Schedules for the C.A.F. Softball Team are available in the business office. Come support your flower all-stars — We need you!!

SOUTH COAST DIVISION

The South Bay Herb Society held their annual meeting and membership drive at the garden on Sunday September 24 (memberships are available at any time for \$3 per year).

Birds observed on the September bird walk included: California quail, cliff swallow, black phoebe, scrub jay, song sparrow, loggerhead shrike, house finch, brown towhee.

Plants now in bloom are: Buddejua Colvilei, Abelia grandiflora, Hibiscus "President", Vitex chinensis and negundo, Solanum rantonnetii (Paraguay Nightshade), Odontospermum sericeum, Crocosmia masonotum, Polygala apopetala. Prunus cerasifera is also blooming, although this is a rather unusual time for it to do so.

EDUCATION DIVISION

Hello and goodbye section: Karen Asher arrived
October I to become the Lasca Education Assistant replacing Ken Powell who is leaving to continue his
education. Karen comes to us from Monrovia Nursery
where she has had varied horticultural experience.
She holds a degree in horticulture from Kansas State
University. Welcome Karen!

Friday, October 13th is a bad luck day for the Division but a good luck day for Pat Robison who will be leaving us for a better position in industry. Adios and the best of luck to Pat.

The Plant Science Library has just received a valuable and unexpected gift of five volumes on North American Sylva – three volumes by Michaux and two volumes by Nuttall. These books were published in 1859 and contain 277 exquisite color plates. Both authors were early explorers who were among the first to describe species of forest trees of this continent.

Adult Education courses are in full swing at all three gardens. Over 650 persons are registered in the 17 courses of the fall semester.

ARBORETUM DIVISION

The staff picnic was cancelled because of poor weather, but rain or shine, snow or sleet, flood or high water, there is going to be a Christmas party. It's going to be great fun and will be held in the Lecture Hall on Saturday, December 16th.

More about the Vegetable Garden: Now is the time to think about fall planting and annual flower and vegetable plants. The Las Voluntarias are doing just that and will be developing a large vegetable and flower garden north of the seasonal work center. (Deciduous Work Center).

Meadow Brook is under way, soil is being moved and the stream is beginning to take shape.



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