# COLLECTIONS

## PLANT INFORMATION

Tuesdays: January 4; February 1; March 1; April 5; May 3; June 7; 1:30–3pm

Free for Arboretum members. Free with Arboretum admission. Meet in the Bamboo Room. Instructor: Frank McDonough Stay on top of the world of botany and horticulture when Arboretum botanist Frank McDonough covers various landscaping and gardening topics plus the latest news in gardening and plant science. Frank will also reveal some of the more important or unusual or entertaining questions that he and the volunteers have received from the public during the previous month. Bring your own plant questions for discussion. You never know what unique and fascinating topics will be addressed.

#### KNOWING THE PLANT WORLD: EXPLORING THE ARBORETUM LIBRARY

Call 626-821-3213 or e-mail susan.eubank@arboretum.org to arrange a time. Individuals or groups welcome. Join Susan Eubank, Arboretum Librarian, as she gives an overview of the Arboretum Library, its collections and services. This class is for anyone who is curious about what wonderful resources are in this valuable and unique library. You will learn about using the materials, Library catalog, as well as worldwide web resources to find information on gardening and plants. From pests, diseases and sustainable practices to native plants in climates similar to Southern California, the Arboretum Library has information on it all.

#### **DOCENT-LED WALKING TOURS** Wednesdays; 10am

Free with Arboretum admission. Experience the wonders of the Arboretum as you spend ninety minutes walking with one of our knowledgable docents. Tours can be gearded to the visitor's interests. Other days and times of the week can be arranged with advance notice by contacting Nancy Carlton, Volunteer and Special Events Manager, at 626-802-8471 or nancy.carlton@arboretum.org.

#### DO PLANT AND GARDEN RESEARCH LIKE A PROFESSIONAL: AN IN-DEPTH EXPLORATION OF THE ARBORETUM LIBRARY

Call 626-821-3213 or e-mail susan.eubank@ arboretum.org to arrange a time. Individuals or groups welcome.

Join Susan Eubank, Arboretum Librarian, as she shows you how to use the library to do research, and discover the many other information sources for plants. This class is for anyone who has a general understanding of the Arboretum Library collection who would like to know how to use horticultural and botanical resources in more detail. Bring your questions as an example for research. Ms. Eubank has 17 years of professional experience researching in botanical and horticultural libraries.

#### READING THE WESTERN LANDSCAPE BOOK GROUP

Wednesdays, January 5; February 2; March 2; April 6; May 4; June 1; 7pm For more information about the Book Group, and to RSVP for a meeting, please contact, Arboretum Librarian, Susan Eubank, at 626-821-3213 or susan.eubank@arboretum.org. New members are welcome. Meet in the Arboretum Library. The Arboretum Library's book group explores the portrayal of western North American landscape in fiction, non-fiction and poetry. The group uses the Shared Inquiry<sup>™</sup> method developed by the Great Books Foundation (see www.greatbooks.org). The chosen book of the month must be read in order to participate. For a list of current books visit the Arboretum website at http://www.arboretum.org/ index.php/news/reading\_the\_western\_ landscape\_current.

#### AROUND THE WORLD IN 127 ACRES: A LOOK AT THE ARBORETUM'S TRULY COSMOPOLITAN PLANT COLLECTIONS

Saturdays, 1:30-3pm \$5 member; \$7 non-member per class. Meet in the Arboretum Library, rain or shine. Instructor: Frank McDonough This class is held in the garden, and requires walking throughout the collections. The Arboretum's collection of over 18,000 plants is divided into five geographic sections, two greenhouses, and other specialty exhibits. Frank McDonough will take you onto the grounds to learn more about these extensive collections. Be sure to wear comfortable shoes, a hat and clothes you don't mind getting dirty—and bring drinking water.

# PLANTS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD March 12

A tour that takes a look at plants in the Arboretum collection that have had dramatic effects on the history of human beings.

# SUGAR AND SPICE AND

EVERYTHING NICE March 26 An in-depth look at the Arboretum herb garden—a collection of culinary, medicinal, dye, fiber, sacred and spiritual plants.

#### SURVIVOR-PLANT: SWAMP April 9

You are a garden petunia dropped into the everglades of Florida; what structures and strategies do you evolve to survive?

### 'ANT' ICS April 23

Ants have incredibly interesting relationships with plants; we'll look at some of the more unusual ones that are connected to the Arboretum's collection.

# CAPE COOLNESS May 7

South Africa has long been a source of fascinating ornamental plants for Southern California—this tour looks at our extensive South African collection and how it paved the way for today's water-conscious landscaping.

#### MEXICAN MARVELS May 21

Hidden on the back-side of Tallac knoll is a fascinating collection of plants from south of the border. This tour takes a look at that collection and some that may even be candidates for Southern California landscapes.



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