

LASCA NEWS

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A periodic report from the Los Angeles State
and County Arboretum to the members of the
California Arboretum Foundation, Inc.
Arcadia, California

March, 1964

MEMBERS TOUR - April 6, 1964

The Members Tour for April is scheduled for Monday, April 6. Participants will meet in the Lecture Hall at 9:30 A. M. for coffee and introduction to our tour conductor, Mr. George Lewis. The tour will leave promptly at 10 A. M. for the propagation section where Mr. Lewis will let us into the inner workings of his department of the Arboretum. Those who know Mr. Lewis need not be told this will be one of our most outstanding tours, and those who do not, are assured of a most interesting morning at the Arboretum. Please make your reservations immediately for the tour.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S PLANT COLLECTING TRIP

Mr. Glenn Hiatt, Assistant Director of the Arboretum, leaves April 19 for Central and South America to collect seeds and plants of ornamental trees and shrubs, and to enlarge and augment the orchid, bromeliad and other tropical collections of the Arboretum. Mr. Hiatt will be accompanied by Dr. Jack Fowlie of La Canada. In Columbia, they will be collecting on the western slope of Cordillera Oriental above the Magdalena River. The first stop will be Managua, Nicaragua to collect endemic plants in that country. From there, they will proceed to San Jose, Costa Rica to collect and arrange for shipment to the Arboretum of seeds of ornamental trees and shrubs that will probably be lost because of the volcanic eruption of Irazu. Mr. Clarence Horich of Costa Rica, who assisted Mr. Hiatt in 1960 on a collecting trip, and who has been most helpful in aiding us in enlarging the orchid collection, wrote in January, 1964 describing the disaster then (and even yet) occurring. Excerpts from that letter are most enlightening, and emphasize the necessity of our bringing out at the earliest time all specimens for conservation. Mr. Horich writes:

"Last March, this volcano (Irazu) started, with enormous eruptions of volcanic sands and ashes up to 15,000 feet (high); then wind currents drifted the stuff over western Costa Rica. Ten months have passed - several millions of tons of ashes have been spewn out - eruptions hover like mushrooms of gigantic atom bomb explosions in the sky every seven seconds, fanning 60 miles wide and 250 miles over the Meseta Central. Ashes fall like snow. Surely, my orchids cannot take much more of this, nor can the jungle plants. All in all, it is really bad here. Coming to the point, I must collect botanicals and other exotics while they are alive in the forests."

Certainly Mr. Horich's letter eloquently underscores the urgency of plant collecting in this region. Many garden club groups are acting as collecting agencies for those interested in contributing funds to underwrite the expense of collection of native plants in the stricken area.



California Arboretum Foundation, Inc., too, would be pleased to act in this same capacity and anyone wishing to help in this cause is urged to forward their contribution in any amount to the Foundation office, 301 North Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia, California. All donations are tax-deductible. Haste is urged, for the 19th of April will soon be here.

LECTURE - April 17, 1964

The Knudsen-Machris lecture relating their experiences on their last collecting expedition to Africa promises to be an outstanding event. A special brochure is being mailed which describes in more detail the subject, and also includes a special order form for those who have not already purchased tickets. May we suggest that you interest your friends in attending this lecture which we can assure you will be one of the finest we have ever been privileged to sponsor.

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YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED

to

ATTEND

the

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, May 19, 1964

at 3:00 P. M.

PROGRAM

- 3:00 P. M. Membership meeting convenes - Lecture Hall,
Los Angeles State and County Arboretum,
301 North Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia, California
Business Meeting
- 4:00 P. M. Tour of Arboretum (optional) by tram, conducted by
Arboretum Tour Guides.
- 4:30 P. M. to Refreshments - Demonstration Home Gardens.
5:00 P. M. Plant distribution, rear of Demonstration Home
Gardens.

PLANTS TO BE DISTRIBUTED

Tabebuia chrysotricha
Dais cotinifolia

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP CARD
MUST BE PRESENTED FOR PLANT DISTRIBUTION

R. S. V. P. to Hillcrest 7-8207 before May 15, 1964

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CALIFORNIA ARBORETUM FOUNDATION, INC. CALENDAR OF EVENTS 1964 1965

September 19	Arboretum Tour	This tour will introduce you to the Herbarium and Library. Your advance reservations will be most appreciated - to help us in our preparations. Please call Hi 7-8207 to let us know how many will be in your party.
October 17-18	Gordon Guiberson Oriental Garden Bel-Air, Calif. Tour and Tea	The outstanding event of the fall season. Admittance by ticket only. Tickets available by request from the office at \$3.50 each, details will be in the mail to you this week. Benefits Peacock Pavilion building fund.
October 30	Fall Flower Show Preview	Invitational to members and their friends. Preview showing of the Fall Flower Show, sponsored jointly with the Independent-Star News.
November 6	Lecture - Dr. C. R. DePrima	An unusual opportunity to see slides and hear a "people and places" report on Russia, specifically the Georgian area, presented by our member, Dr. DePrima, of California Institute of Technology.
December 13	Christmas Program	The annual Christmas program for members and their friends. This year a different program is planned.
January 22	Lecture - Dr. Jack Fowlie and Mr. Glenn Hiatt	A slide illustrated lecture on the recent orchid collecting trip to Guatemala and Costa Rica.
February 6	Arboretum Tour	To keep you informed of development at the Arboretum.
March 4	Arboretum Day at the Races	A Repeat Performance by request. A day for fun as well as for the benefit of the Peacock Pavilion Fund.
March 26	Lecture - Dr. William S. Stewart	This lecture you will surely enjoy. Dr. Stewart will have just returned from India and will provide much information about his experience there.
April (day to be announced)	Garden Fashion Show and Tea	For the ladies - but gentlemen are cordially invited to attend. Invitations will be sent you at a later time and complete details announced. This event will help to increase the Peacock Pavilion Fund.
May 18	Annual Membership Meeting	The regular Annual Membership meeting, election of Trustees, plant distribution - a get-acquainted session and tea. Special tours of the Arboretum will be provided.

COMPLETE DETAILS WILL BE SENT TO YOU BEFORE EACH EVENT

Your Social Committee has worked diligently to provide a calendar of events that are outstanding. With each individual interest in mind, a variety of activities and subjects have been included this year. We hope you will attend all of them, for then we will know you approve the program! We ask that you let us know in advance of the event, the number of people in your party, in order that we may prepare adequate facilities. A postal card to the office, or a telephone call to us at Hillcrest 7-8207 is all that is necessary. Send reservations to 301 No. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia, California. Or detach the bottom portion of this sheet and return to us.



Date	Event	No. in party	Date	Event	No. in party
September 19	Tour	_____	January 22	Lecture	_____
October 17/18	Oriental Garden Tour	_____	February 6	Tour	_____
October 30	Flower Show Preview	_____	March 4	Day at the Races	_____
November 6	Lecture	_____	March 26	Lecture	_____
December 13	Christmas Program	_____	April	Fashion Show	_____
			May 18	Annual Meeting	_____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Phone _____



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