

Ten staff members are participating in a ceramic class being conducted in the Children's Education Building on Tuesday evenings. While equipment and facilities are somewhat limited - the fun is not, and we expect to complete the sessions with a better understanding of the craft, as well as some useful and interesting ceramic pieces. Remember, the definition of a psycho ceramic is a "cracked pot"!

Gertrude's Gabbings

A fine nine by twelve foot greenhouse has been given for Descanso Children's Education and is now being readied for use. New soil bins are under construction and water lines are being brought in to the enlarged and improved garden plot. Thanks to all the staff helping get ready for the Fall Program beginning in November.

Dorothy Pool will return from leave October 23. Welcome back, Dorothy!

Norm Isbell is now on the Youth Education staff at the Arboretum where classes are filled and under way.

Saturday the 18 children of the Gardening class had a great and glorious Planting Day, bringing lunches and staying on until 2:30. All the seeds and transplants are in. All ducks, chickens, rabbits and peacocks; please stay out!

Fall is here. Gourds and pumpkins are ripe. Juncos, Whitecrowned Sparrows and Waxwings are back again. Possum and Raccoon tracks heading toward the jungle or maybe the persimmon trees.

Social Committee Soundings

Save December 23 for the Christmas Party: It's enough to scare the whoozits out of anyone to mention Christmas this early, but we would like to get our invitation in first so you will reserve the date. More news on exact time and location in the next Newsletter.

Camera Club Clippings

The Camera Club, which holds its meetings the last Thursday of each month, got off to a wonderful start. The BIG NIGHT of open competition had arrived! The judges, who wish to remain anonymous, went into a huddle, while slides of unusual beauty and technique were shown. Even though Frank Simerly was believed to have put attar of roses in the air cooling system when he showed his flower pictures (they were THAT good!), the judges came up with identical scores for two first place slides. A flip of a coin had to be used, and Jack Harriman was declared the winner with a slide of the castle in Disneyland. Next meeting of the Club will be October 26 at 8:00 PM, and, with Dr. Martin's permission, IN THE SEMINAR ROOM. Jerry Gause has arranged for Ronald Jones, of the Forestry Department, to show his amazing slides of smokejumpers in training, jumping, and fighting fires. Jerry said there are some gorgeous shots taken while floating down in a parachute. Some people will just do anything to get different photographic shots! Anyway, lets have a real big turnout for Mr. Jones.

Historical Happenings

In late September the Arboretum Historical area was visited by Clifford P. Monahan, Director of the John Brown House (a 1786 structure) and the Rhode Island Historical Society. Photographs and data taken on the Historical site will be part of Dr. and Mrs. Monahan's report to their Board of the pleasurable visit experienced here.

The Historical area and the Arboretum are cooperating with Hinshaw's of Arcadia in a community project from Oct. 16 through 28, entitled "Early Days in our Valley". Period 1850 through 1910. A small exhibit will also be set up in the Coach Barn.

Oct. 30 through Nov. 15 will see the Historical area collaborating with the larger L. A. County Museum Show - "1900 - 1960 in our County" in which all sections of the Arboretum will take part with a small representative historical exhibit in the Coach Barn.

Tips on Safety

Remember, when you as an employee suffer an industrial accident and must be off work as a result, the first 7 days (including Saturdays and Sundays) are charged to your sick leave benefits. All succeeding days are paid for by the State Compensation Insurance Fund. If you require hospitalization State Compensation pays for for all days off. If there are any questions regarding this matter or other matters regarding Safety or employee benefits please see Mr. Wakeman, Senior Administrative Assistant.



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