

NEWSLETTER



ARBORETA & BOTANIC GARDENS

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ARBORETUM DIVISION

Twenty-three of the department's plant introductions are spring flowering and consequently can be appreciated best at this time. The long list includes the first introduction, Felicia amelloides 'Santa Anita' which was introduced in 1957. The most colorful introductions are the ground covers Osteospermum fruticosum 'Snow White' and 'Burgundy Mound' and the Arctotheca calendula. Among the most outstanding shrubs you will find Viburnum macrocephalum, Hibiscus huegelii, Pittosporum napaulense, Camellia japonica 'Mrs. D. W. Davis Descanso', and C. japonica 'John Anson Ford', Dwarf Oleanders, Callistemon rosea, and C. pachyphyllus viridis which has not yet been put on the market. Some of these shrubs are planted in a half circle between the Garden of All Seasons and the demonstration turf plots. The most outstanding trees to be enjoyed now are the tabebuias and the eucalyptus. Be sure to see the Tabebuia ipigenosa on top of Tallac Knoll along with the many Tabebuia chrysotrichas that are planted along the grounds.

DESCANSO DIVISION

The daffodil show at Descanso on the 23rd and 24th of March attracted 6,272 people. If you have the time, come to the gardens and see the lilacs -- they are almost at their peak of bloom.

Don Graf was honored by the Japanese community of Altadena-Pasadena at a dinner on March 16 for the work he has done with the Japanese boys in getting their merit and eagle badge ratings.

The voice coming from the superintendent's

office is that of Juliane Foes, a student worker. Juliane is attending Glendale College from where she will graduate in June.

Recently spotted at Descanso were a band of stellar jays, a flock of white-crowned sparrow, a bevy of varied thrush, a glamorine of wren-tit, and a collumbine of thrasher. (Editor's note: If you say so, George.)

RESEARCH DIVISION

Through the generosity of botanic gardens and private collectors throughout the world, we now have a collection of forty-four species of carnivorous plants representing nine of the fifteen genera generally recognized by modern taxonomists. Jim Doty has been studying a little of their history, taking advantage of the fine collection of herbals in the library. For instance, Drosera rotundifolia, the most common sundew in the northern hemisphere, was well known in the 16th Century in Europe as a curative for asthma. In contrast to the European uses of the herb, a tribe of North American Indians used D. rotundifolia in a love potion. These groups of plants offer not only many interesting morphological developments in the design and formation of traps and snares, but also are very interesting in their physiological functions.

This year our Baldwin Bonanza will offer carnivorous plants for sale to the public for the first time.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION

This is the beginning of salary negotiations where management and labor sit down at the bargaining table to discuss salaries and fringe benefits to be included in a new Memo of Understanding for July 1. Probably salary recommend-



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