

Arboretum Activities

Dr. William S. Stewart and Dr. Mildred Mathias are sharing a series of color television dates and are introducing to the television audience the "World of Ornaments." Both are familiar with the leading horticultural and botanical gardens of the United States and Europe; Dr. Mathias having made two expeditions in search of South American plants, and Dr. Stewart having done extensive collecting in Australia and South Africa. Members of the Department of Arboreta and Botanic Gardens will find this a most interesting and beautiful program. The program may be seen from station KRCA, Channel 4, for an indefinite number of Sundays at 3:00 PM.

Color photographers should have a 'field day' during the Spring months at the Arboretum. One of the few plants producing good blue flowers, the Hibiscus huegelii, is blooming in the Australian section. The Bird of Paradise is in full bloom in the South African section. This, as you know, has both blue and orange colors. On the southeast base of Tallac Knoll, the California mountain lilac Ceanothus is in bloom; near is the Banksia collins, with its strange candle-like blooms of creamy yellow. In the Australian section one should take a close look at the Scaevola nitida with its exotic cone shaped blossoms. One of the rarest sights to see in the Arboretum is the Bombax tree with its large blossoms of white spikes stuck into a central ball, looking like a gorgeous Christmas tree ornament.

NOTE: The program "World of Ornaments" may be viewed on a color-television screen in the Seminar Room, located in the Administration Building of the Arboretum.

Descanso Discourse

Descanso Gardens is a blaze of color through the month of April. Lilacs, rich in the lovely fragrant lavender perfume; Camellias, especially the C. reticulatas in full bloom with lovely big pale pinks and reds. Primrose and even rhododendron are spreading color on the hills. Spring has really sprung!!!!

Fourth and final lecture of the year will be given on May 9 at 8:00 PM. Dr. Lee Lenz, Director of Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden in Claremont, will speak on "California Natives I Have Worked With." There is no charge.

Staff News

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Don Graf and his family, and to Jerry Schlegel and his family in the recent passing of their respective fathers. We also wish to extend sympathy and a speedy recovery to Mrs. Graf who has been in the hospital.

We, of the Arboretum staff, welcome Don Herman, Information Aid in the Education Division. Don is an able help to Gertrude Woods, and holds classes for the Children's Education. He lives in South Pasadena and is a Cal-Poly graduate.

Our birthday girl of the recent month was Joyce Day. Many Happy Returns!!!

We bid farewell to Paul Mellot and William Bennett, Park Maintenance Helpers who advanced to Park Maintenance Man status. Paul has gone to Parks and Recreation in Altadena, and William to Parks and Recreation in Lancaster. Best of luck to both of you in your new endeavors.

We are happy to report to our readers that as of April 1, Frank Halvorsen is our new Head, Arboretum Information Aid. Our congratulations, Frank!

Wallace McCauley, or "Mac" as he is known, suffered a heart attack on Friday, April 6. As of this printing he was reported to have had a better night than previously. He is in the Arcadia Methodist Hospital. Cards may be sent. Call the hospital if you plan to visit him. He may not be allowed visitors until later.



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