

We should like to call attention (before we go any further) to one of the outstanding events of the last two years which is now being held through Sunday, August 15 at Descanso Gardens. Since the days are warm and the evenings balmy do leave your easy chair and take an evening ride to these delightful Gardens and view the Second Annual Nightlighting Show. Time your arrival so that you will be at the Gardens no earlier than 8:20; depending on crowds of visitors viewing time will take between 20-40 minutes. Closing time is 10:00 p.m. The back lighting, patio lighting, waterfalls, fountains and pools completely change the beautiful sylvan setting to a fairyland of lights and fountains.

It is well worth your while and what's more, there are only reruns on TV.

Personnel Peeps

We are happy to inform you that "Scotty" Raitt is improving a little every day. Good Luck, Scotty!!!

CONGRATULATIONS to Ed Hartnagle on his promotion to Senior Nurseryman. Hope you like the new title as well as the new job.

WELCOME BACK TO MARGE WOOD!! We are happy to hear her cheerful laugh again.

From the Foundation

The latest issue of Lasca Leaves on "Problems of Western Garden Soils" is just off the press and for sale in the California Arboretum Foundation Book Shop for \$1.25 per copy. This issue contains a tremendous amount of helpful information for both professional and home gardeners. Get your copy soon!

Circle September 17 on your calendar as a date to remember. The first of the Foundation Lecture Series will be held on that date with Paul Hutchinson of the Botanical Garden, Department of Botany at University of California, Berkeley, as lecturer. His subject will be "Plant Collecting in the Andes of Peru." More details on this in the next issue of the Delascan.

Social Committee Soundings

Over 300 employees and their relatives attended the annual Departmental picnic held at Monrovia Nursery on Sunday, July 25. In spite of a rather overcast day with cool temperatures, most of those that came said that "this was the best one ever." Chief Chefs, Francis Ching and Jess Tomory did yeoman jobs in cooking 50 large frying chickens over hickory coals. Taste tempting and tantalizing aromas poured over the nursery and most everyone's tongue was savoring the flavor long before they bit into that delectable chicken. Ham Williams was responsible for what the Committee hopes will be his "annual chili" for the hot dogs and the hamburgers. He also furnished a huge pan of barbecued beans. The Martels furnished a Waldorf salad and those wonderful "Foundation Girls" not only furnished two kinds of salad (potato and cole slaw) but served everyong, adding interesting comments and jokes throughout the afternoon. Others who's help the picnic would have found difficult to do without were Bobby Vargas and his wife who made and supervised the Pinata breaking contest for the children; the workers who brought barbeques, set up chairs, loaded and unloaded trucks. In general, these folk "just made everything work out right" Ron Hayton, Ralph Hubble, John Valadez, Elbert Turner, Garner Engel, Ham Williams and his friend, and many, many more who helped in a large or small way and who deserve credit for their labor.

Some of the prizes won include two 8-transistor radios, 4 bottles of spirits, 4 six packs, a beautiful framed watercolor painting donated by Gerry Patten, some wonderful plant material, 2 1-lb cans of coffee, pens, soil amendments and plant chemicals. As usual the auctioning off of surplus picnic items brought spirited and competitive bidding and everything that didn't walk or talk was sold. Simerly and Wakeman did their usual job in this regard.

Those that went swimming said the water was just the right temperature!

The Social Committee would like to remind you that the next really big event is the Christmas Party to be held Saturday evening, December 11, 1965 at the Legion Hall in Pasadena. Plans are already being formed for this exciting event and everything seems to indicate that this year's will be even bigger, better, and less expensive than last year's. All new employees be certain to reserve this date and ask either your Social Committee or another employee about the dinner, dancing and entertainment. It's a must!!!

Library Listings

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Foley Gardening by the sea from coast to coast 1965
Garven Wild flowers of North China and South Manchuria 1937
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