

July 10, 1964

PICNIC! PICNIC! PICNIC! PICNIC! PICNIC! PICNIC! PICNIC! PICNIC!
SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 1964 - - - 12:00 - - - to 5:00 p.m.

at

Monrovia Nursery

18331 East Foothill Boulevard, Monrovia

Be certain to make plans to attend the annual staff picnic. There will be swimming for all, games for the children, a Pinata, FREE food and soft drinks, and plenty of 'get acquainted' time. The prizes for the drawing consist of a water-color; a transistor radio; a 5 lb. canned ham; 3 one lb. cans of coffee; sprinkler accessories, plants; frying chickens; soil amendments. Let's make this the best Social Event ever!! Remember it's all FREE. Will see you there!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

General News

DISCOUNT TICKETS for Melodyland, the Greek Theatre, Ringling Bros., Barnum & Bailey Circus, Pacific Ocean Park, and others are available to all Los Angeles County Employees Association members. See Penny Poole in the library.

Dan Zorich, Park Maintenance Man Helper will be at South Coast Botanic Garden as of July 15. Good Luck, Dan!

Kenji Tokushige, Park Maintenance Man Helper is now a member of the Arboretum staff, helping Dick Tilford in the Demonstration Gardens. Welcome, Kenji!

A welcome also to Elbert Turner, Equipment Tractor Operator for South Coast.

William Boor, Park Maintenance Man Helper at Descanso Gardens is going on Indefinite Military Leave.

LACFA MEMBERSHIP SOARS PAST 28,000. This is the largest membership in the Association's 53-year history. Biggest boost came with the merger of the City and County Health Departments, effective July 1, resulting in 450 new membership applications. The Association also has nearly 4,000 "life" members among retired County employees, and is the largest County employee association in the nation.

Education Editings

From the midpoint of the Youth Education Section's Summer Program the view is obscured by children and more children, by heterogenous materials 'up to here' and a dwindling glue supply that indicates addiction somewhere! Even Toby the Tortoise who lives here has accelerated and learned to dodge!

On Wednesday, July 8, the Plant Adventures Classes, ages 6 and 7, had open house at the Museum to display their wind chimes, sodjis and mosaics all made from members of the grass plant family. More than 50 parents, brothers and sisters came and admired. Lou Martin and Bob Vargas "judged" the work and the winning examples will be held for display.

Don Decker is undertaking Pond Ecology field trips as part of a special program the Youth Education has planned for San Gabriel District Summer School Science course. Nine intensive workshop trips of 1½ hours are scheduled.

Tak Niija has 120 children registered at Descanso and has also completed the work for the first half of them. Some unusually fine work has been done with tree motifs in his Art in Nature class.

The Arboretum Art classes are also working with trees and have done some fine "Portraits of the Wolfskill Tree" using dry plant materials for the collage work.

If Ross Goodrich seems a little harried and hurried - it's because he has to irrigate around and between all these Youth Education activities. Thanks, Ross, for all your consideration.

Don Herman is doing an inspired course on Pot Gardening, providing plant growing experience in a very short time. His Patio Gardening group are re-doing the large succulent berm and the Lagoon classes are doing excellent work on collecting and organizing their work.

All told, our Department is giving a lot of useful and interesting experience to more than 300 children this summer. It's a lot of satisfaction and well worth the efforts of a particularly fine staff.

Library Listings

Blough & Schwartz, Elementary school science and how to teach it
Curtis, the Students' flora of Tasmania, part 2
Goebel, Outlines of classification and special morphology of plants
Gorlick, Notes on California tree law
Menninger, Seaside plants of the world
Smith, Plant disease handbook

"The Gardener's Motto"

"Early to bed, early to rise, work like heck and fertilize."

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