

State Senator H. L. Richardson presented to Mrs. Peter L. Douglas, Foundation president, a scroll from the Board of Supervisors on behalf of Supervisor Peter Schabarum who was unable to attend, Mrs. Douglas accepting. The ceremonies for the evening ended with a few closing remarks by Department Director, Francis Ching.

AABGA Meeting

✓ 1973 Botanists, horticulturists, administrators, and landscape architects representing leading botanic gardens in the United State and Canada arrived in Arcadia on April 15, 1973, to prepare for a four day convention that conducted its principal business at the Arboretum. The participants were all members of the American Association of Botanical Gardens and Arboreta which meets each year at a different member garden to discuss matters of mutual interest. The meeting at the Arboretum centered on education and public services and the kinds of programs botanic institutions offer in these categories.

Department Director, Francis Ching, organized a busy schedule for the 100 registered delegates. Parts of each day were given over to taking conferees on a variety of field trips that included visits to other botanic gardens in the area, a tour of rural areas where California wildflowers were in bloom, an early-morning exploration of the Los Angeles Flower Market, and a trip to the Monrovia Nursery, which comprises 350 acres of plants in containers, the largest nursery of it kind in the world. The directors and officers of each place visited conducted tours and also were the presiding hosts at informal luncheon meetings.

On Monday, the 16th, the first of three successive afternoon symposiums was held in the Arboretum Lecture Hall. With Dr. Mildred Mathias, director of the Botanical Garden-Herbarium of the University of California at

Los Angeles, serving as chairman, nine panelists addressed themselves to "The Wonderful World of Plants in Southern California." They were: Mildred Davis, landscape designer; Fred Boutin, botanist, Huntington Botanical Gardens; Dave Verity, Native Plant Specialist, University of California at Los Angeles; Paul Hutchison, rare plant collector, Tropic World; George Spalding, botanical information consultant, Los Angeles State and County Arboretum; Philip Chandler, landscape designer; Elmer Lorenz, rare plant collector; Donald P. Woolley, a plantsman; and Fred Lang, landscape architect, A.I.L.A.

The next day, Joseph Oppe, director of the Arthur Hoyt Scott Horticultural Foundation at Swarthmore College, chaired a discussion on "Future Directions for the American Association of Botanical Gardens and Arboreta." Panelists were: Angus Heeps, assistant director, Henry Foundation for Botanical Research; Glenn Park, horticulturist, Chicago Botanic Gardens; Dr. Richard W. Lightly, coordinator, Longwood Program, University of Delaware; and Carl Totemeir, director, Bayard-Cutting Arboretum.

Dr. Lee Lenz, director of the Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden, was chairman of the final symposium, which was concerned with "Educational Programs at Arboreta and Botanic Gardens." Dr. Jacqueline Broughton, education director, Santa Barbara Botanic Garden, spoke on "The Role of the Botanic Garden in Youth Education"; Dr. Roy L. Taylor, director, Botanic Garden of the University of British Columbia, spoke on "The Role of the Botanic Garden in Graduate Education"; Dr. Elizabeth Scholtz, director, Brooklyn Botanic Garden, spoke on "The Role of the Botanic Garden in Adult Education"; and Dr. Richard W. Lightly on "The Role of the Botanic Garden in Horticultural Education."

Dr. Arie J. Haagen-Smit, California's renowned expert on air pollution, was the principal speaker at the annual AABGA banquet, held the evening of April 17. Dr. Haagen-Smit spoke on "Smog, Plants, and People." The evening ended with the presentation of AABGA awards of merit and words of thanks to Mr. Ching for his organizational efforts from Dr. Richard A. Howard, director of the Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University and the new president of the AABGA.

Plant Introductions

The Plant Introduction Program continues as one of the Department's primary functions. Through June of 1973, the Department has introduced 62 plant species and has developed contracts with Southern California nurseries for introduction of an additional 15. In addition, the Propagation Section is investigating or actively propagating 32 species and selections of plants that show horticultural promise and are considered potential introductions.

Plants introduced to the nursery trade 1971-73 included:

December, 1971	Camellia 'John Anson Ford'
December, 1971	Gazania 'Sun-Gold'
December, 1971	Gazania 'Sun-Burst'
August, 1971	Grevellia 'Red Glow'
March, 1972	Grevellia 'Pink Pearl'
March, 1972	Grevellia 'Pink Pygmy'
June, 1972	<u>Viburnum rigidum</u>
August, 1972	<u>Nerium oleander</u> 'Petite Pink'
August, 1972	<u>Nerium oleander</u> 'Petite Salmon'



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