

Education News



Our sincere thanks go to Volunteer Field Leader Maris Grannell for his leadership of the Children's Summer Program.



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Pruning Horrors Lecture

Seattle horticulturalist Cass Turnbull will be the featured speaker at the Arboretum on Sunday, November 17 at 2:00 p.m. Ms. Turnbull, the founder of PlantAmnesty, will present her slide show of pruning horrors which has impacted hundreds of community groups. In it she takes such impressive acts as poodle balling, hat racking, mistaking banzai for bonsai and offers healthy caring tree pruning alternatives.

We are pleased to offer Ms. Turnbull's presentation to our members and the community at \$5 for CAF members and \$10 for non-members. Please contact the CAF office for reservations.

Floriade Trip

The California Arboretum Foundation will jointly sponsor a trip to Holland to see the FLORIADE - the horticultural extravaganza of the decade. The trip will take place from May 3 through May 14, 1992 and includes a 5 day Rhine cruise through Germany, France and Switzerland.

During the month of May Europe is a flower garden in full bloom. In Holland, where the growing of flowers is an important commercial enterprise, it is possible to drive for miles through fields of blooming bulb flowers at their springtime best. Participants on the trip will visit many beautiful flower-filled parks and extraordinary private gardens, highlighted by a full day's visit to the world-famous Floriade.

Offered in our tour are flight, deluxe hotel accommodations, most meals, comprehensive sightseeing and a relaxing 5 day cruise. All for \$3318 per person, double occupancy. Participation on this trip will also support the Arboretum with a \$300 tax deductible donation (included in your trip fee).

You are cordially invited to a slide preview of this trip on Tuesday evening, November 12 at 7:00 pm at Descanso Gardens. Please RSVP through the CAF office at 818 447-8207. Trip itineraries are available through All-Ways Travel Service at 213 553-8707.

Arboretum Discovery '91

The California Arboretum Foundation summer children's education program was a great success due to the dedication and enthusiasm of our volunteer field leader, Maris Grannell. The Children's Discovery Program was offered for three weeks, each focusing on a different age group. Students were taken on daily lectures in the garden to learn basic botany and the story of ecology. Two mornings were dedicated to botanical illustration and watercolor painting under the guidance of instructor, Pat Brame.

Around the Grounds

Taming the Jungle:

Even Tarzan would have had trouble swinging through our jungle as it stood last month. Since then, Ray Raymos, with other arboretum staff, and workfare workers, have slashed and carved their way through the overgrowth. They removed grapevine that was engulfing and smothering trees, and also, cut down unwanted seedlings that were competing for resources with more desirable trees. The job isn't finished, but after three weeks of intensive work, the jungle is a more inviting place to visit, is less of a fire hazard, and a bit tamer.

When visiting the jungle (Prehistoric Area) be sure to check on our cycad collection that has now recovered after last winter's freeze.

Interns Leave Their Mark:

This year the 6 student interns, mainly graduate level students from Cal Poly, studying landscape architecture, worked and completed over a dozen projects.

One project was a comprehensive map of the Arboretum with a proposed signage program to help guide visitors through the Arboretum and to enhance the visitor's experience. Other projects focused on re-designing areas in and adjacent to the Home Demonstration Garden. One area was redesigned with the purpose of expanding the usable space for special functions. The brick surface was enlarged, and the plantings were planned so something is in bloom every season of the year.



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