

## GUILD ACTIVITIES

CAROLYN CERVIN, Descanso Gardens Guild secretary, has sent the following report: "Among the many activities to be featured this year by Descanso Gardens Guild will be the continuation of the Gourmet Luncheon Series for members and their guests. This expanded use of the beautiful garden kitchen in the Hospitality House has been directly responsible for the increased Guild membership in many cases. After eating her way through stuffed grape leaves, moussaka, Greek ring bread, salad with feta cheese, baklava, and tea or coffee, a guest is more apt than not to inquire about the possibility of joining in order to enjoy more luncheons, to work in the garden kitchen, or to help arrange the flowers. Her interest thus stimulated, she inquires about other Guild and Garden activities.

"When the group began under the direction of Lee Adams, entrees included such delights as seafood crepes, baked chicken salad, and quiche. Now under the combined direction of Dottie Aronstam and Billie Loofbourow, the emphasis has been on foods with a foreign flair. Recent countries featured have been Mexico, Italy, France, Greece, and Germany. England and India-Indonesia will be featured this spring. Although these luncheons result in a small profit margin, the sale of the recipe cards from 1974 and 1975 has brought in several hundred dollars to further Guild activities.

"The gourmet group has also been responsible for the food served at other Descanso Gardens Guild affairs, such as the chrysanthemum reception, the Red Carpet Tea, the coffee shop at the Christmas show, the annual membership tea, and the refreshments served following the mini-classes."

## DEDICATION CEREMONY

A DEDICATION ceremony will be held April 23rd in front of the new South Coast Botanic Garden Administrative Center starting at 10 a.m. Among the many officials and supporters of the garden expected to take part in the event are: County Supervisor James Hayes, members of the Department's Board of Governors, Arboreta and Botanic Gardens Director Francis Ching, chief architect Don Hendrickson, members of the South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation including its founder, Mrs. Frances Young, and officials of the Sanitation District which has played a large role in the development of the garden.

## LUNCHEON FOR VOLUNTEERS

ON THURSDAY, April 29, volunteers from the Descanso Gardens Guild, the South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation, and the Southern California Camellia Council, will join Las Voluntarias of the California Arboretum Foundation for a special Volunteers Day at the Arboretum. Besides a luncheon hosted by the director, Francis Ching, the special day is in appreciation and recognition of the valuable assistance rendered throughout the year by the supporting organizations. Collectively, approximately 50,000 hours are contributed by volunteers each year assisting in school field trips, library and research programs, nursery and greenhouse projects, and in fund-raising programs.

The luncheon will be held in the Demonstration Home Gardens following a special tour of the Arboretum and tours of the Tropical, Begonia, and Orchid Greenhouses.





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