

for original classroom projects. Thanks are due the members of Las Voluntarias who undertook the laborious job of assembling this material. The Department is also indebted to the Oak Tree Foundation of Arcadia, which, as it did last year, gave a thousand dollars through the California Arboretum Foundation to help underwrite the costs of the Arbor Day program.

Baldwin Bonanza III

THIS YEAR'S Baldwin Bonanza, the eighth of the Arboretum's once-a-year plant sales, will be held on Sunday, May 7th, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Will it differ from last year's Bonanza? Not much, according to Bonanza chairman Jean Atkinson. "You can't, or maybe shouldn't, do too much with a proven formula," she said, "but there will be a few things that are different." One thing different she and her co-chairman, Marjorie Roos, have planned, is more raffle prizes. Those so far confirmed are a lath house, a Brown and Jordan patio set, a plant assortment from Germaine's, and an E. Margaret Wilson water color.

The site for the sale will again be the 12,000-square-foot saran-covered area west of the Garden For All Seasons. Familiar booths will include Arboretum introductions offering Blue Hibiscus, Crown of Gold and Gold Medallion trees, Snake Bush, Black Boy, and others; Ferns and Palms; House Plants; Shade Plants; Sun Plants and Cactus; Children's Booth; Edibles; Orchids; Miniatures; Crafts; and a wide selection of cycads.

On the preceding Saturday evening, there will be the customary preview party from five-thirty to eight for California Arboretum Foundation members and their guests. Tickets must be purchased in advance and can be obtained by calling the Foundation office (213) 447-8207.



New Arboretum greenhouse.

Greenhouse

THE ABOVE VIEW of a new greenhouse constructed at the Arboretum gives no indication of the sophisticated climate-control devices with which it has been equipped.

It is fully automatic in terms of humidity, temperature, and air movement, the last of which features a plastic tube running along the top of the building for its full length, evenly dispersing warm and recirculated air through outlets a few feet apart. The air, propelled by a fan, first passes through charcoal filters to minimize pollution and the possibility of transmitting disease. This kind of care is necessary where critical plant breeding or tests are in progress, currently the case with crape myrtle and guayule projects.

The crape myrtle project is aimed at developing varieties tolerant of powdery mildew to which the tree

is commonly subject, and at developing new flower colors.

As previously reported, this greenhouse will be part of the planned Hall of Environmental Education building complex. Major funding for it was provided by the California Arboretum Foundation and represents the Foundation's first concrete step in fulfilling its half-million dollar pledge in support of the project.

American Horticultural Society 1977 Congress

THE 32ND ANNUAL CONGRESS of the American Horticultural Society gathered at the Huntington-Sheraton Hotel in Pasadena last October for five days of talk and botanical sightseeing under the theme, "Plants and People." With members and staff of the California Arboretum Foundation and the Los Angeles State and County Arboretum serv-



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