

APRIL 5, 2000

## LA CASA PACIFICA

Join us on April 5 for a full day excursion to visit the gardens of La Casa Pacifica (the former Western White House), lunch at Sherman Gardens in Corona del Mar and shop at the amazing Roger's Gardens.

Richard Nixon's La Casa Pacifica located in San Clemente is now privately owned. To be

able to visit the spacious grounds with its spectacular springtime gardens overlooking an incredible view of the Pacific coastline is a rare treat.

The bus will leave promptly at 8:00AM from the entrance of The Arboretum. \$60 for members, \$75 for non-members. Reservations are a must! Call (626) 821-4624.

APRIL 21, 2000

## A GARDEN IN LUCCA



Jan Smithen joins Paul Gervais in his Lucca garden, summer 1999.

On April 21, at 10:30AM, renowned writer, Paul Gervais, will present his wonderfully compelling garden memoir, *A GARDEN IN LUCCA*. Complete with a slide show and book signing, this event will be fantastic. Paul will join Jan Smithen and her Fanatic Gardeners' group

Friday morning. His presentation will be open to all Arboretum members. As we are expecting a large attendance, reservations are required, so please contact Jill Berry at 626-821-4624 and let her know you are planning to come.

MAY 13 AND 14, 2000

## JAPANESE IRIS FESTIVAL

A new and unique garden of Japanese iris will be unveiled the weekend of May 13 and 14, 2000 during The Arboretum's inaugural Japanese Iris Festival.

The iris collection, developed by the world renowned Kamo Nurseries in Japan and made available to The Arboretum from the Donald M. Kendall Sculpture Gardens at PepsiCo's world headquarters, 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.

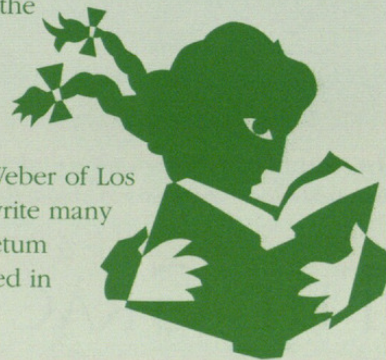
Centuries of intensive cultivation by Japanese collectors and hybridizers have brought this iris to its present state of magnificence. Kamo Nurseries started over 100 years ago in their cultivation and are the principal source of Japanese iris today.

## JUST FOR KIDS

WELCOME TO "JUST FOR KIDS" a new feature in The Arboretum News. Get ready to learn about some of the exciting and fun youth programs going on at the Arboretum. Here's what is happening in April & May:

The "PLANTS, PEOPLE & HERITAGE" of The Arboretum will be featured two times each month on the KID'S READING ROOM page of the Southern California Living section of the LA Times.

Watch for the articles under the California Classroom heading. Bob Weber of Los Voluntarios is helping to write many of the articles. The Arboretum staff is also actively involved in this exciting program.



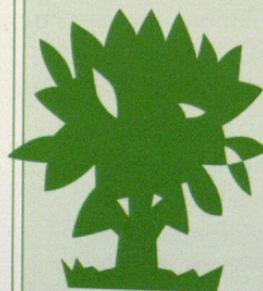
INSECTS INVADE the Arboretum on April 1 & 2 at the ARCADIA INSECT FAIR being held in Ayres Hall. Come and see live tarantulas and scorpions along with many other live specimens and displays of exotic insects. Lots of fun activities will fill the two days. Free with your Arboretum admission.



THE 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL LA ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION FAIR will be held on March 11, 2000, at The Arboretum from 9:00AM to 4:00PM. Over 60 organizations will teach and promote environmental awareness. Bring the family and join in on the fun. Live entertainment along with active hands on learning activities. For complete information visit the Fair Website at [www.laeef.org](http://www.laeef.org).



April 28, 2000, is the ARBOR DAY AT THE ARBORETUM CELEBRATION. Children from a local Arcadia school will plant a "tree for tomorrow" on The Arboretum grounds. The Arcadia Rotary Club has sponsored this annual celebration for many years.







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