

Personnel News

Again the Information Department has been hit with Norman Isbell, Senior Arboretum Information Aid leaving to go into private business. Don Decker, As Needed Information Aid, has been auditing school tours, and soon will be taking the tours out on his own.

Bob Smith is very enthusiastic about his new position in the County Health Department as an entomologist. We are happy he can still serve occasionally as an As Needed Information Aid on weekends.

The staff wishes to welcome Robert Holden, Plant Research Assistant, who is replacing Warren Asa. Robert has been studying at Cal-Poly, San Luis Obispo.

A welcome, also, to Alan D. Hayes who is a new Park Maintenance Man Helper at South Coast Botanic Garden.

The new members of the Social Committee are as follows: Lee Wakeman, Ham Williams, John Valadez, Frank Simerly, Ed Hartnagle, Don Graff, Bill Dickey, and Penny Poole to replace Norm Isbell. The first meeting of this Committee will be held on January 16 at 12:00 noon in the Arboretum Seminar Room. Come and bring your lunch.

Historical Happenings

The 1964 opening exhibit schedule for the Carriage House Museum will present HORSES: In History and Art - which will cover the periods from earliest horse (scientifically with La Brea bones, etc.) through outstanding examples in original drawings and prints of horses by famed artists through the centuries.

Library Listings

Interesting publications received by the Library are:

Bayles,	Chrysanthemums indoors
McDonald	Miniature plants for home and greenhouse
Smith	A gardener's book of plant names
Nichols	Taxonomy and geography
Preston	Advances in botanical research
Phillips	Flowering plants of Africa

Education Editings

The Education Division invites all staff members interested in adding to their knowledge of botany and horticulture to enroll in one or more of the Adult Education Courses. A schedule of courses, dates, and instructors is available at the Gatehouse or Dr. L. B. Martin's office. Remember, courses are offered at both Descanso Gardens and the Arboretum. The class for each course meets once a week for 14 weeks.

The Children's Education Section continues to give much knowledge and pleasure to many children. The Monrovia Clifton School Special Training Class will resume Arboretum classes on the 10<sup>th</sup> of January when their subject "Garden Skills" will be centered on vegetable plots.

Another "special class" for gifted 8<sup>th</sup> grade children of the San Gabriel Schools begins February 3 and continues for a full semester. Don Herman will take this group on for experimental work based on our greenhouse facility and the ingenuity and imagination of these high IQ students.

Takao Niiya reports registrations rolling in for Indoor Gardens, Exploring Nature and Gardening at Descanso as they are also doing at the Arboretum.

We are in great need of at least two volunteer teachers. It involves only 15 hours work over a 6-week period, and the planning is all done. Know anyone who would be interested?

Lasca Lagoon is now becoming a waterbird refuge. Control of carp and carnivorous bass has restored a balance that insure a food supply for a normal waterfowl population.

On Friday, January 3, Mr. Bud Elder, Agent for the U. S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, released 26 birds of 8 species here. They were recovered from illegal possession in a neighboring county.

Four Canada geese, 1 snow goose and 4 Fulvous tree ducks arrived already pinioned. 1 cinnamon teal, 4 wood duck, 7 baldpate, 3 pintail, and 2 Florida gallinules were liberated and are free to migrate.

The black swans are now nesting in the Upper Lagoon where a green heron and a kingfisher seem to be winter residents.

NOTE: As we go to press we notice in the January 13 Newsletter that the Foundation is sponsoring a series of lectures beginning January 24, at 8:00 p.m. Dr. George C. Kennedy, Professor of Geochemistry at the Institute of Geophysics, University of California, Los Angeles will talk on "Plant Collecting in New Guinea," to be illustrated with slides. Tickets may be obtained from the Foundation office.



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