

GREETINGS TO THE ARBORETUM'S VALUED MEMBERS, FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS

We're pleased to note that David Rogers' "BIG BUGS" EXHIBITION — which opened in mid-August and continues till the end of November — is proving a real attraction to families from across the Southland. The Sunday programs especially are a draw, with entertainment geared to the whole family.

As I write this, The Arboretum is anticipating the 'GARDENING UNDER MEDITERRANEAN SKIES' symposium on September 30th and October 1st, co-sponsored by The Arboretum, San Francisco's Strybing Arboretum and Pacific Horticulture Magazine.

Alessandra Vinciguerra, who oversees the gardens at

sional gardeners learn more about gardening in harmony with Southern California's natural, mediterranean climate.

In the early afternoon of Saturday, November 11th, the Southern California Branch of The Mediterranean Garden Society will hold its THIRD ANNUAL MEETING at The Arboretum. In a talk entitled 'My Favorite Plants for a Mediterranean Garden' noted Southern California gardening lecturer and designer and beloved teacher at The Arboretum, Jan Smithen will speak about mediterranean climate plants, their culture, and how to use them to give our own gardens that mediterranean feeling, that mediterranean scent, that "je ne sais quoi"! Jan's talk will be beautifully illustrated with slides, many taken in the south of France and Italy by garden photographer Cindy Lewis. Light refreshments will follow in the new Sunset Demonstration Gardens. We're told that interested members of the public will be most welcome at this free event.

Grant Proposal

Also, as I write this, The Arboretum is working on a grant proposal for the Howard Hughes Medical Institute's 2001 Pre-college Science Education Initiative. The very process of preparing the proposal, which needs to respond to very sophisticated and well thought out criteria, is proving constructive, and helping us further develop our overall educational programming. And if we are one of the fortunate few to receive a grant, that would be even better.

Annual Appeal

Soon you will receive your invitation to participate in The Arboretum's ANNUAL FUNDRAISING APPEAL. With David Rogers' "BIG BUGS" exhibition well under way, anticipating significant increases in staff, noticeable improvements in the gardens, and implementing The Arboretum's aggressive new Five-year Plan, The Arboretum is entering an exciting period of creativity, enthusiasm and growth.

We invite — even urge — you to respond generously to this appeal. Your positive response will make a difference at The Arboretum, and it will be much appreciated.

Los Voluntarios

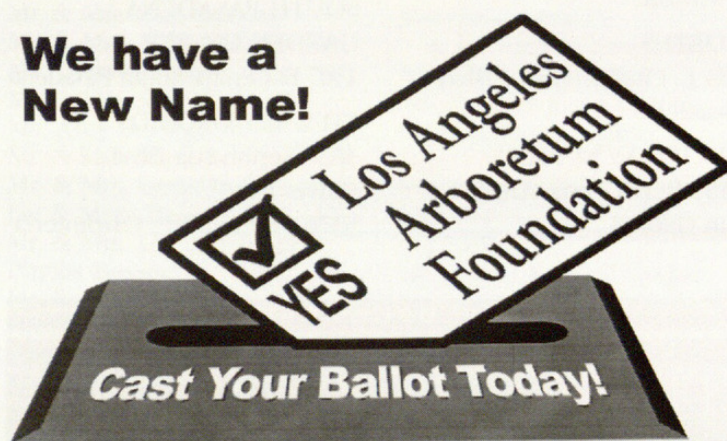
In closing, I would like to offer a word of heartfelt THANKS AND APPRECIATION TO LOS VOLUNTARIOS, The Arboretum's strong corps of active, able and dedicated volunteers who help in countless important ways throughout The Arboretum, and without whose committed involvement The Arboretum would not be what it is today.

We thank you for your interest and your support.

The Los Angeles Arboretum Foundation

To enhance the Foundation's identification with The Arboretum of Los Angeles County, the board of trustees has recommended a name change to 'Los Angeles Arboretum Foundation'. Please send in your ballot.

George Brumder



Mediterranean Gardening Events

We were most fortunate, in mid-September, to have had DR. MICHAEL AVISHAI, Scientific Director of the University Botanical Garden in Jerusalem, talk about plants from the Eastern Mediterranean. His talk was of special interest since the Eastern Mediterranean and Southern California share a mediterranean climate, characterized by cool, moist winters and long, hot, dry summers. His talk was also a welcome opportunity for The Arboretum to collaborate with other institutions — in this case, Pacific Horticulture magazine and the Southern California Branch of the Mediterranean Garden Society.

the American Academy in Rome is a featured international speaker. Local speakers include Dr. Robert Perry and Russ Beatty, California landscape architects who explore the meanings of "mediterranean" in their keynote address.

Workshop speakers include landscape historian Rosemary Donlon, author Rosalind Creasy, Dylan Hanon from Rancho Santa Ana Botanical Garden, landscape architect Nancy Hardesty, horticulturist Pat Lindsey and Mike Evans from the Tree of Life Nursery.

We are delighted that by SPONSORING AND CO-SPONSORING programs like these The Arboretum is able to help amateur and profes-



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