

Department notes

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS of the Department of Arboreta and Botanic Gardens elected Mrs. Marilyn C. Stoke its new president, succeeding Mrs. Mary M. Bittner who had completed her term. Mrs. Stoke will serve on the Department's coordinating committee made up of the presidents of the Descanso Gardens Guild, South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation, and the California Arboretum Foundation. She will also serve on the Department's Building Committee.

The County Board of Supervisors appointed one new member to the Board of Governors, Mr. Thomas E. Smith, and reappointed Mrs. Ruth Mary Larson, a resident of Pasadena as is Mr. Smith. Mrs. Larson is a past president of Las Voluntarias, volunteer organization of the California Arboretum Foundation, and is currently first vice-president of the Foundation's Board of Trustees and chairman of its Gift Shop Committee. She has been very active in recent years in just about all of the Foundation's affairs, notably this year in the Baldwin Bonanza and in the preparation for the forthcoming Queen Anne Frolic. Mr. Smith, a member of the Foundation for the past two years, is vice-president of Community and Public Affairs for California Federal Savings, a member and vice-president of the California Museum of Science and Industry, and a member of the Tournament of Roses Committee.

FOTA CONTEST

WITH THE idea that a contest would be challenging fun for photographers looking for new locations to capture on film and at the same time afford new visitors the opportunity to gain a closer look at the plantings and programs of the Arboretum, the California Arboretum Foundation last year introduced its first FOTA contest. One of the basic rules was that all pictures had to be taken at the Arboretum, hence the name "FOTA," an acronym for "Focus on the Arboretum." The contest was so enthusiastically received it is being repeated this year, the same rules prevailing—open to all, any subject so long as it is taken within the Arboretum grounds, in color or black and white. Prizes totaling twelve hundred dollars will be awarded the winners in the various categories and age groups. Other awards include ribbons, plaques, a photography scholarship, and certificates of merit. The winning photographs and those accepted for hanging will be exhibited for a week in the Arboretum's lecture hall starting November 23rd. Photographers are invited to pick up entry blanks containing eligibility and other requirements at the Arboretum Information Center.

Members of the California Arboretum Foundation who are sponsors of FOTA 1975, and who have made possible individual awards in four classifications and five separate divisions are: Mrs. Warren Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Strub, Mrs. E. Mudd Marvin, Mrs. John Mage, Mrs. Harry E. Laughlin, G. B. and L., Mrs. Preston Hotchkiss, Mrs. Lorene Charis, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Chandler, Mrs. Merrill Bittner, and Mrs. Marie Armstrong.



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