

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

The Business Office would like to welcome Louis Marks, a new Student Worker, to their staff.

The CAP "Flowers" have been doing very well the last three weeks since they got their uniforms. They still need your support to spur them on to greater victories. Come support your team on Monday night November 13 at 8:30 at Arcadia Park.

DESCANSO GARDENS

The Chrysanthemum Show last October 28 and 29 attracted over 4000 people.

Mark Anthony visited the grounds recently. He is recuperating at home and we are glad to see him making such good progress. Pete Zabriskie paid us a visit on Friday; the cast has been removed from his leg and we are hoping to see him back on the job within a short time.

Recently seen in the garden was one roadrunner, one kingfisher, many humming birds, and a killdeer. Overhead at the bird station: The teacher asked the class if anyone could identify the creature with the top notch. There was no reply. They the teacher said, "That is a western tufted titmouse," to which one young lady replied, "Well, I know that it is not a bird."

If you happened to see MOD SQUAD on T.V. recently, you were looking into the heart of Descanso Gardens. That program was filmed here in the gardens late in July.

We must mention it now, December 2nd - 10th the Guild will sponsor the ever-popular Christmas Decoration Show. If you haven't seen it, you can't afford to miss it.

SOUTH COAST DIVISION

The landscaping of the southwest portion (4 acres) of the garden has been completed. Trees, shrubs, and plenty of ground covers were the order of the day.

Further development in the remodeling of the garden included a new coat of black shield on the parking lot of the service yard.

A most interesting session of the South Bay Herb Society was given on Sunday October 23, featuring Betty Wylder's talk "Herbs of Legend and Superstition." The worldwide use of herbs has often been accompanied by ritualistic incantations and ceremonies to insure or nullify their effects. The strange and unusual attributes of herbs are little known. Herbs and items of mystical effects were shown to the public with an enthusiastic response from visitors.

Several of our staff recently returned from late season vacations with exciting reports of their travels. Day Pinney's trip to Oregon yielded interesting accounts of unusual natural phenomena. Stu Bedwell's visit to Santa Barbara Botanic Garden was quite informative and Stu reports that they have a very respectable collection of specimens in the Native Section.

Birders report observations of the following species: eared, western and pied-billed grebes; spotted and pectoral sandpipers; greater yellowlegs, northern phalarope, belted kingfisher, and bank swallow. In addition, a number of unusual vagrants have appeared, including: vermillion flycatcher, eastern phoebe, Tennessee warbler, blackpoll, palm warbler, yellow-throated warbler, blackburnian warbler and white-winged dove. These vagrants are eastern and southwestern birds not normally found in California, but are observed, at best infrequently, during migrations.

Fall Flowering trees and shrubs include: Baja polygala (*Polygala apopetala*), *Cassia bicapsularis*, *Cassia surattensis*, *Pereskia bleo*, *Abutilon megapotamicum*, *chorisia speciosa*, and an outstanding specimen of Joyote thevetia (*Thevetia yucatana*).

EDUCATION DIVISION

Youth education classes are in full swing for the fall. Rows of lettuce, cabbage, carrot, kohlrabi, and other vegetables are progressing into attractive garden plots and students are taking pride in their accomplishments at all three facilities.

Mrs. Ann Lanselle, a member of Las Voluntarias is conducting an excellent class in container gardening at LASCA.



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