

mately 500 feet of the stream bed due to the rupture of the lake in November, 1973 was studied by the Sanitation District and the County Engineers with the conclusion that subsidence should be allowed to continue for several more years before corrective action is taken.

AFFILIATED SUPPORTING FOUNDATIONS

Three affiliated nonprofit supporting foundations make possible the implementation of numerous public programs that benefit and supplement the County operation and maintenance of the department.

CALIFORNIA ARBORETUM FOUNDATION

The California Arboretum Foundation gives active support to various Arboretum activities -- Public Services, Education, Research, Library, and Nurseries. Examples of their achievements in the period covered by this report follows:

As part of its continuing efforts to enlist public support of the Arboretum and its programs, the Foundation with a membership of 700 initiated a membership drive in March, 1972 with the slogan, "1,003 by '73." The figure was met two months ahead of schedule, prompting a new slogan, "2,004 by '74." This figure was also met and was followed by "3,005 by '75." New members immediately receive a packet of department brochures on gardening and environmental topics. They also receive the Foundation Newsletter, the department's quarterly magazine, Lasca Leaves, a specimen of an Arboretum plant introduction once a year and invitations to previews and special field trips.

FOTA Contest

Mindful that the Arboretum has long been a mecca for photographers and that a contest would offer challenging fun and stimulate a closer look at the garden's plantings and programs, the Foundation in October of 1974 introduced its first FOTA contest. A basic rule was that all pictures had to be taken at the Arboretum, hence the name "FOTA," an acronym for "Focus on the Arboretum." The contest was enthusiastically received by hundreds of camera fans who were to become new friends and supporters of the Arboretum while competing for twelve hundred dollars worth of prizes, ribbons, and plaques awarded to winners in various subject categories and age groups.

Fund Raising

Two important fund-raising events staged by the Foundation, with the assistance of members of the Arboretum staff, are the Queen Anne Frolic, a biennial affair held in the latter part of September, and the Baldwin Bonanza held each spring.

The Foundation presented its second Frolic on September 28, 1973. Approximately 900 guests arrived on a perfect evening to enjoy a fine barbecued beef dinner and entertainment that included tours of the historical buildings and tours of the grounds by trams and vintage cars. The affair netted \$4,800.

The Baldwin Bonanza is the first of the fund-raising events conceived and developed by the California Arboretum Foundation to become an established annual attraction at the Arboretum.

The fourth Baldwin Bonanza was held on April 7, 1974. The focus was on the sale of plants which featured a number of Arboretum introductions.

Baldwin Bonanza V on April 6, 1975, was also highlighted by the sale of a large number of Arboretum plant introductions, among them Tabebuia chrysotricha (Golden Trumpet Tree), Hibiscus huegelii (Blue Hibiscus), Cassia leptophylla (Golden Medallion Tree), Stigmaphyllon affine (Orchid Vine) and a cultivar of Chorisia speciosa 'Los Angeles Beautiful,' that was selected as the tree of the year by Los Angeles Beautiful Committee. There were also raffles for patio furniture and other garden-related items that added zest to the event from which proceeds were earmarked for the Arboretum's proposed Hall of Environmental Education.

In addition to the activities already described, the Foundation provides the services listed below on a continuing basis:

- A. A gift shop.
- B. Publishes department's quarterly magazine Lasca Leaves, which it distributes to Foundation members and to other botanic gardens and horticultural institutions all over the world.
- C. Provides volunteer workers in all Arboretum divisions: school field trip leaders, library services, research services, Information Center services, and maintenance of the Garden For All Seasons.

DESCANSO GARDENS GUILD

Through various fund-raising events, adult education classes and its program for handicapped children, the Descanso Gardens Guild gives its

energies to programs and activities that benefit the gardens and the schools and people of the community.

Following are some its achievements during the period covered by this report:

Completed in October, 1973, the remodeling of the kitchen in the Hospitality House, the 35-year-old mansion that was once the home of newspaper publisher Manchester Boddy. Following the guidelines of Guild members knowledgeable in design, the kitchen was turned into a contemporary version of the classic farmhouse kitchen, remembered for its island tables and window-sill herb pots. The renovation achieved two objectives: one, to facilitate the preparation of meals for the growing number of garden club meetings and other affairs held at the Hospitality House; and two, to provide a demonstration of how kitchen herbs and other plants grown in hanging baskets and counter-top planters can brighten the daily routine of kitchen work.

Special Events

Each year, the Guild presents many cultural attractions which win new friends for the gardens. Following is a compilation of those presented during the period covered by this report:

- A. Annual Christmas Decorations Show - this is one of the biggest events of the year at Descanso Gardens. It usually runs for nine days and attracts about 20,000 people in that period. The show is held in the Hospitality House, which with its stately rooms and paneled walls provides the perfect setting for the exhibits created by professional artists and decorations and gifted amateurs.

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- B. Annual Concert-On-The-Lawn by the Glendale Symphony Orchestra
 - C. Annual Art Festival
 - D. Five Art Exhibits
 - E. Sunday afternoon concerts by musical groups from all parts of Los Angeles County.

Education Programs

Thirteen years ago, the Guild began its program to help handicapped children from schools in the surrounding communities by providing a class in gardening that would introduce them to the outdoor world of nature and the experience of growing vegetables and flowers. As the program grew, a scholarship fund was developed that would provide on-the-job training in the gardens for a selected number of older students, paying them the minimum California wage for their services.

SOUTH COAST BOTANIC GARDEN FOUNDATION

The South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation was incorporated in 1961. Like the Descanso Gardens Guild, it is governed by a Board of Trustees who hold office on a rotating basis. Membership as of July 1, 1975, was 325.

The Foundation is very active in promoting the growth of the garden through increased attendance and greater participation by the public and garden clubs in garden activities.

The Foundation is responsible for the sponsorship and presentation of the biggest annual event at the garden, the Fiesta de Flores. Combining horticultural demonstrations, plant sales, exhibits, and musical entertainment, the three-day fiesta, held early in July, attracts

thousands of new visitors each year who invariably come away amazed at the beauty of a garden built just a few years earlier over a filled-in county dump site.

Other events co-sponsored by the Foundation were:

- A. Five flower shows presented by the Coasta Verde Garden Club, the Silver Spur Garden Club and the Gardeneers Garden Club.
- B. A Youth Ecology Fair.
- C. Starting in 1974, a two-week Christmas Holidays Exhibit featuring seasonal plant materials in wreaths and other traditional forms prepared by Foundation members.

The Foundation provides field leaders for the approximately 5,000 elementary school students who visit South Coast each year as part of their regularly scheduled school field trips. The Foundation also conducts an ongoing training program so that teachers and students will have the benefit of field leaders knowledgeable in environmental and related subjects.

The Foundation made a major contribution in May of 1975, when it contributed \$20,000 to the County of Los Angeles and pledged an additional \$200,000 over the next five years toward payment for a new Administrative Center.



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