

Employee Doings

A warm welcome is extended to Berlvín Ausbrooks, John Baumgardt, Steven Gregg, and Andrew Spradley at Descanso Gardens and to Ernest Amabisca, Anthony Laurie, Madeline Moore, and Lee H. Wakeman at the Arboretum. Mr. Wakeman, the new Senior Administrative Assistant will be replacing Rich Watson who has left us to take a position of Assistant City Manager with the City of Monterey in Northern California. Goodbye and good luck, Rich!! Welcome, Lee!!

Rex Beer has transferred from Descanso Gardens to Los Angeles County Park Department, and Doyle Smith to Los Angeles County Mechanical Department. However, Doyle will be continuing working for us on a temporary basis. Don Graf, who recently transferred to the Forestry and Fire Warden, has decided to return and is now working at Descanso Gardens as Senior Information Aid.

NEW ARRIVALS!!! Carol Hewitson a new grandson - Robert, and Francis Ching a new son - Byron. CONGRATULATIONS!!

Glenn Hiatt took a beautiful picture of a Costa Rican jungle waterfall during his latest plant hunt. Gerry Patten prepared a working drawing of it so that it could be reproduced at the World Flower and Garden Show, billed for the Pan Pacific Auditorium, February 24, through March 5.

Descanso Garden's Events

March 2nd, Native Plant Lecture at 8:00 PM in the Garden House with Woodbridge E. Metcalf speaking on "Trees of California;" March 11th and 12th, the 7th Annual Camellia Festival; March 18th and 19th, the Daffodil Show.

Also, Descanso Gardens has an exhibit in the Garden House during the month of February that is well worth seeing. The sand paintings by David Villaseñor provide a rare treat for Southern Californians. Mr. Villaseñor, who teaches Indian lore to Navajos, Hopis, and Zunis, uses only natural sands which he has collected throughout the Southwest for his paintings and as an added attraction the camellias are in bloom!

Arboretum News

If you don't know what all the uproar is about in front of the Arboretum, take a look at the bulletin board on the Gatehouse to see the elaborate plans for our new entry way being donated by the Arboretum Foundation, Inc. Grading work is now underway, so watch out for the bulldozers and heavy equipment.

There will soon be a new procedure regarding overtime which will permit records to be kept on all overtime performed so that you won't lose out on earned overtime. Of course all overtime should be kept to a minimum, but when it is necessary it can be recorded and employees will be notified semi-annually of the amounts that have accrued. See your supervisors in the near future for additional information.

Within the next month or so, DELASCAN will initiate a series of articles titled "Know Your Department." In this series, an attempt will be made to briefly describe the organization and functions of each division and give a thumb nail sketch of your Division Heads and Administrators. Watch for it!

New DELASCA Committee

Our recent election of DELASCA Committee members has resulted in the election of Gerry Patten, Frank Simerly, Joe Lerchenmuller, Jess Tomory, Jerry Schlegel from the Arboretum and from Descanso Gardens, Dorothy Pool and Mark Anthony. The old members are retiring now and know that the incoming members will receive as much fine cooperation from the staff as they did.

Gardening in Children's Education Section

The Children's Garden class spent the last two Saturday mornings harvesting vegetables and transplanting chard, parsley, and herbs to home gardens already established. Many parents came in to watch and help while the fifteen children bunched and washed their produce.

Harvesting began at holiday time when quantities of radishes, lettuce, chard and kohlrabi were taken home. During these last days the children proudly departed with: 49 bunches beet greens, 60 bunches chard, 89 kohlrabi, 15 pot of crocus, 15 pot of daffodils, 10 Chinese cabbage, 25 heads green cabbage, 13 small cauliflower, 100 bunches of radishes, and 180 beautiful heads of lettuce,

Every student now has a garden plot at home and interested parents. Quite an accomplishment for 4th, 5th, and 6th graders in 18 weeks time!

Camera Club

The Camera Club, started primarily for employees of the Arboretum and Descanso Gardens, is still without an official name. In spite of this handicap, an enthusiastic meeting was held in the Seminar Room the last Thursday in January. Denis Kucera showed many slides, taken on his unusual trips throughout the southwest, many of which presented a wide range of technical problems. Denis was really "on the projector" in helping all present to take better pictures. Next meeting will be held February 23, 8:00 PM in the Seminar Room. All are asked to bring five of their best pictures for critical discussion. The meeting place is spacious and it is hoped that it will be filled with employees eager to follow this interesting hobby.

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