

NEWSLETTER



ARBORETA & BOTANIC GARDENS

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PUBLIC SERVICES DIVISION

We are pleased to welcome Diana Curtis, a student at Cal-Poly-Pomona, to our as-needed tour guide staff.

Also, as-needed tour guide Ray Robinson will return to our staff after a two-year absence during which he and his wife were teaching English and art in Egypt.

RESEARCH DIVISION

Three papers were presented at the 25th annual meeting of AIBS (American Institute of Biological Sciences) at Tempe, Arizona in June by members of the Research Division. Wade Berry presented a paper on "Response Curve of Developing Seedlings to Heavy Metal Toxicity" and Linda Thorne a paper on "Flowering and Ozone Sensitivity in Petunias." Both papers were presented at the Botanical Society of America.

Ken Montgomery presented a paper on "Fire Ecology Studies of the Mediterranean genus CISTUS L. (Cistaceae) in Southern California" at the Ecological Society of America.

DESCANSO DIVISION

Descanso Gardens will be a mass of color until September with the bedding annuals and the rose garden in their peak of bloom.

Among the All American Rose Society award winners are two hybrid teas: Oregold and Arizona and one floribunda (its name is Rose Bowl). All may be found in the rose garden at Descanso.

A. H. Stoops, the watering man at Descanso

for the past five years, resigned from the Department last month and moved to Bend, Oregon.

Fran Raitt, long-time switchboard operator at Descanso, is vacationing in Holland.

Bill Boor has just returned from a vacation in Oregon.

County workmen painted the entire Hospitality House, a much-needed job; they also painted our office, the garden house and all the benches. Things are much brighter with a beautifully done paint job.

ARBORETUM DIVISION

An additional capital project that is part of the entryway development is to begin this month. A fountain will be constructed in the center of the circular portion of the new entry drive and an entry sign will be installed just a short distance to the north.

As part of the work of improving the Baldwin Avenue median, the City of Arcadia is installing an automatic sprinkler system on the east side of Baldwin Avenue that will help us to maintain our plantings there. These plantings will be refurbished and vacant areas will be planted as soon as construction is completed.

Three bicycles (two new ones) are now in operation on the grounds in an effort to conserve energy and expedite the movement of people. One is located at the nursery for the staff there and the others are at the service and administration areas respectively.



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