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The Los Angeles County Arboretum & Botanic Garden just completed a year of attention to the basics. The 2005-2006 fiscal year brought vast improvements to core components of the garden.

The Arboretum is a partnership between Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation, The Los Angeles Arboretum Foundation and the community. The Arboretum staff, volunteers, community partners and Los Angeles County have spent a lot of time and energy this year improving the visitor experience, increasing accessibility in the garden, adding new plants to displays, renovating buildings, and increasing maintenance around the garden.

Work throughout the garden has resulted in a flush of new growth, much of which can be attributed to the removal of invasive trees. The cycad collection in the Prehistoric Forest is a fine example of this vibrant new growth. Support from Los Angeles County Board of

Supervisors to the Department of Parks and Recreation for "Deferred Maintenance" made this tree trimming and removal possible. Tree work will continue in the upcoming year.

New gardens and displays highlighted our current collections and made them more accessible for visitors to enjoy. New plants were added to the African collection, particularly along the new Aloe Trail, the Meyberg Waterfall, the Rose Garden, the Herbs of the World and the Grace Kallam Perennial Garden. Entirely new gardens sprang up in the Magnolia collection with the help of the Southern California Hemerocallis and Amaryllis Society, as well as the new Desert Display Garden near the Peacock Café. The Desert Display Garden was a collaboration of designers, building supply companies, rock builders, specialty growers, staff and volunteers. This was truly a community project and a labor of love.

The Arboretum also worked on painting buildings, fixing roads, adding golf and garden carts, as well as improving plant labeling and directional signs. One of the biggest changes was the renovation of the Peacock Café and the introduction of a new catering company. This major renovation was possible because The Arboretum is growing stronger in its operating support and in projecting and staying within budget over a fiscal year. This discipline will help The Arboretum dedicate more of your support into programming, care of the gardens and educational outreach.

The 2005 – 2006 fiscal year was good to The Arboretum and we hope our members and visitors can feel the improvements and excitement in the air. Enjoy this annual report.

**See you in The Arboretum!**





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