

# NEWSLETTER



ARBORETA & BOTANIC GARDENS

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## RESEARCH DIVISION

Welcome to Dr. Wayne Loescher, our new staff member (Plant Physiologist) at the Research Division, starting May 1st. Dr. Loescher is filling the biologist position vacated by Bob Gonderman's retirement last December. He was born in Lima, Ohio and finished his doctor's degree in plant physiology and bio-chemistry at Iowa State University in 1971. He was selected from among sixteen applicants for the biologist position due to his experience and interest in plant cell development and plant tissue culture. Following his graduation he worked for two years as a post-doctorate research fellow at Iowa State on a project to obtain a hybrid between corn and sorghum. His major duty here will be the study of vegetative propagation of difficult-to-root ornamental woody species. Emphasis will be on the improvement of tissue culture techniques on woody species, not only for the purpose of facilitating the problem of vegetative propagation but also in the hope of broadening the genetic manipulation of ornamental woody plants. Dr. Loescher is married; his wife, Judith, has a doctor's degree in phycology (study of algae).

## ARBORETUM DIVISION

Work has resumed at the new Information Center, although progress seems to be slow.

Meadowbrook is also the site of further construction. The automatic water system is now being installed and two additional bridges are under construction and will soon be in place.

Thanks are due the entire staff for helping to make the AABGA conference a smashing success. Comments from visiting dignitaries were most complimentary.

## ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE DIVISION

We would like to welcome Mary Dentis back to the Business Office to help out in the absence of Pat Jacklen who is still at home

recuperating from neck and back problems.

A big thank you to Dan Addis and Ray Ramos for the beautiful flowers for the girls in the office.

The Girls' softball team has conceded the fact that the men are stronger players.

Thank you to all new members of AID and if you have not yet become a member please do not hesitate to come in for information on how to join.

## PUBLIC SERVICES DIVISION

This is to remind everyone that from now until Sunday, October 28th, our summertime hours (all gardens) are 8 to 5:30 daily.

After six years of fine service to the Department during which he rose to the position of Head Tour Guide, Bob Copper is leaving on May 15th to return to school. He and his wife, Elizabeth, will attend U. C. Riverside full time, taking courses that will lead them both to doctorates in zoology. Our best wishes to them.

## SOUTH COAST DIVISION

We wish Joe Mendoza a speedy and complete recovery from his second knee operation.

Congratulations to Dan Pinney, Herb Woodworth, Dan Montoya, Dennis Bern, Tony Gonzalez, Dave Acuna, Steve Blum, and Mike Schary for their fine efforts on the Gardener exam.

April 9th marked the first birthday of the South Coast Cactus and Succulent Society's service in the South Bay communities. Happy Birthday! And congratulations on the quality show given here April 14th-April 15th.





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