Director’s Report On The Garden

Dear Friend,

If you have visited the garden in the last several months you will be aware of the numerous changes that have occurred here, but among the less visible events were:

- nearly 1500 new accession for the garden’s collections from such diverse areas as Peru, Bhutan, Australia, Chile, Mexico, South Africa, and California.
- distribution of over 5,000 packets of seed to other botanical gardens, selected from our biennial seed list.
- the awarding of two grants to the garden, one from the Elvenia J. Slosson Fund to finance the development of a rose garden that illustrates the results of artificial selection in producing the modern tea rose, and a second one from the Council on Educational Development to improve the California Native Plant Area for educational purposes.
- continued research use by undergraduates, graduate students, faculty, and staff on subjects ranging from fence lizard behavior to studies of plants that produce petroleum mimics.
- provision of plants, plant parts, and other botanical specimens to campus classes and those at other institutions.
- over 340 tours for various groups led by 39 garden docents.
- two dozen lectures and field trips offered for community groups by garden staff.
- a static state-supplied budget which is causing us critical problems.
- a dedicated group of volunteers and staff which make the garden the place it is today.

So, not all the news is good news. We face severe financial problems and will rely increasingly on your moral and financial support in the months and years ahead.

Sincerely,
Robert Ornduff, Director

Garden Notes

The Botanical Garden is pleased to announce an addition to its Education Program. Bernice Kattchee has joined the staff as the manager of the Tour Program. An additional change in the Garden’s staff occurred with the promotion of Judith Finn to assistant manager of the Garden.

New officers elected at the Annual Docent Meeting of the Education-Tour Program are Jo Larson - Chair, Ramona Davis - Vice Chair, Ruth Voss - Secretary, Elly Badé - Education Committee Chair, Idell Weydemeyer - Tour Activity Chair, Edna Ellern - Hospitality. Outgoing Chair Lucille Cooper was warmly thanked for her longtime service to the Garden and her enthusiasm in promoting the Garden and its tour program.

The Friends support this past fiscal year has enabled the Garden staff to resurface more paths and roads, to redesign the path system in the Australian collection, and to build new bulb beds for the native bulb collection. A myriad of other improvements to the Garden were realized through the Friends support, particularly in the purchasing of fertilizers, irrigation materials, and label materials.

Special assistance from the Friends helped the Garden to cope with January’s slide damage. Two soil engineers have been consulted and now a landscape designer has been engaged to design a drainage system for the site to prevent further slippage. The site will be treated as a new, natural feature of the Garden, with a little help from the landscape designer, Renee Bradshaw.

The Friends of the Botanical Garden
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND PICNIC
will be held on
Saturday, November 6 at 11 a.m.
in the Meeting Room at the Botanical Garden

Included in the program will be a behind-the-scenes tour led by the Director of the Garden Dr. Robert Ornduff followed by a Business Meeting and concluded with a picnic. All members are encouraged to attend. Please bring a sandwich and the Friends will provide dessert and beverages. If you could, please call 642-2084 and let us know how many in your party will be attending.
Autumn in the Garden

If your Autumn plans this year include more day trips in and around the Bay Area, we hope the UC Botanical Garden will have a place on your "sights-to-see" list. Because of the everchanging nature of the Garden, there are always new and often splendid plantings to greet you. Below is a highlight of plants and events to help you more fully enjoy the Garden.

African Collection:
The "Naked Lady" Amaryllis belladonna and the intergeneric hybrid xBrunsvoldonaparkeri 'ALBA' are bulbous plants which flower without leaves and provide bright pink or white late summer flowers.

Asian Collection:
The Himalayan Lilium wallichianum is a mass of white flowers on Asian Hill.

South American Collection:
The Peruvian Hymenocallis amancaes looks very much like a daffodil out of season.

Australian Collection:
Helichrysum bracteatum is in full flower and is as pretty fresh as it is when dried and sold under the common name of Strawflower.

Slosson Area:
The planting of historical roses showing the development of the modern tea rose is now nearing completion. Also, the winter vegetables in the Plants for Mankind Garden have just been set out.

North American Collection:
Fall flowering Aster novae-angliae and Chelone glabra are some of the fine eastern North American herbaceous perennials now flowering in this collection.

Herb Garden:
Lathyrus odoratus (Sweet peas) and Reseda odorata (Mignonette) are plants whose essential oils are used in making perfume. Smell them as fresh flowers in the Herb Garden.

Tropical House:
Two bananas are in fruit: Musa acuminata, the Cavendish banana which is grown commercially in the Canary Islands, and the Bermese Musa rubra.

Mexican Collection:
The century plant, Agave salmiana, a distant lily relative, is not to be missed with its nearly thirty foot tall flower spike.

Special Interest:
An unitted modern wood and twine sculpture has been constructed in the Japanese Pool by San Francisco sculptor Catherine Spurr. The sculpture is ephemeral and will be in the pool for just a few weeks.

Friends Success Story 1981-82

The Friends of the Botanical Garden had a successful year 1981-82. The Treasurer’s Report for the past year shows a gross income of $44,837.00 which was raised from Plant and Information sales, memberships, and contributions. Total operating expenses including 4 administrative salaries, publication expenses, office supplies, and propagation supplies totalled $28,190.00 leaving a balance of $16,647.00 for Garden uses.

President’s Message

My association with the Botanical Garden began almost ten years ago - as a member of the first class of Docent trainees—and will continue I am sure for many years to come. My tour of duty as President of the Friends, however, comes to an end this Fall.

During the past seven years the Friends have tried to help the Garden in a number of ways: in part by raising funds (through membership dues, contributions, sales), and also by assisting in the development of a long range, Master Plan. How should the Garden accommodate its growing public education program to the needs of the University, what physical changes should be made, what changes in staff and administration? These and other questions were explored by a committee of Garden staff and Friends with guidance from a professional planner.

Now that the Master Plan is at long last completed, I would suggest that our energies by directed at getting the funds needed to implement the Plan. A major effort at increasing our membership should be a part of that campaign.

My warmest thanks to all those who helped to build the Friends organization, and especially to Bob Ornduff whose patience, good will, and commitment never flagged.

Jerry Carlin, President

Donations
Contributions of Cash, Goods, or Services Have Been Received From the Following Friends:

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Berkeley City Club
Berkeley Garden Club
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253 NEW MEMBERS

A hearty welcome to all new members. We are delighted to have you and hope you will enjoy association with the Friends’ of the UC Botanical Garden. Welcome.

Annette Baker  
Mrs. William Baker  
Keith Barton  
Tamara Barton  
James Benford  
Maria Teresa Bertero  
Suzanne Bertram  
Doloris Bishop  
Brian Bliss  
Danielle Bouchard  
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Marion C. Gross  
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David Leo Kennedy  
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Herbert Kling  
Carol Krom  
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Reiko Kubota  
Virginia Langford  
Sherry & Michael Lamuth  
Carolyn Lee  
Rosilynn Lichtman  
Carol Barnes Lucero  
Tim Lukaszewski  
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James Magnuson  
Anthony Manton  
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Sacha Mazuy  
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Ruth Minor  
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Patricia Restaino  
Judith Rhodes  
John Riley  
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Hisao Yokota

PLANT AWARDS

The University of California Botanical Garden received an Award of Merit granted by the California Horticultural Society for the Educational Collection of Aloe Species. This newly created award for an educational display was received by Senior Manager Daniel Campbell on February 2nd at the Annual Banquet of the California Horticultural Society.

The UC Botanical Garden announces

A Special Holiday Plant Sale
Friday & Saturday December 3 & 4
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
The Garden Meeting Room
UC Botanical Garden
Help Please!

Each year, because of lack of funds, items are reluctantly cut from the Garden's list of prospective purchases. A list of such items appears below in hopes that Friends of the Garden and other readers may with to help us acquire some of what the Garden otherwise cannot afford. Of course, contributions toward this end are tax-deductible. The Garden needs:

1. **10 Maximum/minimum thermometers for glass-houses** @ $18 each .... $180.00
2. **1 Lawn Mower**, heavy duty 3.5 HP Briggs engine (to replace aging equipment) .... $550.00
3. **1 Green Machine Weed Eater** .... $350.00
4. **2 Scoop Forks** (for moving compost) @ $60 each .... $120.00
5. **3 Jiffy Peat Pots** @ $50 each (for direct planting out of annuals) .... $150.00
6. **3 Fanno Folding Gardener Saws** (for general pruning) @ $10 each .... $30.00
7. **1 copy of Ferns and Allied Plants** (the Garden has no library budget this year) .... $148.00

**Total**: $1528.00

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Advance Notice
OF
Garden Events

**December 3 & 4**
*Holiday Season Plant Sale*, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Botanical Garden Meeting Room

**January, 1983**
*New Docent Training Class*
Contact UC Botanical Garden Education Program Coordinator Bernice Kattchee at 642-3352

**April 9, 1983**
*University of California, Berkeley Open House*
Plant Sale and Special Events, Botanical Garden

**May 8, 1983**
*Bay Area Museum Sunday*
Plant Sale and Special Events, Botanical Garden

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