

Arboretum Articles

It is a pleasure to announce the appointment of Mr. Francis Ching to the position of Superintendent, Arboretum, effective July 1, 1967. Francis will take over the reins from George Spalding who will fill in the informational gap that has existed for many years. Mr. Spalding will be responsible for answering horticultural questions from the public or for referring them to others if necessary. Good luck to both of you in your new undertakings!

Since our last news letter there have been tremendous developments in and around the Peacock Pavilion. First, the building was dedicated complete with 7 piece orchestra, speeches and hors d'oeuvres with Supervisor Bonelli presiding in the dedication and turning on the switch that opened the veil of peacock feathers. All gardeners, tree crew and maintenance staff that worked so long and so diligently must be roundly applauded for their efforts in doing an almost impossible job in the short period of time necessary to meet the dedication deadline. Thanks so much for your help!

Library Listings

"BOOK OF THE MONTH." Van Rennselaer, Eleanor.
New decorations with pods, cones and leaves.
 199 p 1966. This successor to the author's popular Decorating with pods and cones has ideas galore for indoor and outdoor ornaments, including use of the newer resins.

Bainbridge Light as an ecological factor 452 p 1966
 Bardi The tropical gardens of Burle Marx 160 p 1964
 Berrall The garden, an illustrated history 388 p 1966
 Dakin The lives of William Hartnell 308 p 1949
 Ellacombe The plant-lore & garden-craft of shakespeare. 303 p 1878
 Sussman & Halvorson Spores their dormancy & germination 354 p 1966
 Voorhoeve Liberian high forest trees 416 p 1965
 Whitten That we may live 251 p 1966
 Wilson & Loomis Botany 4th ed 929 p 1967

Youth Education Section Reports

South Coast Botanic Garden: For the past month Tak Niiya has been working full time at South Coast getting the Youth Education facility ready for summer. Despite the lack of any base of operations he has set up the greenhouse, graded the allocated acreage, laid out initial garden plots, put in a temporary water line and is expecting to teach two of the four summer workshops beginning June 26.

During the summer Mrs. Phyllis Norris who heads the volunteer Tour Guides will work out a plan to take several Head Start groups for specialized tours. Lydia Birt Williams will teach the Pot Gardening Workshop and may take on an additional group of elementary children referred by the Head Start program, Wilmington area.

Descanso Gardens: Descanso Youth Education Section has already participated in the super-thrilling experience of being photographed for a Fall television and moving picture film while harvesting their garden produce. The Garden of the Handicapped children will be photographed - in action - on June 12 for the same program.

Summer courses are rapidly filling. Preparations are made for 172 youngsters. Mrs. Mary D'Autremout will teach the first session of Exploring Nature.

Mary MacAuthur, student at Chico College, returns again this summer, and will instruct Plant Adventure, both sessions.

Leo Legere, Education Assistant, hopes to initiate a new teenage course on Pre-Vocational Gardening.

LASCA summer courses are already filled by 230 eager children.

Three workshops will be taught by three members of the new Youth Education Volunteer Group. Another student teacher, Mrs. Julie Stokstad, will teach four Life in the Lagoon courses. The volunteer group has also given invaluable assistance throughout the registration rush. Nancy Zabriski, also of the volunteers, has given assistance with a series of 8 EMR classes.

Museum and greenhouse renovation has been ably assisted by volunteers, Ann Grove, Anne Hensley and Nancy Zabriski.



1967. "Youth education section reports [July 10, 1967]." *Delascan* 1967, 1.

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