

## PASADENA YOUTH SYMPHONY IN CONCERT

The Pasadena Youth Symphony Orchestra, comprised of talented junior high age students will perform at the Arboretum June 9 at 2 p.m. in what is billed as a family picnic.

Many of our Foundation members have youngsters, or grandchildren, in the orchestra as members come from all over the San Gabriel Valley and beyond. This outing affords an opportunity for families to hear their charges and to assess their progress. For others, it is a time to encourage young people to embrace a higher level of musical knowledge and enjoyment.

PYSO, as it is called by the group's sponsor, the Pasadena Symphony Association, is 78 members strong this season and is led by conductor Donn Laurence Mills who is director of the Yamaha Education Center in Irvine and the conductor of the Capistrano Valley Symphony.

Now in its 12th season, PYSO members join the orchestra through auditions and must be approved by their school music director prior to acceptance.

The age level of PYSO makes it somewhat unique. Most youth orchestras are for high school and/or college students but PYSO provides motivating experience for younger musicians at a critical time in their musical development.

The Pasadena Youth Symphony Orchestra (PYSO) is a part of the Pasadena Symphony Association's commitment to encouraging orchestral experience for young musicians.

### EDITOR'S NOTE:

Concert was cancelled due to weather. We look forward to having them perform next year.

### IT'S A JUNGLE OUT THERE

The Prehistoric Garden is located north of the lagoon and contains an excellent collection of cycads and a small grove of sequoia.

Cycads are primitive plants resembling palms, but are actually members of a group of plants called gymnosperms.

Metasequoia or Dawn Redwood dates back to Mesozoic times.

## SUMMER GARDENING COLORS RED, WHITE, BLUE

By Wendy Sekovich

Summer is a time for vacations, backyard barbecues and relaxing. Unfortunately, my garden seldom cooperates! It's always at its best the day after I have company or the day before I go on vacation! June becomes a busy month of planting heat-loving annuals, perennials and last-minute vegetables, controlling pests and watering. July is usually consumed with watering, feeding, watering, pest control and watering!

This weekend, I'm planning a trip to the nursery to pick up some showy annuals and perennials to give my garden a boost of bright summery color. I'll be looking for China Aster (*Callistephus chinensis*), *Ageratum houstonianum*, *Celosia*, *Coreopsis tinctoria*, *Cosmos*, Sweet William (*Dianthus barbatus*), sunny shades of *Gaillardia pulchella*, Baby's Breath (*Gypsophila paniculata*—for flower arrangements), Strawflower (*Helichrysum bracteatum*), and various shades of *Statice* (*Limonium*). Of course, I'll buy a few packs of Marigolds (*Tagetes*), *Phlox drummondii*, *Zinnia* and *Verbena*. The nursery always has a wonderful display of colorful summer plants and each year the decision gets tougher.

For our July 4th barbeque, I've decided to plant a red, white and blue garden with *Salvia splendens* (red), *Lobularia maritime* 'Carpet of Snow' (white), and *Lobelia erinus* 'Crystal Palace' (blue). I'll also put

some containers of those hard-to-resist Petunias on the patio to match my patriotic color scheme.

If I hurry, there's still time to fill in the vegetable garden with beans, corn, cucumbers, lettuce, melons, peppers, tomatoes, squash and a home-grown pumpkin for Halloween.

About July 1st, I like to feed everything in the garden. Someone once said, "A healthy plant is a happy plant," and maybe if I keep them healthy, they won't mind the blistering summer heat. I've discovered that I can eliminate most water-stealing weeds by putting down a thick mulch. This also helps cool the soil and slows evaporation, easing my watering schedule and leaving me time to lay back in my hammock, munch on some freshly harvested juicy strawberries and raspberries, and survey my beautiful color palette while I dream of bigger and better things to plant this fall.

### ADVICE TO THE LEAF-LORN:

Before leaving on your vacation, gather all of your outdoor container plants in one place (keep the shade plants in the shade and sun plants in the sun) and put all of your houseplants on a waterproof surface (like the kitchen counter). This will make watering chores easier for your neighbor. If you have any finicky fellows, leave "care notes" taped on their containers.

### HUCK FINN DAY — JUNE 29

*Please note: Huck Finn Day is cancelled due to weather.*  
All the makings for an old-fashioned family holiday will come together during Huck Finn Day at the Arboretum on June 29. The fun starts at 9 a.m. Saturday and continues until 3 p.m. An assortment of wholesome activities will take everyone back to the time when summer meant fun in the sunshine. The music of the Banjoliers Dixieland Band will keep toes tapping while a strolling mime and clown bring chuckles to kids of all ages. Free lemonade and balloons for children add to the lighthearted atmosphere. Highlight of the day will be a fishing derby for youngsters 4 through 16 years of age with cash prizes

awarded to kids who hook one of the tagged fish. The Arboretum will outfit participants with authentic bamboo fish poles and bobbers (the only fishing gear allowed) as well as adult helpers to bait the hooks and unhook their trophies. A costume jamboree will encourage youngsters to act out their fantasies of how Huck Finn, Becky Thatcher and Tom Sawyer would have dressed for a lazy summer day 100 years ago.

The more adventurous grown-ups and children will want to join the treasure hunt with clues that send them all over the Arboretum. Prizes will reward the searchers who are the most successful.





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