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PICNIC CONCERT SLATED FOR JULY 14

BEING A FIELD LEADER CALLED "FUN"

Both men and women have been volunteering for many years as Field Leaders at the Arboretum, usually gathering at the gates of the gardens at 9 a.m. weekdays to meet the yellow school buses which pull up to the entrance to unload large numbers of well supervised youngsters who have come from all over Southern California.

Betty Stowell, Field Leader Chairman for Las Voluntarias y Los Ayudantes, is looking for additional volunteers and hopes she can expand the numbers of her ranks.

"A teaching background is not necessary," she says, "even though we do have ex-teachers. Some of our Field Leaders have been housewives, librarians, businessmen; we have had an Ice Follies skater, an architect, a nurse, a social worker. I hope you noticed I said a businessman!"

One of the men we talked to, Kirk Helms, is a retired businessman who has found the program a wonderful lift. He has stories of things the kids have said that are truly charming. For instance, talking to a group of elementary age children about California history and attempting to lead into Lucky Baldwin's early life in the goldfields of the Mother Lode, Kirk asked if any of them had heard of the '49ers.

"Oh, sure," said the curly headed one. "They play football."

You can have the same enjoyment by joining this part of our program. A six week training session will add to your knowledge and understanding of the Arboretum. But, as Kirk Helms says, "I'm the one having all the fun!"

Betty Stowell can be reached by calling 448-1874 to begin the interview process for prospective leaders.

Nancy Wilson to Star in Evening's Entertainment — \$11 Tickets On Sale At Foundation Office —

The California Arboretum Foundation is putting together an entertainment package designed to be the highlight of the summer season. You will not want to miss the Annual Summer Picnic Concert starring Nancy Wilson, a song stylist of national fame, on Sunday, July 14.

Tickets for the Summer Picnic Concerts are \$11.00 per person and are available at Hinshaw's-Arcadia, Fasching's Car Wash, Arcadia, Bank of America-Santa Anita, Arcadia, Bank of America-Baldwin, Arcadia or they can be telephone ordered through our Foundation office, (818) 447-8207. A \$1.00 service charge will be added to telephone orders. Mastercard and Visa cards will be accepted.

Parking, as usual, will be free and convenient. Expected overflow crowds will use the Santa Anita lot located across Baldwin Avenue near the Arboretum entrance.

What better time for your family and friends to gather in "our" gardens to enjoy the concert area south of the Bauer pools on a warm summer evening than this!

The gardens will be open at 6 p.m. to allow picnickers in. Fairly elaborate picnic equipment has been seen at these functions. To encourage attendees to bring unusual or elegant servings with them prizes will be awarded in various categories during the evening.

Food booths featuring commemorative picnic baskets will be available to those who do not wish to prepare their own dinner. Soft drinks, wine and beer will also be available.

The evening of light entertainment will begin at 8 p.m. The 21 piece

orchestra will strike up the overture; a comedian will open the festivities with what we hope are clever insights of today's concerns; Nancy Wilson will appear as featured entertainer.

Miss Wilson, hardly a newcomer to the singing world with nearly 32 years experience in the music business, has been described as a jazz singer by jazz enthusiasts and a pop singer by everyone else. Her recordings have appeared on Capitol Records since 1960 with 28 consecutive albums listed on Billboard magazine's Pop Chart. She has won Downbeat magazine's top singer award, appeared on numerous television series and still found time to serve for Presidents Johnson and Nixon on the Youth Opportunity Commission and in other roles.

The Foundation's Picnic Concert Chairman says, "We feel privileged to have attracted an entertainer of Nancy's caliber for our first picnic concert."

This is a major undertaking for us, but we are certain this program will bring new visitors to the Arboretum as well as raise funds for new projects."

Mary Ann Peckham, Executive Secretary of the Foundation, is quite enthused over this program and is anxious for members to know that, "while we are first and foremost a botanical garden we find sharing the Arboretum with the community at large a great way to introduce what we have here."

George Fasching is Event Chairman. Other committee members include Bob Harbicht, Ernie Jensen, Craig Potter, Pat Sewell, Bill Kileen, Hugh Barton and Eileen Hume.



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