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"It is hoped the sun will shine brightly (last year it rained) on this exciting sale which benefits all who enjoy the Arboretum!"

## FIESTA DE FLORES

**T**HIS YEAR'S Fiesta de Flores at South Botanic Garden will be held on the weekend of May 15th and 16th and will mark the fourteenth annual presentation of the popular event by the South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation.

Hard-working planners expect the forthcoming Fiesta to be in the "best ever" category since they will have at their disposal for the first time the facilities of the recently completed Administrative Center. The 7,000-square-foot auditorium will be used for the exhibits of participating garden clubs, plant societies, commercial firms and individuals; the classrooms will become lecture halls; and a small, but well-equipped kitchen will facilitate the serving of the traditional light lunch - soft drink menu which will be presided over this year by Foundation vice president and member of the three-man Fiesta coordinating committee, Eugene Hillman.

Foundation trustee Florence Siudmak, another dedicated volunteer and second member of the committee, will organize the "Discovery Walk," successfully initiated last year by the volunteer tour guides of Amigos del Jardin. The guides and members of the Audubon Society will man stations in various sections of the Garden, answering the questions and giving information on the Garden's history to visitors who stop by.

Helen Pickett, the third member of the coordinating committee and Foundation second vice president, has announced that Fiesta '76, which has as its theme, "A

Dream Come True," will open with a 7 p.m.-to-midnight ball on Friday the 14th. Named the "Baile de la Fiesta" by trustee Helen Gates, it will include buffet supper, dance, and entertainment. Helen says that invitations will soon be in the mail and the Foundation sincerely hopes that many members of the Arboretum Foundation and the Descanso Gardens Guild will join them on this happy occasion.

A key activity during the Fiesta is the sale of plants, an operation to be supervised by Alice Quiros, a longtime supporter of the Garden. An experienced and enthusiastic horticulturist, Alice will also display some of her prize plants in a shade patio next to the main building. As everyone working on the Fiesta knows, every dollar, quarter, dime and penny raised will assist the Foundation in meeting its pledge of \$200,000 toward the Administrative Center.

And finally, South Bay and Peninsula artists — musicians and painters — will add their own special grace during the two days of the Fiesta by performing for all to watch, hear, and enjoy.

## ANNUAL MEETING

**M**RS. JOHN A. "TOOTIE" GRIVICH, president of the California Arboretum Foundation, reports that the C.A.F.'s annual business meeting will be held May 5th, starting at noon, under the saran shade-area alongside the Garden For All Seasons. Following a box luncheon the meeting will proceed with business reports and the nomination and election of new members of the Board of Trustees. Then will come a tour of the new Tropical Greenhouse followed by the traditional yearly plant distribution to all members. Special tram tours of the Arboretum will be available prior to the start of the meeting.





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