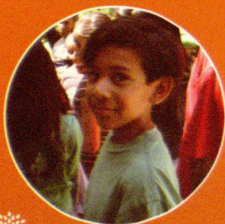


The Arboretum delivers experiences for our visitors and community to discover, learn and appreciate the relationship between plants and people. Below you will find our top five accomplishments in four categories for FY 2004/2005.

PROGRAMS FOR KIDS & FAMILIES

The Arboretum is striving to be the most child- and family-friendly garden in the United States. To do this we are improving the facilities and educational programs by providing experiences that bring people and plants together.

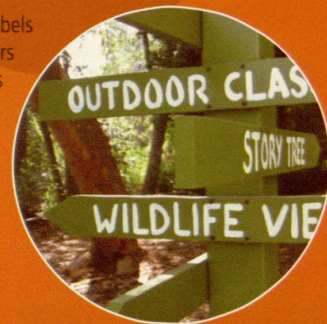
1. The Roots & Shoot Children's Discovery Node, the first of several children's discovery areas was built to provide a place where plants and children's imaginations grow.
2. The Nature Nuts Summer Camp for children ages 8-12 provided more opportunities for learning about natural history through nature, gardening, cooking and art.
3. The first ever "Great Easter Egg Hunt" was enjoyed by over 300 families.
4. The Annual Members' Meeting and Ice Cream Social had the best turn out in several years. Over 120 Members and their families attended the meeting and enjoyed making ice cream sundaes and nature crafts.
5. The Kids in Nature section in The Arboretum Members' Magazine is a first effort in communicating and promoting family fun and learning beyond our grounds.



IMPROVEMENTS IN THE GARDEN

To enhance the natural beauty of The Arboretum, many projects were undertaken to improve basic care and improve the visitor experience.

1. Removal of emergent vegetation from the waterways near Tule Pond and Baldwin Lake improved vistas, opened new planting opportunities and helped to maintain mosquito control.
2. New walkways in and around the Tropical Conservatory and the Begonia Greenhouse were added as part of American Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements to make exhibition areas more accessible to the public.
3. Over 500 new plants were accessioned and added to our collections.
4. A new Weaver's Garden, designed and installed by Nancy Goslee Power & Associates demonstrates to our visitors one of many relationships between plants and people.
5. Over 2,000 new plant identification labels were installed by volunteers. Our visitors can better learn the origin and names of the plants in our collections.





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