

NEWSLETTER



ARBORETA & BOTANIC GARDENS

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ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

We would like to welcome our new student worker in the business office, Miss Pearl Duenas. Pearl is a student at PCC and is replacing Louise Marks who has transferred into the Public Services Division.

Tickets are now available for the Arboretum picnic scheduled for Saturday, July 28th at Monrovia Nursery. This year's events will include swimming, food, ice melting contest, bingo, ping pong, sack races and lots of great prizes. All tickets must be bought by July 25th so don't delay. Get your tickets today and bring a friend.

Welcome aboard to our new daytime Custodian, Richard Barnes. Richard will be responsible for the Historical area.

ARBORETUM DIVISION

Tsuneo Imanishi has been appointed Arboretum Gardener and will be working with Joe Erby in the northern portion of the Arboretum. Ben McClaurin, Arboretum Tree Trimmer, is transferring to Descanso Gardens this month. Gardening positions yet to be filled include Assistant Arboretum Gardener and Assistant Nurseryman. These positions are expected to be filled in the near future.

All projects have been slowed down by vacations and illnesses but we hope normal activities will resume soon.

Joe Erby, Jack Toyota, and Ken Tokushige have started a car pool. Anyone interested in joining should contact one of these men.

SOUTH COAST DIVISION

The annual "Color Your Community Beautiful" Awards Luncheon was held here

on June 11 with 272 representatives of interested civic organizations in attendance. The community-wide project was sponsored by Los Angeles Beautiful. Eight silver trophies were awarded to the winners, as well as a special award to the Department of Arboreta and Botanic Gardens.

Our future main gate entrance on the Crenshaw Boulevard side of the garden has been paved. The boulevard itself is being widened and improved. These improvements are all the more welcome since the Board of Supervisors approved funds for building our Administration Building complex. Now the road and entryway will really be going somewhere!

The staff display, entitled "The Patio," took an award again this year at the Fiesta de Flores. This time it was a first place award.

With the record breaking temperatures here at South Coast, the eugenias and syzygiums were at their best ever.

Birds observed on the June walk included: ring-necked pheasant, rock dove, black-chinned hummingbird, cliff swallow, mockingbird, robin, hooded oriole, song sparrows, brown-headed cowbird, lesser goldfinch, and house finch.

PUBLIC SERVICES DIVISION

We'd like to introduce three new members of the Public Services Division: They are William (Bill) Washington and Thomas (Tom) Kaun, biology grads who will be working weekends and holidays as as-needed tour guides, and Louise Marks who has transferred from the business office where she was working as a professional student worker and who is now the Department's first female tour guide.

David Fields has been appointed Head Tour Guide and will be responsible for the tour guide and school field trip operations at each of our gardens.

The demand for our Poisonous Plant booklet from school districts, the public, and a few unexpected sources such



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