



With Loran White-lock, Arboretum trustee and cycad collector looking on, Department Director Francis Ching adds finishing touches to planting of a large Encephalartos in Pre-historic and Jungle Garden.

quite, a native daughter. Born in Rawlins, Wyoming, she has lived in this area since she was four years of age, growing up in Whittier where she raised her three children and where she attended Whittier College. Today she lives in nearby Chapman Woods, happy to be "on call" from the Arboretum for any of the special services she has willingly undertaken, such as baking a batch of brownies for a luncheon for which she will also serve as hostess, or filling in at the sales counter of the Gift Shop.

GIFT OF CYCADS

A LARGE CRATE containing cycads native to South Africa was received at the Los Angeles State and County Arboretum last May, a gift of the National Botanic Gardens of South Africa, Kirstenbosch. The plants were sent by the National Botanic Gardens as a contribution to the Arboretum's newest educational resource, the Prehistoric and Jungle Garden. Among the species received, all belonging to the genus *Encephalartos*, are: *horridus*, *humilis*, *lehmanii*, *friderici-guilielmi*, *trispinosus*, *arenarius*, *longifolius*, *altensteinii*, *latifrons*, and *natalensis*. Some of

these species cannot be found or purchased in the United States. Together, they represent an important contribution to an Arboretum education program centered in a unique garden that offers students and visitors the opportunity to study plants that have survived in more or less unchanged form for two hundred million years. In addition to observing the living specimens, visitors will be able to observe plants that have evolved through a series of exhibits in the observation deck within the Prehistoric and Jungle Garden.

Because cycads are very slow-growing, it takes many months for them to return to their original growing condition after being moved from their natural habitat. It has been possible to plant three of the cycads received from the National Botanic Gardens in their permanent location in the Prehistoric and Jungle Garden; the remainder are reestablishing their root systems in containers before being planted in the ground.

CAF TRUSTEES

NEW MEMBERS of the Board of Trustees of the California Arboretum Foundation not reported in our last issue are Mr. Harris Newmark and Mr. David

L. Knutson. Mr. Newmark, a stockbroker, is drawn to the Arboretum through his family background. He is the grandson of Harris Newmark, onetime owner of Rancho Santa Anita and the author of the still highly-prized book, "Sixty Years in Southern California." It was the present Mr. Newmark's father and uncle, Marco and Maurice Newmark, who served as editors of the first edition of the book. Mr. Newmark's horticultural ties are through his mother's brother, Manfred Meyberg, the late president of Germain's Seed Company who is remembered for his many contributions to community beautification and whose wife made possible the construction of the waterfalls at the Arboretum. Mr. Knutson is president of Stover Seed Company, vice-president of the American Seed Association, and has been associated with the seed business practically since his graduation from the University of California, Berkeley, with a degree in agricultural economics. Mr. Knutson is married and has four children.

Following are brief profiles on new Board members whose elections we had previously reported.

Mrs. Thomas (Mitzi) Moore came to the Arboretum in 1972, and, like Ruth Mary Larson, through a volunteer-wanted notice in the Los Angeles Times. A history buff, her interest was in becoming a school field trip leader in the Department's historical section. After serving in this capacity for two years, she served two terms as president of Las Voluntarias. Mitzi, her husband, and their two young sons, are residents of Arcadia.

Mrs. Raymond (Wendy) Taylor joined the Foundation as a member of Las Voluntarias in 1973, also as a result of a notice in the *Times*. She worked for a time in the propagation greenhouse and in the herbarium and then served as a school field leader. She was the highly successful chairman of the 1975 Baldwin

Bonanza. Wendy and her husband have a six-year-old son.

Mrs. John (Ellamae) Fehrer was first a member of the Board of Trustees from 1967 to 1973. She was state president of the California Garden Clubs, 1972-1974, and last year was appointed chairman of Arboreta and Botanical Gardens, a new national chairmanship of the National Council of State Garden Clubs. She is active in a number of local garden clubs having state or national affiliations.

Mr. Roy L. Kackley and his wife, Adeline, joined the Foundation last year. Mr. Kackley is a vice-president of the Parsons Corporation and project manager of the company's engineering activities in Algeria. Because of the nature of his work, he has gardened all over the world. His horticultural activities include the introduction of peanut growing to his friends in Iran. Mrs. Kackley is a volunteer in the Gift Shop.

Mrs. Varick (Diane) Martin has been a member of the Foundation since 1965. An avid gardener, she teaches vegetable gardening in the Arboretum's adult education program. Her ties to the Arboretum are further strengthened through her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Stanton, who is an honorary trustee of the Foundation and who was one of the original Arboretum Councillors in 1950. Mrs. Martin and her husband live in Pasadena. They have a son and daughter.

Mrs. Dennis (Jane) Buck has been a member of the Foundation since 1972. Formerly a teacher in Los Angeles and South Pasadena schools, and currently a member of the American Association of University Women, Mrs. Buck serves as horticulture chairman for Las Voluntarias, and has been involved with floral arrangements for special Arboretum events, in particular the flower arrangements in the Sunset Demonstration Home Gardens. Mrs. Buck and her husband and son live in Arcadia.



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