

From the Foundation Office

The Annual Membership Meeting of the California Arboretum Foundation, Inc. was held May 18, 1965 at the Arboretum. More than one-hundred members attended and after the business meeting enjoyed the showing of "Greenbelt, U.S.A," a tour of the grounds, and delicious refreshments served in the Demonstration Gardens by Mrs. Donald Lunoe and the Social Committee of the Foundation.

The plant distribution to members were Arctotheca calendula, Cassia leptophylla and Calothamnus validus. Those present received one of each plant.

Mrs. Dolores Hubbell wishes to thank the Arboretum staff members who were so very cooperative to help make this meeting a tremendous success.

Descanso Gardens Reports:

At the going to press of the Delascan be it known that Lou Kalinowski is in the hospital undergoing surgery. We are sure that all members of the staff wish him a speedy recovery.

The opening of the Festival of Lights will be on July 1, 1965 at 7:30 p.m. This is a truly beautiful and spectacular arrangement of outdoor lighting and very worthwhile making the trip to Descanso Gardens to view.

Youth Education Reporting - G. Woods

Descanso Youth Education is reaching out. With Tak Niija's leadership, the La Canada Schools are undertaking a new summer program called Science Outdoors for grades 6, 7, 8. Forty children are enrolled and with their teachers will meet every morning 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at the Hospitality House for six weeks. Two mornings every week, Tak will conduct a field study trip up the Conservation Trail into the mature chaparral. On alternate days they go with their teacher into Native Plant Garden or up Nature Trail and do classroom projects. It is certain that these boys and girls will have an altogether new concept of watershed values and the balance of nature.

Tak also has a smart 9 X 12 greenhouse in operation with heater - cooler and humidifier, and has constructed cement slabs at greenhouse entrance, and garden gate on which he has built a 14' work bench with laundry tubs for washing and bunching vegetable and cleaning tools.

Lasca's Spring classes are over. Corn, pumpkins, and gourds are taking over the gardens. Summer classes are nearly filled, though there is room for some of your 12 to 15 year-olds in Patio Gardens and in an all new Jr. Museum course which will do some renovation of the Nature Museum. There are also a few vacancies in classes of Life in the Lagoon. More 10 to 12 year-olds can join this one, so spread the word around of this golden opportunity for your youngsters or your neighbor's youngsters.

A new "classroom" has been set up under the cupania tree - by courtesy of Marty's gang of cutter-uppers. All new modern furnishings - i.e - one and one-half sections of fragrant natural air-conditioning eucalyptus logs and SHADE!!



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