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The science of soil

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Saving ancient cycads
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GOING FORWARD

Each season, and every day, time renders change among our plants, whether emerging flowers and fruit, or the latest work of an insect or pathogen. Shifts in our landscape, as subtle as new leaves and dramatic as a windstorm, remind us that the Arboretum is vibrantly alive, never still.

Yet change is more than natural history; it presents both challenges and opportunities as we’ve experienced over the past five years, and no doubt will face in the future. We begin 2017 with achievements made possible not only by the vital partnership between the Arboretum Foundation and Los Angeles County, but by the outstanding commitment of our members and donors.

While a new strategic plan is now under development, we celebrate improvements achieved under the 2011-2016 strategic plan (see at arboretum.org):

- New gardens exploring local food production and living with drought...
- The Garden for All Seasons, with its terrific ideas and plants for the home food garden, from heirloom vegetables to exciting new fruit trees.
- Crescent Farm, a living demonstration of water conservation practices, including soil building, great adapted plants, and storm water capture and cleansing.
- Restoration of the Bauer Fountain to refresh the vision of artist Millard Sheets and landscape architect Edward Huntsman-Trout for our signature entrance, as well as care of the Queen Anne Cottage, Coach Barn and Rose Garden.
- Enhanced educational resources...
- A transformed library, to better enjoy Southern California’s only public collection devoted to gardening and plants.
- New school programs, soon to be pilot tested, that address the latest science curricula, as well as the Children’s Learning Patio, a new school facility planned for 2017.
- And of essential importance, the plants...
- Since the 2011 windstorm, thousands of new plantings added to establish the next generation of our botanical collections, with over 900 specimens planted in the past year.
- The Engelmann Oak Grove, the largest in L.A. County, its future now assured through hundreds of protected seedlings and new trees planted.

This very partial list speaks to enhanced resources for our 10,000 member households and 390,000 annual visitors. To our members and donors, I express my deep appreciation for enabling the Arboretum to adapt and grow.

—Richard Schulhof, CEO

THE LOS ANGELES ARBORETUM FOUNDATION

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A beautiful peacock at the Arboretum.
Photo by Frank McDonough

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WE ARE A CERTIFIED MONARCH WAYSTATION!

THE ARBORETUM, with its many butterfly hubs, is now on the national list of certified Monarch Waystations through Monarch Watch, a nonprofit educational outreach program that focuses on the monarch butterfly, its habitat, and its spectacular fall migration. For more than a year, Arboretum gardener Bryan Burks, near right, created and tended five butterfly hubs within the garden planting milkweed, butterfly bush (Buddleia) and other plants to attract monarchs and other butterflies. We’ll celebrate the official unveiling of our Monarch Waystation certification with tours by Bryan on Sunday, April 23, at 11am; regular admission applies; members free.

TOMATO TALK & SALE

YOU’VE ASKED THAT our annual Tomato Talk and Sale be held on a weekend instead of Wednesday so more of you can attend. We listened! We’ve moved the talk to Saturday, March 25, at 10am with Christine Anthony of Renee’s Garden as our featured speaker. Tomato plants will be on sale following her talk. The plant sale will kick off on Friday, March 24, with a members’ preview day. The Tomato Talk is free; sale Friday to Sunday, March 24-26, 9am-4:30pm, is free for members; regular admission applies for non-members. The Library will be selling used garden and plant books.

ATTENTION ARTISTS

The Arboretum Library is holding an open call to artists who may be interested in exhibiting their work in our new art space. Librarian Susan Eubank will host two open houses in January for artists of all media to view the exhibit space and learn about the second planned for October 1 to December 30 is “plants.” The deadline for submissions for both shows is February 11. A jury of art and plant professionals will make the selections. Attend an open house on January 14 or January 28 from 1 to 4pm to learn more. For details, visit arboretum.org or contact susan.eubank@arboretum.org or 626.821.3213.

Previous library exhibits have featured Karen Hochman Brown’s Kaleidoscopes, the Botanical Artists Guild of Southern California, and a Multicultural Weaving Exhibit.

January is Member Appreciation Month!

WE BEGIN 2017 with a special, month-long thank you to our members for your continuing support. Members who renew, rejoin or purchase a gift membership enjoy these special offers during January:
• Double discount days at the Gift Shop, January 13 & 14;
• Special tram tour, January 14, led by our knowledgeable plant information specialists;
• Members Celebration Day, January 28, in the Arboretum Library with refreshments and crafts;
• Weekly drawings with prizes donated by our local community sponsors;
• A grand prize opportunity drawing on January 31 of special Arboretum goodies;
• Plus a free gift (while supplies last) for members who renew or purchase new and gift memberships. Please use the form on page 23 to join, renew, and/or purchase a gift membership.

Members who renew or purchase new membership, or who renew or purchase gift memberships,

Thank you to our Members Celebration Day walking tour led by Botanical Information Consultant Frank McDonough on Saturday, February 11, at 11am.

Learn about love potions of the ancient Greeks and Romans and human hormone levels. What other plants might be considered evocative of love? Artistic expressions of loving and being loved.

Love Potions from the Garden Walking Tour

KNOWN FOR ITS flavoring of Italian cookies and sausage, anise seed was also used by the ancient Greeks and Romans who believed the seeds could increase desire. They may have been onto something—anise seeds have been found to influence human hormone levels. And what about love potions during a pre-Valentine’s Day walking tour led by Botanical Information Consultant Frank McDonough on Saturday, February 11, at 11am. The Peacock Café will be open for lunch. Regular admission applies; members free.

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LAURENCE JUBER TO PERFORM FOR ARBORETUM BENEFACCTORS

The GRAMMY award-winning guitarist will present a special concert for Arboretum Benefactors on Sunday, May 21, 4-6pm in the Coach Barn. Fusing folk, jazz, blues, pop and classical styles, Laurence Juber is world-renowned for his multi-faceted performances using only one acoustic guitar. The two-time GRAMMY winner became internationally known as lead guitarist in Beatle Paul McCartney’s Wings with whom he won his first GRAMMY. His solo arrangement of “The Pink Panther Theme” earned him a second GRAMMY. His concert is one of the exclusive events and special benefits enjoyed by Arboretum Benefactors, our highest level of supporters. Become a Benefactor or upgrade your membership and enjoy this special concert. For more information about the Benefactor level, please contact Brittany Fabeck at 626.821.3237 or brittany.fabeck@arboretum.org.

THE STAGE COACH RETURNS!

RIDE INTO WILD WEST DAY on Saturday, May 6, from 10am-4pm as we gather our western gear for some roping, panning for gold and writing telegrams. Come on over for live music with the Shadow Mountain Band, food and horses. The Coach Barn and Santa Anita Depot will be open to visitors. For an additional fee, tour the Queen Anne Cottage or take a stagecoach ride!

Lucky Baldwin Poker Tournament & Dinner

Saturday, June 10
Celebrity host Mario Lopez
Tickets available soon
THE FIRST LUCKY Baldwin Poker Tournament, presented by Los Angeles Arboretum Foundation and hosted by Mario Lopez, will help raise funds to preserve the Arboretum’s magnificent architecture and historic structures. The event will take place on the lawn of the Queen Anne Cottage and Coach Barn with dinner, an auction and games. There will be prizes for top winners. For more information or sponsorship opportunities, please visit: arboretumgetslucky.eventbrite.com/; #LAArboretumGetsLucky; LuckyPoker@Arboretum.org

READY FOR THE PASADENA POPS!

The orchestra, led by conductor Michael Feinstein, begins its popular Saturday concert series June 17. Arboretum members receive 10% off regular ticket prices. For details and tickets visit pasadenasympophony-pops.org.

Broadway: The Golden Age
June 17
Michael Feinstein, conductor

Music from Jersey Boys and Beyond!
July 15
The Midtown Men: Four Stars from the Original Broadway Cast of Jersey Boys
Larry Blank, conductor

Michael Feinstein Sings Swing
July 29
Celebrating Swing, the Rat Pack and more!
Michael Feinstein, soloist
Larry Black, conductor

Gershwin & Friends
August 19
Michael Feinstein, conductor

Universal Favorites
September 9
Michael Feinstein, conductor
When it comes to courtship, male peafowl do their amorous best to attract a mate with a whole lot of shaking and rattling of their spectacular plumage. Yet most peacocks face lifetime rejection by very choosy peahens. Why? **By NANCY YOSHIIHARA**

A peacock! The incredible natural beauty, officially tagged as No. 69 on his leg band, caught her attention during her three-year doctoral research on peafowl, *Pavo cristatus*, at the Arboretum.

“We saw him mate around 20 times each year, 2008, 2009 and 2010,” she said in an interview. “Compare that to the majority of other peacocks that did not mate at all.” Peacocks typically spend a lot of time trying to attract females only to be shunned by choosy peahens.

Just what makes a peacock attractive to a peahen? Is that impossibly awkward train actually a mechanism that triggers something in females to seek the fittest male to father their offspring?

"Peacocks are interesting because their trains are so exaggerated and seem to serve no purpose that would be favored by natural selection," explained Roslyn, who earned her PhD in 2013 and is now at the University of British Columbia. If anything, the train might make it harder for a peacock to survive because it takes energy to grow the feathers, which, in turn, can make him an easy target of predators. But how does the train function in attracting hens?

Roslyn found at least part of the answer at the
Peacock Day

Roslyn Dakin PhD will be the featured speaker Saturday, March 25, at our Peacock Day celebration. The comely birds are such an essential part of the Arboretum experience that we felt they deserve some special attention. Learn about their amazing habits and natural attributes from Roslyn, who will share her research in a special presentation at 3pm. We're peacock crazy all day as you'll see at our art exhibit, in our avian-inspired activities for children, and of course in the birdy items in the Gift Shop. The Peacock Café will serve Indian food in honor of the country of origin of the peafowl. Regular admission applies; members free; the lecture is a fee event, details at arboretum.org.

Arboretum, where the peafowl are likely descendants of birds imported from India by Elias J. “Lucky” Baldwin in the late 1800s.

To determine what attracts peahens, Roslyn and her team from Queen’s University in Ontario, Canada tested whether the number and coloration of the peacock’s eyespot feathers affect his mating prospects. Studying the birds at the Arboretum, they found that unless a peacock lost most of his feathers, the number of spots in his train did not affect his mating success.

If not the number, might the color of eyespots be the come-on? Peacocks often shake their wings and sidle up to females, sometimes even shuffling backwards right into them, before they start vibrating their train feathers.

“One of the most exciting things to come out of our work at the Arboretum was evidence that the peacocks maneuver themselves to present their feathers at specific angles to the sun, and that they use their dances to corral females into viewing them from those angles. I suspect that over time, the peacocks may learn to present themselves in the best possible light,” Roslyn said.

More importantly, she found that the peacocks with the most iridescent eyespots mated the most.

So does the peacock’s resplendent plumage help ensure the future of the species? Biologists speculate that the healthiest males may be able to produce the most spectacular iridescence.

If so, Patrick Swayze’s ungainly but spectacular feathers could allow peahens to recognize and secure the best possible genes for their young. From the perspective of a prospecting hen, he was "proud as a peacock" for good reason indeed.
That vast abyss of darkness beneath the lush green plants and colorful blossoms has remained mostly a mystery for many. Soil has been called the final frontier of science, as we know more about the oceans and of the cosmos than we do of the ground beneath our feet. Often overlooked as a simple thing with little to understand, soil is gaining attention as one of the major keys to mitigating climate change, as well as to growing opulent, verdant gardens during our historic drought.

Soil is not dirt, is not dust, and is not simply a mix of minerals and chemicals. It is a dynamic matrix of life—breathing, reproducing and transforming organic compounds into nutrients available to plants. A little less than half of soil consists of mineral particles, a quarter is air, a quarter is water, and the remaining 5-10% is organic matter, which describes any plant or animal matter in decay, including plant roots, biological organisms and humus, the end product of decomposition. It is this little slice of organic matter that gives soil all of its life, structure and vitality, its ability to act as a carbon sink (sequestering carbon from the atmosphere), as well as its ability to retain water and minimize irrigation. When we begin to understand the biological properties of soil, we can nurture these processes to work for us, helping us build resilient soils that reduce our dependency on pesticides and synthetic fertilizers.

At the Crescent Farm, experimental soil-building processes such as lasagna mulching and hügelkultur are used to conserve water, creating ecological fertility for healthy blossoms and bountiful vegetables without the use of any pesticides or herbicides. Lasagna mulching, a process of layering cardboard, green waste and wood chips, produced giant stalks of heirloom corn, with cobs over a foot long, and often times up to 6-7 ears of corn per stalk. This kind of growth is virtually unheard of for heirloom corn. Digging into the soil of the hügelkultur mound revealed rich clumps of dark, moist soil and many many earthworms. Peeking beneath the bark mulch, we saw vast webs of vegetative fungal (mycelial) growth.

Despite the success of these popular methods, there has been little documentation on the actual affects on overall soil health. We sent soil samples of the hügelkultur, bark mulch, lasagna mulch, and a control comparison of unamended soil to the Cornell Soil Health Analysis Lab. It specializes in assessing biological indicators of soil health, including available water capacity, organic matter content and aggregate stability (strength of soil structure), among several others.

Overall, our three soil-building processes vastly improved all soil health indicators compared to the
unamended soil. Essentially, adding organic matter to your soil will improve your soil’s ability to retain water and provide nutrients to plants. Returning organic matter to the soil is absolutely key to maintaining a thriving garden in a changing climate.

Aggregate stability is a great integrative indicator of available water capacity, organic matter and the strength of the overall soil structure. It measures the extent to which soil aggregates resist falling apart when wet by heavy rainfall. Strong soils have strong aggregates that remain intact upon contact with water, making them more resistant to erosion. Our test showed that the bark mulch displayed the strongest aggregate stability, indicating its unique properties that vastly improve overall soil structure to hold more water and be more resistant to erosion.

Not all organic matter is created equal, as we clearly see from this simple study. Mulch and compost mixes can both be improved with the addition of bark. There is something special about tree bark. It is the skin of the tree, which interfaces with the outside world, protecting the tree from pathogens and other invaders. It is rich in microbial diversity, especially fungi. This unique microbial community is most likely the reason why the soil under the bark mulch has enhanced water holding capacity and aggregate stability.

Lynn Fang, MS, defended her masters on compost use in plant disease suppression at the University of Vermont. She currently consults on soil and compost through The Growing Club.

CURIOS ABOUT the detailed results of our study? Join our soil science class on Saturday, February 4, 10am-12pm.

Lynn Fang will talk about all of the soil health indicators assessed in this study, as well as interpreting soil lab tests appropriate for your garden.

Get the lowdown on re-mineralizing your soil for optimal growth and nutritious veggies! Register at 626.821.4623; $25 members; $35 nonmembers.
Saving Cycads

The endangered ancient cone-bearing plants date back to the Triassic and Jurassic eras. By James E. Henrich

The Arboretum has a sizable collection of cycads—more than 90 of the 250-known species in 9 of the 11 genera. Most can be found in our Prehistoric Forest near Baldwin Lake. The oldest accession dates to 1955 for a Dioon spinulosum. The heart of the collection resulted from four major donations: 1) botanist Loran M. Whitelock was the first to donate in 1974; 2) a shipment from National Botanic Gardens of South Africa, Kirstenbosch in 1976; 3) the largest donation was orchestrated by Whitelock from professor Charles Chamberlain’s collection at Chicago University in 1979; and 4) the last large donation was arranged by Henry Soto through his Four Seasons Gardens nursery from a Beverly Hills resident in 1986. The balance of the collection came from nurseries, USDA plant confiscations, many individuals and botanical gardens.

Cycads are gymnosperms, along with conifers, gnetums and ginkgos. They bear naked seeds—unprotected by an ovary or fruit, but may be surrounded by a fleshy aril (as occurs with Ginkgo). They had worldwide distribution during the Triassic and Jurassic eras, but now occur between 30°N latitude and 35°S latitude. Most species are subtropical and a few are truly tropical.

They have only two growth habits: arborescent (treelike, branched or unbranched) some to about 50 feet and those with subterranean stems. Some have tuberous roots or contractile roots, while those occurring on nutrient-deficient soils have coral-shaped roots at or just above the soil surface with nitrogen-fixing cyanobacteria, providing valuable nitrogen to the plant. All species have pinnate leaves except for four which are bipinnate.

Female and male plants are distinct, however there are several observations of cycads changing sex. A delicate balance of hormones is thought to control expression of sex and could be altered by stress (transplanting, drought). Propagation is achieved primarily with seeds but offsets can also be used. Seeds are ready to plant when shed from the parent plant and offsets propagate best when taken at the beginning of the growing season.

All cycads are endangered or threatened in the wild and are protected by the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES). Thus, international movement of cycads requires CITES documentation or a written permit for countries not participating in the convention. The ideal conservation method is to preserve plants in the wild, which is not possible for many cycads due to habitat loss or destruction. However, the best alternative is conservation in the garden. The Arboretum, like many botanical gardens throughout the world, participates in conservation efforts, preserving germplasm and using the plants as a tool to educate the public about habitat loss and conservation.

James E. Henrich is Curator of Living Collections at the Arboretum.
New classes for your mind, body and garden!

HEALTH & WELLNESS
Mommy, Daddy, Grandparents & Me Yoga for children ages 2-4
Tuesdays: January, February, March; 10-10:45am
Instructor: Andrea Walsh
$35 per month members; $45 non-members
See page 12 for details.

Tai Chi
Winter Session 1 & 2
Spring Session 1 & 2
Thursdays; 9-10:30am
Instructor: Master Arnold Chien
$35 per four-week session; $45 non-members
Full schedule at arboretum.org
Tai Chi is a martial art based on the theory of an ancient classic called I Ching. Based on this foundation, Master Arnold Chien created Kinetic Tai Chi coupling the traditional concept with contemporary physics of potential and kinetic energy. The sessions include striking, throwing and submission techniques. Master Chien, right, was the 2014 Kung Fu Master of USC-Pacific Asia Museum.

Easy to Grow Superfoods
Saturday, March 4; 10am-12pm
Instructor: Loretta Allison
$25 members; $35 non-members
You are what you eat! Learn about easy-to-grow superfoods for Southern California, adaptogenic herbs, their health benefits and how to cook the superfoods. Loretta is an edible plant expert, gardening consultant and community educator.

Cultivating a Healthy Brain
Saturday, April 1 & June 3
10am-12pm
Instructor: Dr. Robert Tager
$25 members; $35 non-members
Discover what your brain needs to function at its peak. Neurologist Dr. Robert Tager will provide a brief introduction to memory, learning and the brain before leading a tour through the garden and discussing ways to enhance brain function.

The Essential Edible Garden: A peek at a new paradigm
Saturday, April 29; 12-1:30pm
Instructor: Kyra Saegusa
$25 members; $35 non-members
Explore the rewards of an ecosystem-based edible landscape in this introductory workshop. This class will lay the foundation for introducing this holistic practice into your garden and creating a sustainable verdant and beautiful food-producing space. Kyra honed her craft as a gardener and garden educator at the Huntington Ranch Garden.

GARDENING
Home Orcharding
Saturday, January 28; 10am-12pm
Instructor: Steve Hofvendahl
$25 members; $35 non-members
The beauty of orcharding in Southern California is that, with the right planning and attention, you can eat several kinds of delicious home grown fruit throughout the year! This class will cover the species and varieties that do the best in our region, and their different needs for care and pruning. Steve ran the TreePeople Fruit Tree Program.

Wild Suburbia: Learning to garden with native plants
Sunday, February 19; 3-5pm
Speaker: Barbara Eisenstein
$8 members; $10 non-members
Looking to transform your traditional, high-water-use yard into a peaceful habitat garden abounding with biodiversity? Barbara, author of Wild Suburbia: Learning to Garden with Native Plants, will discuss the joys and challenges of tending a native garden. She is a research associate and former horticultural outreach coordinator at Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden in Claremont.

Soil Science for Home and Professional Gardeners
February 4; 10am-12pm
Instructor: Lynn Fang
$25 members; $35 non-members
See page 9 for details.

No Sacrifice, Low Water Garden
Saturday, April 1; 10-12pm
Instructor: Scott Kleinrock
$25 members; $35 non-members
Low water landscapes do not have to be about “tightening the belt.” Learn how to envision spaces that accomplish everything you could want from a garden including providing color, habitat, shade, and places for respite and celebration, that simply need less water and resources because they are composed of plants naturally adapted to our regional conditions. Scott is landscape design and planning coordinator at The Huntington in San Marino.

Irrigation for the Home Edible Landscape
Saturday, May 27; 10am-12pm
Instructor: Scott Kleinrock
$25 members; $35 non-members
Spray or drip? In-line emitter or spaghetti tube? Manual or automatic valves? A well-designed irrigation system can be a key factor to the success of your vegetable garden, and make a difference in being able to supply the right amount of water at the right time to grow top quality home-grown favorites. Optimal approaches are different for fruit trees, vegetable beds and more integrated edible landscapes.
**Kids love Nature Camp**

Imagine your child spending spring or summer break exploring the lush gardens of the Arboretum, discovering the awesomeness of nature, and having some old fashioned fun outdoors. Nature Camp offers all this and more at one of Southern California’s most celebrated gardens. All camp activities are led by instructors and guided by counselors. Nature Camp is offered in the spring and summer. The weekly sessions, Monday through Friday, are for children ages 5-11.

Registration is now open for spring and summer sessions. Please call 626.821.4623 to register. For more information, contact Chris Orosz at 626.821.5897.

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### FULL DAY

- 9am-3:30pm
- $325 members per session
- $360 non-members per session
- 10% sibling discount
- T-shirt included

### HALF DAY

- 9am-12pm; 12:30-3:30pm
- $165 members per session
- $180 non-members per session
- 10% sibling discount
- T-shirt included

### DAILY

- $70 members per day
- $75 non-members per day

### EXTENDED CARE

- Mornings 8-9am: $25 members; $30 non-members
- Afternoons 3:30-5pm: $30 members; $35 non-members

For more information, please contact Chris Orosz at Chris.Orosz@arboretum.org or 626.821.5897. Call 626.821.4623 to register for Spring Camp starting in January!

### Botanical Adventures

**An enrichment class for children 4-6**

10:30-11:30am; Mondays, February 6-27; March 6-27; April 3-24  
Instructor: Alka Kumar; $100 per month members; $110 per month non-members; $30 drop-in per day; includes materials

**We begin** our exciting journey of plant exploration with learning about the amazing world of plants—the weird, unique and bug-eating ones. Children will learn about plant habitats, growth, function and life cycles. They also will explore spice and herb plants. Students learn through fun, hands-on creative activities! Kids create take home arts and craft projects too.

**Mommy, Daddy, Grandparents & Me Yoga**

Children ages 2-4; 10-10:45am; Tuesdays, January 10-31; February 7-28; March 7-28  
Instructor: Andrea Walsh; $35 per month members; $45 per month non-members; $15 drop-in per day

**This class provides a wonderful opportunity** for parent or grandparent and child to bond and have fun while learning to focus the mind and to breathe deeply for good health. Young children have a short attention span but they can learn to do natural postures such as the child pose with the greatest of ease. All these skills can be life-long assets for your child.
Egg-Exceptional Celebration!
JOIN US FOR OUR annual EGG-Exceptional event for kids of all ages. There will be egg hunts and egg scrambles, make and take-home activities, prizes, Jamba Juice and the Peacock Café! Baskets will be provided. Mark your calendar for some EGG-Exceptional fun on Saturday, April 15, 9am-12pm. Arboretum members can beat the crowds by taking advantage of special early entry privileges between 8 and 9am. Fee for children’s activities, regular admission applies. The activities fee is $3 per child for members; $5 per child non-members.

Faery Fun Time
Saturday, April 29, 9:30am-12:30pm; $10 for members (adults and children); $15 for non-members (adults and children)

THE FAERIES ENCOURAGE US TO GO OUTDOORS. THE OUTDOORS WILL rejuvenate your spirits and your heart will take wing! Join the faeries from A Faery Hunt up close in an interactive walkabout in the enchanted gardens of the Arboretum. The faeries will bring you stories of faery magic and flowers, with dancing, singing and fun. Children are encouraged to come in their favorite costume. Groups and parties are welcome! This event is amusing and fun for the whole family, children ages 2-10 and the young at heart. Stay and have your lunch at the Peacock Café and have a full day of faery fun at the Arboretum. Call 626.821.4623 to purchase your tickets now.

Spring Into Green!
LOS ANGELES ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION FAIR
Saturday, March 11, 9am-3pm; free with admission; members free

JOIN US AS SEVERAL THOUSAND families, educators, scouting groups and students from all over the Los Angeles area come to network with local environmental community resources. You will learn about lifestyle solutions that affect the health of our planet through hands-on workshops and in-booth presentations. Other event activities include sustainable food sampling, tours, multicultural music, science scavenger hunts, art activities, eco-friendly demonstrations and nature games for all ages.
EVENTS:

LOVELY ALOES
WALKING TOUR
Saturday, January 14; 11am
Members free; free with admission
Guide: Frank McDonough, Botanical Information Consultant
Learn about the variety and beauty of our aloes. These water-saving plants have architecturally interesting features.

ARTISTS OPEN HOUSE
Saturday, January 14 & 28; 1-4pm
The Arboretum Library is holding an open call to artists. For details see page 4.

BAIKO-EN BONSAI KENKYUKAI SHOW & SALE
Saturday & Sunday, January 21 & 22
10am-4:30pm
Members free; free with admission
Baikoen Bonsai Kenkyukai Society will present the only show of deciduous, miniaturized trees in the United States.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CAMELLIA SHOW
Saturday, January 28; 1-4:30pm
Sunday, January 29; 9am-4:30pm
Members free; free with admission
See and enjoy different varieties of lovely camellias.

GARDENING

THURSDAY WHAT’S HAPPENING IN GARDENING
Winter session, 8 weeks
January 12-March 2
9:30am-12pm
$140 series; $25 per class
Full schedule at arboretum.org
January 12; Matt-Dell Tufenkian
Propagating pelargoniums
January 19; Lili Singer
Gardening with our tiniest birds
January 26; Jo O’Connell
Australian native plants

CRESCENT FARM WORKSHOP: LAWN ALTERNATIVES
Saturday, January 21; 10am
Members free; free with admission
Reimagine your lawn with interesting, vibrant alternatives! Explore cool- and warm-season grasses.

HOME ORCHARDING
Saturday, January 28
10am-12pm
Instructor: Steve Hofvendahl
For details see page 11.

KIDS & FAMILY

BOOKWORMS: A STORYTELLING PROGRAM
WHAT’S UNDERGROUND? ROOTS!
Wednesday, January 11 & 18
Saturday, January 14
Thursday, January 26
10:30am
Members free; free with admission
Children ages 3-6 enjoy nature stories and a take-home craft.

MOMMY, DADDY, GRANDPARENTS & ME YOGA
Tuesdays, January 10, 17, 24, 31
10-10:45am
Instructor: Andrea Walsh
For details see page 12.

FAMILY BIRD WALK
Saturday, January 14; 8-10am;
$5 general public; Arboretum and Audubon members free;
children 12 and under free
Guide: Julia Ray from Pasadena Audubon Society
The walk is open to all ages and all levels of birding.

GUERRILLA GARDENING WITH NATIVE PLANTS
Saturday January 21; 10am-12pm
$10 per child for members; $12 per child for non-members;
pre-registration required.
Learn about California native plants and the benefits of planting them. Make seed balls.

Collections

PLANT INFORMATION
Wednesday, January 4; 1:30-3pm
Members free; free with admission
Frank McDonough, Botanical Information Consultant
Topics TBD; visit arboretum.org.

READING THE WESTERN LANDSCAPE BOOK CLUB
WEST OF EDEN
BY JEAN STEIN
Wednesday, January 25; 7pm
Free
Leader: Susan Eubank, Arboretum Librarian
The group explores the portrayal of western North American landscape in fiction, non-fiction and poetry.
For details visit arboretum.org.

SANTA ANITA DEPOT TOURS
Tuesdays & Wednesdays,
10am-4pm; Sundays, 1-4pm
Members free; free with admission

DOCENT-LED WALKING TOURS
Tuesday–Friday, 10am
Saturday, 10:30am
Members free; free with admission

ART

ART WORKSHOP
Mondays, January 30-March 20
9:30-11:30am
$40 members; $50 non-members
This self-directed workshop (no official instructor) provides a supportive, encouraging environment for artists.

NEW! OIL PAINTING
Saturdays, January 14–February 18; 1-3:30pm
$69 members; $79 non-members
Instructor: Ron Pettie
Capture the beauty of nature! We will guide a beginner to draw and paint with confidence. Advanced students will be able to paint independently at their own pace and choose their own subjects. All materials are included.

BOTANICAL ART & ILLUSTRATION
Tuesdays, January 10, 17, 24, 31
10am-2pm
$275 members; $295 non-members
Instructor: Cristina Baltayan
The classes will explore color pencil, graphite, pen and ink and watercolor on various papers, vellum and other surfaces.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

TAI CHI
Thursdays, January 26, February 2, 9, 16; 9-10:30am
Instructor: Master Arnold Chien
For details see page 11.

YOGA IN THE GARDEN
Tuesday evenings,
January 10, 17, 24, 31; 5:30-6:45pm
Thursday mornings,
January 5, 12, 19, 26; 9:30-10:45am
$35 members; $45 non-members;
$15 drop in, per day
Instructor: Candyce Columbus
Class begins with a 10-15 minute warm-up followed by a rejuvenating traditional Indian Hatha yoga practice session.
EVENTS

PACIFIC ROSE SOCIETY ANNUAL AUCTION
Saturday, February 4; 9am-5pm
Members free; free with admission
The Pacific Rose Society hosts its annual auction of hard-to-find, unusual, new and direct-from-growers rose plants.

LOVE POTIONS FROM THE GARDEN WALKING TOUR
Saturday, February 11; 11am
For details see page 4.

MUSHROOM FAIR
Sunday, February 12; 10am-4:30pm
Members free; free with admission
Los Angeles Mycological Society (LAMS) holds its annual Wild Mushroom Fair that will include demonstrations on growing, cooking and identifying mushrooms.

GARDENING

WHAT’S HAPPENING IN GARDENING
Thursdays, February 2, 9, 16, 23
9:30am-12pm
$25 per class
February 2; January Nordman
The nature of permaculture
February 9; Rebecca Tufenkian
Gardens of downtown Los Angeles
February 16; Brandon Walker
Irrigation overview
February 23; Susan Eubank
Library resources for gardeners
March 2; Edwina Pellikka
Plant-based fabrics and dyes

SOIL SCIENCE FOR HOME & PROFESSIONAL GARDENERS
Saturday, February 4; 10am-12pm
For details see page 9.

NEW CALIFORNIA LANDSCAPE
Saturday, February 11
10am-12:30pm
$25 members; $35 non-members
Instructor: Jill Morganelli, Arboretum Horticultural Supervisor
Learn about water-maximizing garden design, construction, irrigation systems and plants.

SUNDAY WHAT’S HAPPENING IN GARDENING
Sundays, February 12, 19, 26; 1-3pm
$25 members; $35 non-members
February 12; Nick Hummingbird
Hahamonga Nursery

February 19; Harold Koopowitz
Understanding color in flowers
February 26; Danny Finkelstein & the Valley Hive
Beckoning

CRESCENT FARM WORKSHOP: SWALES
Saturday, February 18; 10am
Members free; free with admission
Learn about designing, building and maintaining swales.

WILD SUBURBIA: LEARNING TO GARDEN WITH NATIVE PLANTS
Sunday, February 19; 3-5pm
For details see page 11.

RAISED BED GARDENING WITH FARMSCAPE
Saturday, February 25
10am-12pm
$25 members; $35 non-members
Instructor: Matthew Geldin
Raised bed essentials: Right soil, manual and automatic irrigation techniques, garden planning and seasonal tips.

COOKING

FRESH; CELEBRATING THE TABLE
STEVEN MARY
Wednesday, February 8; 3-5pm
$50 members; $60 non-members
For details visit arboretum.org.

KIDS & FAMILY

BOOKWORMS
THERE’S A WHOLE WORLD OF PLANTS OUT THERE
Wednesdays, February 1 & 15
Saturday, February 11
Thursday, February 23
10:30am
For details see page 14.

BOTANICAL ADVENTURES
Monday, February 6, 13, 20, 27
For details see page 12.

MOMMY, DADDY, GRANDPARENTS & ME YOGA
Tuesday, February 7, 14, 21, 28
For details see page 12.

FAMILY NIGHT HIKE ADVENTURE
for children 6 and under
Saturday, February 4
5:30pm-7:15pm
$10 per child for members; $12 per child for non-members

Visit ARBORETUM.ORG for event and class details.
explore the progress of California-friendly wildflowers we planted last fall. Habitat building and meadow maintenance will be discussed.

**SUNDAYS WHAT’S HAPPENING IN GARDENING**
Sundays, March 12, 19; 1-3pm $25 members; $35 non-members
March 12; Christine Anthony
Planning your summer garden
March 19; Matt-Dell Tufekian
Scented geranium garden

**PLANT PROPAGATION**
Saturday, March 18; 10am-12pm $25 members; $35 non-members
Instructor: Laramie Haynes
Propagating your own plants can be a rewarding and truly green hobby. Making cuttings, divisions and planting seeds can be surprisingly easy.

**COOKING:**

**FRESH; CELEBRATING THE TABLE**
Smith Brothers Restaurant
Wednesday, March 8; 3-5pm $50 members; $60 non-members
For details visit arboretum.org

**KIDS & FAMILY**

**BOOKWORMS**

**PEACOCKS!**

**WEDNESDAYS,*** March 1 & 15
**SATURDAY, *** March 25
**THURSDAY, ** March 30
10:30am
For details see page 14.

**BOTANICAL ADVENTURES**
Monday, March 6, 13, 20, 27
For details see page 12.

**MOMMY, DADDY, GRANDPARENTS & ME YOGA***
Tuesday, March 7, 14, 21, 28
10-10:45am
For details see page 12.

**FAMILY BIRD WALK**
Saturday, March 11; 8-10am
For details see page 14.

**SPRING NATURE CAMP**
Session 1: March 20-24
For details see page 12.

**COLLECTIONS**

**PLANT INFORMATION**
Wednesday, March 1; 1:30-3pm
Topic TBD; visit arboretum.org.
APRIL AT THE ARBORETUM

EVENTS

AMERICAN CERAMIC SOCIETY-DC FESTIVAL AND GIFT SHOW
Saturday & Sunday, April 1 & 2
9am-5pm
Members free; free with admission
Enjoy unique, handcrafted, whimsical and one-of-a-kind artwork from Southern California clay artists.

SANTA ANITA DERBY DAY 5K
Saturday, April 8; 8am
Details: kinaneevents.com/EVENTS/SA

SPRING IRIS SHOW & SALE
Saturday & Sunday, April 8 & 9
9:30am-4:30pm
Members free; free with admission
The Southern California Iris Society presents tall bearded, small bearded and aril-bred irises.

EGG-CEPTIONAL CELEBRATION
Saturday, April 15
For details see page 13.

DAYLILY SHOW & PLANT SALE
Saturday, April 15: 9am-4pm
Sunday, April 16: 9am-3pm
Members free; free with admission
The Southern California Hemerocallis & Amaryllis Society show features educational displays, demonstrations and bulbs for sale.

ROSE SHOW & SALE
Saturday, April 22; 1-5pm
Sunday, April 23; 9am-4:30pm
Members free; free with admission
The Pacific Rose Society hosts one of the largest rose shows.

BUTTERFLY HUBS WALKING TOUR
Sunday, April 23; 11am
Members free; free with admission
Guide: Bryan Burks
We unveil our official Monarch Waystation certification.

ARTBORETUM BOTANICAL ART SHOW & SALE
Friday-Sunday, April 28-30
11am-5pm
Members free; free with admission
Our Botanical Art and Illustration students and our Art Workshop participants exhibit their work.

A FAERY HUNT
Saturday, April 29
For details see page 13.

COOKING

FRESH: CELEBRATING THE TABLE
BRUCE KALMAN OF UNION PASADENA AND KNEAD
Wednesday, April 5; 3-5pm
For details visit arboretum.org.

GARDENING

NO SACRIFICE, LOW WATER GARDEN
Saturday, April 1; 10am-12pm
For details see page 11.

WHAT’S HAPPENING IN GARDENING
Thursdays, April 6, 13, 20, 27
9:30am-12pm; $25 per class
April 6; jill Morganelli
Favorite places in the Arboretum
April 13; Laura Bauer
Design with native plants
April 20; Laramee Haynes
Propagation
April 27; Leigh Adams
Water harvesting design

INTRO TO PLANT IDENTIFICATION
Friday, April 7, 14, 21, 28
1:30-4pm
$60 members; $70 non-members
Instructor: Frank McDonough
Learn about plant classification and how to identify plants by genus.

CRESCENT FARM WORKSHOP: POLLINATORS
Saturday, April 22; 10am
Members free; free with admission
Crescent Farm’s plant selections attract bees, bird and butterflies.

KIDS & FAMILY

TERRARIUMS AND GREENHOUSES
Saturday, April 1; 10am-12pm
$10 per child for members; $12 per child for non-members
Make your own terrarium to take home. For children ages 7-12.

SPRING NATURE CAMP
Session 2: April 3-7
For details see page 12.

BOTANICAL ADVENTURES
Mondays, April 3, 10, 17, 24
For details see page 12.

BOOKWORMS
THE EARTH IS OUR FRIEND
April 5, 9, 22, 27; 10:30am

POLLINATORS, BUTTERFLIES, AND OTHER INSECTS
Saturday, April 22; 10am-12pm
$10 per child for members;
$12 per child for non-members
For children ages 7-12.

COLLECTIONS

PLANT INFORMATION
Wednesday, April 5; 1:30-3pm
Topic TBD, details at arboretum.org.

WESTERN LANDSCAPE BOOK CLUB
LOCAS: THE MAGIC MAGGIE & HOPEY STORIES BY JAIME HERNANDEZ
Wednesday, April 26; 7pm; Free

SANTA ANITA DEPOT TOURS
Tuesdays & Wednesdays,
10am-4pm; Sundays, 1-4pm

DOCENT-LED WALKING TOURS
Tuesday-Friday, 10am
Saturday, 10:30am

ART

BOTANICAL ART & ILLUSTRATION
Tuesdays, April 4, 11, 18, 25
For details see page 14.

OIL PAINTING
Saturdays, April 8-May 13
For details see page 14.

GARDEN NIGHT PHOTOGRAPHY CLASS
Saturday, April 29; 7-10pm
For details see page 15.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

HEALTHY BRAIN
Saturday, April 1; 10am-12pm
For details see page 11.

TAI CHI
Thursdays, April 13, 20, 27,
May 4; 9-10:30am
For details see page 11.

THE ESSENTIAL EDIBLE GARDEN: A NEW PARADIGM
Saturday, April 29; 12-1:30pm
For details see page 11.

YOGA IN THE GARDEN
Tuesday evenings,
April 4, 11, 18, 25; 6-7:15pm
Thursday mornings,
April 6, 13, 20, 27; 9:30-10:45am
For details see page 14.

Visit ARBORETUM.ORG for event and class details.
MAY AT THE ARBORETUM

EVENTS

WILD WEST DAY & QUEEN ANNE COTTAGE TOURS
Saturday, May 6; 10am-4pm
For details see page 5.

GERANIUM SOCIETY SHOW & SALE
Saturday & Sunday, May 13 & 14
9am-4pm
Members free; free with admission
The International Geranium Society, Los Angeles branch, presents this wonderful annual display of geraniums.

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY ORCHID HOBBYIST AUCTION
Thursday, May 18; 6-9:30pm
Free
For details visit arboretum.org.

CYCADS AND ANCIENT PLANTS AT THE ARBORETUM WALKING TOUR
Saturday, May 20; 11am
Members free; free with admission
Explore the Arboretum’s excellent cycad collection and other ancient plants.

ANNUAL EPHIPHYLUM SHOW & SALE
Sunday, May 21
9am-4pm
Members free; free with admission
Treat yourself to an enjoyable time viewing these unusual and gorgeous flowers and learning all about them.

DESCANSO CHRYSANTHEMUM SPRING PLANT SALE
Saturday & Sunday, May 21 & 22
9am-4pm
Members free; free with admission
Over 150 varieties of rooted chrysanthemum cuttings will be available at the show as well as perennial flowers and shrubs, and vegetable plants.

SANTA ANITA BONSAI SHOW
Saturday-Monday, May 27-29
9am-5pm
Members free; free with admission
The Santa Anita Bonsai Society will present trees trained to look like miniature forest giants with trees up to four feet tall such as maples, junipers and pines will be on display.

GARDENING

THE NEW CALIFORNIA LANDSCAPE
Saturday, May 13; 10am-12:30pm
$25 members; $35 non-members
Instructor: Jill Morganelli
For details see page 15.

CRESSENT FARM WORKSHOP: WEAVING/BASKETRY
Saturday, May 20; 10am
Members free; free with admission
Learn to use your bio-mass (plant waste) to create garden structures. Simple weaving techniques can use leaves as cordage, branches as trellises, tomato cages, shade shelters and various long lasting leaves as weavers. Design and build compost structures, plant guards and soil traps in your own Crescent Garden.

IRRIGATION FOR THE HOME EDIBLE LANDSCAPE
Saturday, May 27; 10am-12pm
$25 members; $35 non-members
Instructor: Scott Kleinrock
For details see page 11.

KIDS & FAMILY

BOOKWORMS: A STORYTELLING PROGRAM
RAZZLE, DAZZLE; PAINTING THE COLORS WE SEE
Wednesday, May 3 & 17
$69 members; $79 non-members
Instructor: Ron Pettie
For details see page 14.

WET WIRGLERS
Saturday, May 13; 10am-12pm
$10 per child for members; $12 per child for non-members
Learn all about worms, their role in our ecosystem, and how they can help us compost. For children ages 7-12.

FAMILY BIRD WALK
Saturday, May 13; 8-10am
Fee
Guide: Julia Ray from Pasadena Audubon Society
For details see page 14.

COLLECTIONS

PLANT INFORMATION
Wednesday, May 3; 1:30-3pm
Members free; free with admission
Instructor: Frank McDonough
For details see page 14.

READING THE WESTERN LANDSCAPE BOOK CLUB
LEARNING LAS VEGAS BY ELIZABETH BARLOW ROGERS
Wednesday, May 31; 7pm
Free
Leader: Susan Eubank
For details visit arboretum.org.

SANTA ANITA DEPOT TOURS
Tuesday & Wednesdays, 10am-4pm; Sundays, 1-4pm
Members free; free with admission
For details see page 14.

ART

BOTANICAL ART & ILLUSTRATION
Tuesdays, May 2, 9, 16, 23
10am-2pm
$275 members; $295 non-members
Instructor: Cristina Baltayian
For details see page 15.

OIL PAINTING
Saturdays, May 20-June 24
1:30-3pm
$69 members; $79 non-members
Instructor: Ron Pettie
For details see page 14.

ART WORKSHOP
Mondays, May 22-July 10
9:30-11:30am
$40 members; $50 non-members
For details see page 14.

GARDEN NIGHT PHOTOGRAPHY
Saturday, May 27; 7-10pm
$30 members; $40 non-members
Instructor: Frank McDonough
For details see page 15.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

TAI CHI
Thursdays, May 11, 18, 25, June 1
9-10:30am
$35 members; $45 non-members
Instructor: Master Arnold Chien
For details see page 11.

YOGA IN THE GARDEN
Tuesday evenings,
May 2, 9, 16, 23; 6-7:15pm
Thursday mornings,
May 4, 11, 18, 25; 9:30-10:45am
For details see page 14.

Pre-registration preferred for all classes; please call 626.821.4623 or email ted.tegart@arboretum.org to register.
**JUNE AT THE ARBORETUM**

### EVENTS

**DAYLILY SHOW & PLANT SALE**
Saturday, June 3: 9am-4pm
Sunday, June 4: 9am-3pm
Members free; free with admission
The Southern California Hemerocallis & Amaryllis Society sponsors this annual show that features educational displays and demonstrations. Bulbs will be for sale.

**LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL FERN SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE**
Saturday & Sunday, June 10 & 11; 9am-5pm
Members free; free with admission
Enjoy displays of ferns and other exotic plants at their finest. Informative lectures are scheduled for both days with opportunity drawings throughout each day.

**PASADENA SYMPHONY & POPS BROADWAY: THE GOLDEN AGE**
Saturday, June 17; 5:30-10pm
For details see page 5 or pasadenasymphony-pops.org.

**BUTTERFLY IDENTIFICATION WALKING TOUR**
Saturday, June 24; 11am
Members free; free with admission
Guide: Bryan Burks, Arboretum gardener
Join Bryan Burks on a discovery tour of our butterfly hubs and learn how to identify the butterflies that visit.

### GARDENING

**CRESCENT FARM WORKSHOP: HORTICULTURE**
Saturday, June 17; 10am
Members free; free with admission
Explore horticulture at Crescent Farm. Tour our choices for low water lawn alternatives, California native ethnobotanical plants of our local indigenous tribes, arid climate orchard trees and native wildflowers! Get ideas for your home landscape from our New California Landscape. Growing tips will also be discussed.

**SUMMER CAMP**
Weekly sessions begin June 5
For details see page 12.

**BOOKWORMS: A STORYTELLING PROGRAM**
**ITCHY, POKEY, Gooey, Yucky: PLANT WARRIORS**
Wednesday, June 14 & 21
Saturday, June 17
Thursday, June 29
10:30am
Members free; free with admission
For details see page 14.

**FAMILY BIRD WALK**
Saturday, June 10; 8-10am
$5 general public; members free
Guide: Julia Ray from Pasadena Audubon Society
For details see page 14.

### COLLECTIONS

**PLANT INFORMATION**
Wednesday, June 7; 1:30-3pm
Members free; free with admission
Instructor: Frank McDonough
Topic TBD; details at arboretum.org.

**READING THE WESTERN LANDSCAPE BOOK CLUB**
**NOW AND AT THE HOUR OF OUR DEATH BY SUSAN MOREIRA, TRANSLATED BY JULIA SANCHEZ**
Wednesday, June 28; 7pm
Free
Leader: Susan Eubank
For details visit arboretum.org.

**SANTA ANITA DEPOT TOURS**
Tuesdays & Wednesdays,
10am-4pm; Sundays, 1-4pm
Members free; free with admission
For details see page 14.

**DOCENT-LED WALKING TOURS**
Tuesday-Friday, 10am
Saturday, 10:30am
Members free; free with admission
For details see page 14.

**ART**

**BOTANICAL ART & ILLUSTRATION**
Tuesdays, June 6, 13, 20, 27
10am-2pm
$275 members;
$295 non-members
Instructor: Cristina Baltayian
For details see page 14.

**HEALTH & WELLNESS**

**CULTIVATING A HEALTHY BRAIN**
Saturday, June 3; 10am-12pm
$25 members; $35 non-members
Instructor: Dr. Robert Tager
For details see page 11.

**YOGA IN THE GARDEN**
Tuesday evenings,
June 6, 13, 20, 27; 6-7:15pm
Thursday mornings,
June 1, 8, 15, 22; 9:30-10:45am
For details see page 14.

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The Good Family—Living Up to Their Name

Philanthropy and giving back were always part of George and Marcia Good’s values. When they launched the George and Marcia Good Family Foundation in 1997, the idea was to support organizations they cared about and to encourage the family to participate, says daughter Mary Good Lindgren. Mary, the youngest of three sisters, heads up the foundation and serves on its board with her mother Marcia and sisters Virginia (Gini) Good Falconer and Kathleen (Kathy) Good Podley. Today the family tradition of giving continues with the next generation—the Goods’ six grand-children and their spouses.

The foundation is a fitting legacy for George, who passed away in 2013. It was his idea to start the foundation. He and Marcia were college sweethearts at Stanford University. George went on to serve in the Navy and earn a Stanford MBA. He started a company that designed, manufactured, imported and sold giftware items. George and Marcia, both very busy people, found time to be involved in numerous non-profit organizations.

Long-term Arboretum supporters, the Goods have always had an affinity for the Library. They first funded the conversion of the card catalog to an online version in 2006. Last spring, their foundation provided a two-year grant to assess, catalog and preserve the Library’s rare book collection. Its oldest book dates back to 1578: An English translation of A Nieve Herball, or Historie of Plantes by Rembert Dodoens.

In 2016, the Goods also provided seed money to launch a Library Endowment. They see the Library as the great resource it is—the region’s largest, public collection of materials on all aspects of plants, especially botany and gardening. They hope others will support the endowment. Mary, who grew up and still lives in Arcadia, fondly recalls that as a child she was an avid reader and loved history and visiting the Arboretum. She describes the Arboretum as an amazing place that remains part of her identity.

“I think the Arboretum is so many things to so many different people,” Mary said. “It’s an open space where people can just be in nature and have a breath of fresh air. It’s a place that reminds us of our history. It’s a place where you can go and learn, get information, and it’s a place where friends go for concerts. People come for different reasons—some come just to walk.”

Mary and Marcia both recognize the Arboretum has a vital public-private partnership with Los Angeles County, and that private support is critical to the garden’s future. “If we don’t want these opportunities to go away,” said Mary, “then we need to support and supplement what the county can do. We need to do this for the Arboretum!”

WHAT DO YOU FIND WHEN you mix the Arboretum with the Pasadena POPS? Why you find Freddi and Ken Hill enjoying two of their favorite things—gardens and music! The Altadena couple has dedicated many years to supporting important causes that enrich our community and enhance cultural experiences.

Freddi and Ken, however, do so much more than lend their financial support, they get actively involved. Ken brought his business acumen, MBA, and PhD, to the Arboretum Foundation, non-profit partner at the Arboretum, and has just completed his third term as an Arboretum Foundation Trustee. His tenure included serving as past president, and he will continue his contributions as an Honorary Trustee. Meanwhile, Freddi serves on the Pasadena Symphony and POPS board. Ken, in fact, was instrumental in bringing the POPS to the Arboretum in 2012.

Generous annual donors for years, Freddi and Ken recently decided to leave an estate gift to the Arboretum Foundation through the Samuel Ayres Legacy Society (see box page 21). Their favorite spot at the Arboretum is Tallac Knoll for its marvelous setting and view, and their gift will help ensure that this vista and the Arboretum thrive for future generations.

“You don’t have to be wealthy people to make a planned gift,” said Ken. “You can take care of family and still leave a little something for organizations you care about.”

Freddi, who enjoys walks in the Arboretum and has enjoyed the FRESH cooking classes, grew to love gardening after she met Ken, and together they maintain a beautiful home garden featuring a rose collection, fruit trees, and beds for vegetables and herbs. “The Arboretum is such a vital institution,” said Ken. “People need a connection to gardens and earth, plus there are environmental benefits. Gardens provide solace and allow people to rejuvenate in peace and natural beauty. It’s just critical that we have places like this, and they need to be preserved and supported.”
THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS

Celebrating Arboretum Benefactors

The Arboretum is grateful to its Benefactors and celebrates their critical role as the organization’s highest level of supporters. In recognition of their philanthropic support, which is key to advancing the Arboretum’s mission, Benefactors enjoy special benefits all year long, including invitations to exclusive Benefactor-only programs, receptions, tours, lectures and additional member benefits at the level chosen.

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Dr. Bob Tager is a neurologist, professor, artist (painter and photographer), and a Los Vols volunteer with a firm commitment to the connection between nature and healthy bodies and minds. He earned a BA in psychology at UCLA, attended USC Medical School where he graduated as an MD and then specialized in neurology.

Bob spent the next 10 years as a neurologist on staff at both Methodist Hospital in Arcadia and Huntington Hospital in Pasadena before he became medical director of Casa Colina Hospital for Rehabilitation Medicine in Pomona. When Bob and his wife resettled in Sierra Madre in 2000 he began walking at the Arboretum, and eventually became a Los Vols field docent leading adult walking tours.

Although officially retired, he continues to teach Introduction to Clinical Medicine at the USC Keck School of Medicine. Bob has incorporated the Arboretum into the school curriculum by leading groups of medical students on tours designed to focus on the many benefits of plants and the natural environment. He will teach a new Cultivating a Healthy Brain class for members and others at the Arboretum in April (see page 11).—Linda Moore

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Volunteers provide hospitality, information and support staff in all areas of the garden. For more information about becoming a volunteer, contact Nancy Carlton at 626.821.3210 or nancy.carlton@arboretum.org.

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GETTING HERE

The Arboretum is located in the city of Arcadia, just 2 miles east of Pasadena. Exit off the 210 Freeway on Baldwin Avenue and travel south. Or take the Gold Line (metro.net) to Arcadia where you’ll find a shuttle to the Arboretum. If you bike, racks are available at the Arboretum parking lot. Parking is free. Handicapped parking is available.

PEACOCK CAFÉ

Tuesday-Sunday; 9am-4:30pm

The Fresh Gourmet staffs the Peacock Café and offers a varied selection of gourmet sandwiches, wraps, salads and special items from the grill. No picnics are allowed on the Arboretum grounds, but picnic tables are available outside the main entrance. For large parties and catering, call 626.446.2248.

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