

## Artist chosen for new volunteer coordinator post

Patricia Bergen filled the newly-established position as Volunteer Coordinator at the Los Angeles State and County Arboretum in October.

California Arboretum Foundation volunteers, called Las Voluntarias y Los Ayudantes, make up one of the Arboretum's most valuable resources,



Patricia Bergen

donating about 30,000 hours a year to the garden. They maintain the Garden for All Seasons, assist in the gift shop and library, lead tours, serve on grounds mapping teams, help preserve the historical buildings, and provide information in different areas such as a speakers' bureau.

As Volunteer Coordinator, Ms. Bergen will evaluate the program and determine how to channel volunteer efforts, ensuring that the program is continually upgraded to provide the best possible services to the public.

Ms. Bergen has worked with volunteers at the Ojai Valley Museum and Ventura County Museum as well as the Ventura County Parks and Harbor Commission, Ojai Cultural Survey Evaluation, City of Ojai Architectural Review Board, and the Pasadena Historical Society. She also served as a council member on the Ojai City Council for four years.

A professional artist for the past 30 years, she holds a bachelors degree in painting and has taught art at The Thatcher School in Ojai and Ventura Community College.

Ms. Bergen lives in Alhambra with her husband Franklyn. She has 3 sons and 2 granddaughters.

## Los Angeles Garden Show design winners named

A panel of noted horticulturists had the difficult task of naming the winning entries at the Los Angeles Garden Show. Designers used the theme "At Home in the Garden" to inspire Southern California gardeners. The show ran Oct. 20 through 29 at the Los Angeles State and County Arboretum.

Lew Watanabe of Good Earth Enterprises was the big winner, collecting the Sweepstakes Award, a Theme Award and *Fine Gardening* magazine's award. His design featured a "weeping wall" of water cascading over black granite slabs. Heavenly bamboo, azaleas and grasses surrounded the shimmering centerpiece.

Monrovia Nursery won the Judges Award for its cedar-topped mountain which towered over a glade of rock plants in an Alpine Garden. A cool fog wafted through the air as visitors traveled a footpath winding down the slope and through a cave before passing by a lily-filled pool.

The California Association of Nurserymen, Los Angeles Chapter, also won a Theme Award for its



Water glistens on a black granite wall and mists over design that won Sweepstakes Award for Lew Watanabe.

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