

BONANZA AND A FROLIC

THE DATES and the form have been established for the 1973 versions of two of the California Arboretum Foundation's happiest and most effective fund-raising affairs — the Baldwin Bonanza and the Queen Anne Frolic. The Bonanza will take place on April 1st from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Demonstration Home Gardens. According to chairwoman Ruth Mary Larson, the event will focus on a plant sale that will include many of the Arboretum's introductions, and will be highlighted by booths offering gardening consultant service, demonstrations on how to plant terrariums, herb, fern, and hanging basket displays, and some select antiques. As an added fillip there will be a Gross Contest in which anyone, for one dollar a guess, can estimate the final gross proceeds, the winner to get free libations and food at a celebration party after the event. A members-only preview is scheduled for the night before, March 31st.

Foundation member Alice Coulombe is chairing the Queen Anne Frolic which, she reports, is an evening affair set for Friday, September 28th. Guided by the most popular attractions of the first frolic, Mrs. Coulombe has plans for tours through the Queen Anne Cottage, rides around the grounds in antique cars, two dance bands, and a barbecued roast beef dinner.

UNDERGROUND POWER

FOR YEARS an overhead power line crossing Lasca Lagoon and through the historical section has been an eyesore, a hazard, and a source of inadequate power to the mall area, an area that frequently needs good lighting and outlets for

public address systems and other power-consuming conveniences. Now, through the cooperative efforts of the County Mechanical Department, Southern California Edison, and our own staff, these are conditions of the past. Approximately 3,000 amps are available to the Arboretum at several strategically located control panels, and the power line that crossed Lasca Lagoon and other areas is now underground in a 1500-foot ditch dug by the Arboretum service crew.

ATTENDANCE

AS THE history of the Arboretum printed in this issue reveals, attendance has increased every year since its inception, save for one or two years when extended periods of rain kept people at home. But this past year attendance at the Arboretum reached an all-time high of 637,474, a figure representing the greatest yearly increase, 17.2 percent, to date.

Adding together a 35% increase at South Coast Botanic Garden and a 9% increase at Descanso Gardens, total attendance for 1972 at the Department's three gardens came almost to 1.2 million.

ANNUAL MEETING

AT THE annual meeting of the California Arboretum Foundation next May 8th, the outdoor luncheon will be enlivened by a fashion show in which Foundation members will model women's clothes of the Baldwin era all the way from coats, dresses, and boas down to the unmentionables, plus a collection of functional garden clothes that the models themselves will wear when they toil in the Arboretum's new Garden For All Seasons.



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