

Improvements in the Garden:

1. The Desert Display Garden continues our water conservation efforts while showing off an amazing array of cacti and succulents in a Nick Williams & Associates designed outdoor room. This was a 2006 LA Garden Show permanent addition.
2. The Aloe Trail opens the entire African collection to our guests, including over 160 species and varieties of aloes. The Aloe Trail fills two conceptual goals, giving our visitors opportunities to be immersed in our specialty collections and strengthening our visitor experience with Americans with Disabilities Act accessible paths.
3. Garden-wide tree work, supported by Los Angeles County, removed a large number of invasive trees and cleaned up many walkways and highlighted displays and collections. The new growth in many areas can better be appreciated by visitors and members.
4. The TREX© Zen Deck provided publicity in over 54 different publications throughout the United States and Canada. Most significantly, this wonderful donation by the TREX© Corporation shows off an earth-friendly product in a beautiful "Yin and Yang" designed deck. A perfect new location to enjoy a beautiful serene view or as a setting for wedding photography and other special events. These kinds of efforts will help us deliver amazing plant diversity to our visitors and provide the best long-term care to the rare plants in our collections.
5. The award of a Stanley-Smith Horticulture Grant allowed us to move towards implementing a bar-coding system to help track our inventory and management of our 6,000 orchid plants.

Program Improvements:

1. The Halloween Family Festival sprang to life with the planning and staffing by our outstanding Los Voluntarios and Junior Volunteer groups. Hundreds of families participated in games, crafts, face painting and a costume parade in what immediately became an annual family treat.
2. The Arboretum's Membership hit 6,000 households for the first time. The rapid growth from 3,300 households two years ago has helped fuel improvements in the garden and in our education and event programming. Spread the word – membership at The Arboretum is the best value in all of Southern California.
3. Terra-Byte, a music and visual arts evening was a partnership with NASA's Spitzer Science Center, cutting-edge media and technology companies SESO Media Group, Subtractive Inc. and architectural collective Workshop LEVITAS. Combining architecture, leading-edge music composition, garden tours and earth and space images, this evening inspired curiosity and awareness of our natural world. This experimental evening was a resounding success and one to anticipate in future years.
4. Bookworms, a children's reading program at The Arboretum Library is growing a new crop of scientists and naturalists. Our new librarian, Susan Eubank, brings the world of plants and nature to our community in many new programs.
5. Walking tours became regularly available this year, adding a fun, intimate and educational way to get a taste of The Arboretum. These tours will soon be followed by RSVP-rented, golf cart tours and then by a new tram. Add bird walks, family picnics and new trails, and suddenly The Arboretum is available to our guests in a mode that will best suit their needs.



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