## Tour & Taste 2002:

Woody Monocots, Continents, Knolls, Lakes, Orchids, Tropical Rainforests... and another Garden Murder ...

The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Tour & Taste Thursdays series will once again be an Arboretum summer highlight. Four terrific programs are planned, so make sure they are on your calendar. This series offers an entertaining way to learn about The Arboretum and it's many noteworthy collections.

Each evening the tram tour & talk begins at 6:00 pm, followed by dinner at 7:30 pm on the terrace of the Peacock Café. Reservations are required. Cost is \$40 per person per program. Call 626-821-4624 or 626-821-4623 to reserve your place.

#### JULY 11 BAMBOOS & PALMS

Join Superintendent Timothy Phillips on a brief yet fascinating tour exploring The Arboretum's little known palm and bamboo collection.

### JULY 25 MURDER IN THE GARDEN

A Tour & Taste favorite, Stephanie Georgieff, our bardic host and herbalist, will again entertain with tales of Brother Cadfael in an evening of medieval mystery.

### AUGUST 8 INSIDE THE ARBORETUM

Join naturalist and Senior Tour Guide, Nelson Holmes, as he provides an introduction to and overview of The Arboretum.

### AUGUST 22 ORCHID AND TROPICAL GREENHOUSE TOUR

Join Julie Norman, Orchid Curator, on a tram tour to the Tropical Greenhouse and a "behind the scenes" tour of The Arboretum orchid collection.

For complete program details, see the enclosed classes and activities calendar.



Los Voluntarios, Bob Weber, visits with Stephanie Georgieff, bardic bost for Murder in the Garden.

MID-MAY TO LATE JUNE

# EVERYTHING IS COMING UP...IRISES!

A visit to The Arboretum's drip wall between mid-May and late June is a must! That is when the Japanese Iris Garden is expected to be at the height of color.

Developed by the world renowned Kamo Nurseries, in Japan, and made available to The Arboretum from the Donald M. Kendall Sculpture Cardons

M. Kendall Sculpture Gardens at PepsiCo's World Headquarters, the collection includes over 35 varieties of *Iris ensata*, the largest of all Iris. Some flowers reach 12 inches in diameter with lovely forms, colors and patterns.

In addition to the "real life" display, from April though the end of June, a "still life" iris poster will be given free with any new membership. What a perfect time to present the gift of a membership to a close friend or family member and give them a most colorful introduction to The Arboretum.



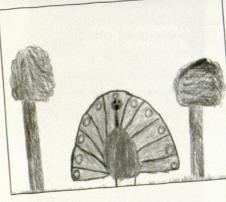


### YOUTH VOLUNTEERS

MISSION EDUCATION

By visiting and volunteering, today's youth play a vital role in our education mission.

Grade-school-aged children participate



Postcard art from student to John Barnes, field docent and junior volunteer placement chair.

in educational tours that expose them to the environment and also to the fascinating subjects of Early California History and Plants in Our World. Arboretum docent volunteers generously donate time to conduct these tours.

The junior volunteer program satisfies community service requirements and also provides many learning experiences. Today, over 50 junior volunteers are active in The Arboretum's junior program, helping out in the Gift Shop, with classes "just for kids," such as the Garden Sprouts series, and at special Arboretum events.

For more information about the volunteer program at The Arboretum, please call Nancy Pirovano at 626-821-4623.

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