

THE DOCENTS' CORNER

IF YOU LIKE
CHILDREN
AND HISTORY
OR PLANTS...
WE CAN USE YOU!

Being a docent is fun, exciting and rewarding. There are about 30 active Arboretum docents and many have been doing it for more than 10 years.

One of the most rewarding activities of our highly dedicated docent group is conducting the school tours. Each



year we are responsible for taking nearly 5000 students on approximately 300 tours of The Arboretum. There are two tours, one on California history and the other we now call "Plants in our World." Some of our docents are also active with adult tours.

We are seeking more individuals who would like to become docents and help us fulfill our commitment to the many schools in Los Angeles County. We offer an exciting training session. For more information, contact me, Bob Weber, at hobweber@loop.com or call Jill Berry, the Education Program Manager, at 626-821-4624

By Bob Weber



The Arboretum of Los Angeles County

WWW.ARBORETUM.ORG

The Arboretum Web Site has undergone a "renovation" to become a more user-friendly resource. Content has been expanded, graphics improved and overall organization and information greatly enhanced.

Visit the site now to see added features like "What's Blooming Now" and "Amazing Plant Facts". A list of frequently asked questions is just the beginning of a steady stream of new features, search functions and even games that are planned to appear in the near future. Here is just a partial list of some of the planned new functions and features for www.arboretum.org:

- A searchable plant database

that lets you find out if we have a particular plant that you are interested in

- A calendar that lets you browse the events and classes at the Arboretum by category, date, or keyword
- An online store
- A plant advice section where you can submit your plant and horticultural questions to The Arboretum staff
- Online membership renewal and members only section
- Virtual tours of The Arboretum
- An education section with educational games, lesson

plans, and articles for K-12

- Up-to-the-minute news from The Arboretum and the world of plants
- A section devoted to ethnobotany
- A database of Arboretum bird sightings
- A database of blooming times
- Movies filmed at The Arboretum
- Information sheets on horticulture, ethnobotany and more

So visit our site often. Chances are you will see something new and exciting each time you visit.

by Frank McDonough

CORPORATE MEMBER

WELCOME & THANK YOU TO PERSSON'S NURSERY OUR 1ST CORPORATE MEMBER

Persson's Nursery Inc., of Pasadena, has made a wonderful donation to The Arboretum to improve it's Circle Garden area. The gift is dedicated, by the family, to Walter & Violet Persson who started in the nursery industry in 1950.

Persson's is renovating the Circle Garden and the borders leading up to it, including the design, donation of plants, donation of soil amendments,

and the installation.

Persson's Nursery is located at 3115 E. Sierra Madre Boulevard in Pasadena. The phone number is (626) 792-6073.



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