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## 15th ANNUAL BALDWIN BONANZA—MAY 5

### "LAS VOLS" PLAN PREVIEW PARTY FOR MEMBERS, GUESTS

The Baldwin Bonanza would never happen were it not for Las Voluntarias y Los Ayudantes and the ladies who head the various activity committees.

Chairman of this gigantic benefit plant sale is Mrs. Donald (Sandy) Haven who may not be seen at the Bonanza due to her prior occupation with producing a new member of her family—and maybe, someday, for the Arboretum.

The Co-Chairman is Mrs. Joseph (Ruthe) Betti who operates in an advisory capacity along with Foundation president Kirk Evans and Las Voluntarias president Robin Stafford.

Among the general chairmen are Siby Minton, cashier; Jane Kaler, food coordinator; Joan Malafronte, Foundation cashier; Tak Niiya, graphic arts; Eileen Hume, mailings, posters and flyers; David Lofgren and Jim Bauml, plant information; Milt Murset, plant security; Carol Overturf, preview party bar; Dr. and Mrs. Ben Stafford, Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Evans, preview party greeters; Julia Stoneman and Pearl Avery, preview party tickets; Dee Uhl, raffle tickets; Charlotte Hawkins, worker lists; Ginnie Wilson, worker's supper and lunch; Elaine Hoffman, visitor information.

Chairmen in charge of booths are: Ruth Harris, Arboretum introductions; Lucy Solin, balloons; Beth and Ed English, children's booth; Dixie McIntee, ferns; Eleanore Wigley, herbs and edibles; Janet Jones, bromeliads; Mildred McDuffie, houseplants; Audrey Love, orchids; Chuck Wagner, palms; Pat Sewell, rare and unusual plants; Dorothy Murset, shade plants; Arden Keev-  
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### ANNUAL PLANT SALE SET

#### BARGAIN PRICES OFFERED

The fifteenth annual benefit plant sale, Baldwin Bonanza, will open Sunday, May 5 at 9 a.m. and is expected to draw record crowds of southern California gardeners looking for landscaping plants at bargain prices.

Las Voluntarias y Ayudantes, the highly active group of several hundred ladies who give generously of their time to make these important events run smoothly, are putting together a preview party designed to give members of the California Arboretum Foundation and their guests a first hand look at what the general public will be offered the next day.

You should have an invitation in your hand now for the Preview Party and we remind you it is to be held Saturday, May 4 from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Entry fee for this party is \$5.00 for members and \$10.00 for guests. As always, these fees defray costs as well as provide some additional support for the Arboretum.

While Mrs. Donald (Sandy) Haven is this year's chairman and Mrs. Joseph (Ruthe) Betti is co-chairman, the stars of the event are the plants. Francis Ching and his staff have been busy locating common and unusual plants to offer.

This year's plant selection will feature blue flowering perennials. All the plants should be in bloom during the show.

We particularly want to bring *Scabiosa Lucida* to your attention. Growing to 2 feet, the plant develops a pincushion flower; grows in well drained soil, but is quite drought tolerant; enjoys a sunny location and can be divided.

All the *Scabiosa* make excellent cut flowers and were formerly featured in old fashioned bouquets. As a species the plant has fallen from the high peak of favor it once had. Species available at the Baldwin Bonanza will be *Scabiosa Annual* and *Scabiosa House Hybrid*.

There will be other blue flowering plants as well, including *Linum perenne*, *Sisyrinchium bellum*, *Platycodon grandiflora*, *Geranium incana*, *Stokesia* and *Campanula medium*.

All these plants (and many others) will be in one gallon size and sell for around \$3.00.

Good buys on *Staghorn Fern* in specimen size will be available as will the palm, *Neodypsis de caryi*, in 5 gallon size.

The rare and unusual plant booth will tempt the visitor with *Philodendron elegans*, grown from seed at our Arboretum; *Dudleya brittonii*, a California native started in our gardens and *Tacca*, the Batflower, a shade plant which always attracts attention due to its odd shape. The Batflower will be in bloom during the plant show.

The Baldwin Bonanza has grown in stature over the years due to its large and wide selection of plant material suited for our valley climate.

Prices for plants will generally run in the \$3.00 to \$5.00 range for one gallon size, but more for certain rare plants or larger plants.

Your Contribution  
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