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Garden Highlights

April and May are the most colorful months of the year in several sections of the Botanical Garden. Don't miss the bulb beds (beds 23A&B) and the Vernal Pool (bed 3A), both in the **California Native Plant Area**. The bulb beds are located in the knoll near the picnic tables. Several species of *Brodiaea* and native onions (*Allium*) will be in flower. Both genera belong to the Amaryllis family. *Brodiaea* is a genus of western North America that is especially well represented in California. The species possess grass-like leaves and brightly colored flowers borne in a cluster at the tip of a leafless stem. Members of the genus *Allium* are easily recognized by their characteristic odor; economically important members include onions, garlic, chives, shallots, and leeks. There are about three dozen wild species of *Allium* in California, many with attractive flowers.

The **Vernal Pool** is located near the main path that separates the Californian and Mexican areas, adjacent to the Pygmy Forest. During the winter months the pool is filled with water. As the pool dries up in the spring there is a brilliant display of annual plant species including meadow foam (*Limnanthes* spp.), downingia (*Downingia* spp.), and goldfields (*Lasthenia* spp.). When at its peak, this is one of the most colorful displays in the Garden. Bring your camera!

This is also a favorite season of cactus-lovers. The mild climate of the Bay Area permits outdoor cultivation of a large number of cacti and other succulents. A

large selection is included in the **New World Desert Area**. Cacti in flower during April and May include *Trichocereus* and *Echinopsis* (two South American genera with white flowers that open at night), Prickly Pears and Chollas (*Opuntia* spp.), and numerous species of *Lobivia*. The name of this last genus is an anagram of Bolivia, where many of the species are native. *Lobivia* is found only in the South American Andean region.

African Hill is located across the path from the New World Desert area. It contains many attractive bulb plants in flower and large masses of ice plants and their relatives. The latter begin a spectacular flowering display near the end of April.

This is the peak flowering season for many of the horticultural varieties and wild species in the **Floriculture Area**. This recently developed collection includes numerous examples of nineteenth century favorites and forerunners of the modern Hybrid Tea rose. Enjoy the view of the Bay as you stand surrounded by the colors and fragrances of Bourbon, Cabbage, and Moss roses, Polyanthas, Floribundas, Hybrid Perpetuals, and more. The new table display, "Genealogy of the Modern Hybrid Tea Rose," illustrates where the various roses in the display fit into the intricate history of cultivated roses. If you are interested in adding older varieties of roses to your own garden, this is an excellent opportunity to see a variety of examples in flower.

Old Roses Symposium

The 1st Old Roses Symposium at the University of California Botanical Garden, Berkeley, is being cosponsored by the Friends of the Botanical Garden and the Heritage Roses Group. The Symposium will be held at the Botanical Garden Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, May 18, 19, and 20, 1984.

Designed for the collector and grower of Old Roses but open to others with a similar interest, the symposium is intended to promote knowledge and conservation of historic roses.

Speakers Fred Boutin, John C. MacGregor IV and Barbara Worl, with other experts, will participate in a program emphasizing the preservation, identification, collection, propagation, and landscape uses of Old Roses. Special workshops on these subjects, and field trips to nearby gardens, are also scheduled.

There is limited seating. For further information and/or registration material, write: Old Roses Symposium, University of California Botanical Garden, Centennial Drive, Berkeley, CA 94720, or call (415) 642-3352 or 642-3343.

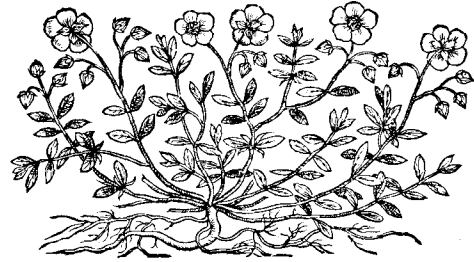
The Heritage Roses Group has extended an invitation to members of the Friends to come to the April 8th meeting at Jefferson School, Rose and Sacramento Streets, Berkeley. The program will begin with plant sale at 12:00, and is followed by an informal meeting at 1:00 with a speaker at 2:00. Trevor Griffiths from New Zealand, nurseryman and author of *MY WORLD OF OLD ROSES* will be the speaker. Bring your brownbag lunch; coffee, tea and cookies will be provided. For further information, call Miriam Wilkins, (415) 526-6960.

Volunteers Needed for Plant Sale

The Annual Spring Plant Sale is the year's most important fundraising event for the Botanical Garden. Funds generated from this sale will go a long way toward maintaining the quality of the Garden's plant collection and public education programs.

At this time, our volunteer propagators are working diligently to prepare a collection of plants for sale. And as always, the selection will be outstanding in both variety and uniqueness.

But we still need volunteers to help with the actual event, including the Friends' Preview Plant Sale on Saturday, May 12 and the Plant Sale on Sunday, May 13. If you'd like to help us on either or both days of this singularly vital sale, we'd love to hear from you. There is much to do and plenty of good seats left for volunteers willing to join our working party. Please contact Wendy Mitchell at 642-2084.



Calendar of Events

April 8 Heritage Roses Group Meeting, Sunday, noon plant sale, 2 p.m. speaker. See newsletter under *Old Roses Symposium* for details.

April 13 & 14 Botanical Garden Open House featuring the Rhododendron Dell, Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. The orchid, cacti, and succulent houses, which are normally closed to visitors, will be open with Docents in attendance to answer your questions. There will be special tours throughout the Garden and displays in the Garden Meeting Room. On Saturday, April 14, Hadley Osborn, Director of Filoli, will give a talk on the "History of the Rhododendron Dell of the UC Botanical Garden" at 1 p.m. in the Garden Meeting Room. Admittance is free.

May 12 Friends Preview Plant Sale, Saturday, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Botanical Garden. New members are welcome to join the day of the sale. The Garden will be closed to the public on May 12.

May 13 Spring Plant Sale and Bay Area Museum Sunday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Botanical Garden. The public is invited to attend the Gardens' annual Spring Plant Sale and participate in Bay Area Museum Sunday which will feature the California Area. There will be special tours and admittance to the orchid, cacti, and succulent houses between noon and 3 p.m.

May 18, 19, 20 Old Roses Symposium, Friday, Saturday, Sunday. See newsletter article for details.

June 2 Docent Recruitment, an orientation meeting for volunteers interested in becoming a Docent at the Garden, Saturday, 10 a.m., Garden Meeting Room. Details about the Docent Program

will be presented at this orientation. One needs no special background but commitment, enthusiasm, and the desire to learn and interpret knowledge to others are required. For information call Bernice Kattchee, 642-3352.

June 3 Alstroemeria Wine Tasting Festival, Sunday, 1-3 p.m., a selected tasting of new releases from the following wineries: Caymus Vineyards, Congress Springs Vineyard, Felton-Empire Vineyards, Fetzer Vineyards, Hacienda Wine Cellars, Martin Brothers Winery, Montclair Winery, Paul Masson Champagne & Wine Cellars, Rodney Strong Winery, Santa Ynez Valley Winery, and Santino Winery. This special festival which will celebrate the blooming of the Alstroemerias will combine wine tasting, musical entertainment and appetizers. The Botanical Garden will be closed to the public for this event. Admittance to the festival is \$15.00 per person. For information call Wendy Mitchell, 642-2084. A special invitational brochure will be sent to members in early May.

June 30 Welcome Event for New Members, Saturday, Botanical Garden Meeting Room, behind the scene tour of the Garden. Details to follow.

July 14-August 11 Adult Educational Classes: Introduction to the UC Botanical Garden, a series of five classes to acquaint you with the Garden, 10 a.m. - noon, Botanical Garden Meeting Room. \$10.00 members, \$15.00 non-members. Enrollment is limited; for registration call 642-352.

Summer 1984 Children's Summer Educational Classes. Call 642-3352 after May 1 for information regarding children's summer classes to be held in the Garden.

62 New Members

A hearty welcome to all new members. We are delighted to have you and hope you will enjoy your association with the Friends of the UC Botanical Garden. Welcome. Special thanks to the 114 people who renewed their memberships.

Jean Andreades	Jamey Elledge	Mr. and Mrs. Michel Laverne	Ronald Ogg
Bryan Benlan	Catherine Flinn	Elise Lew	Boyle Park
Bret Borgerson	Theodora Gauder	Betty Lin	Martha Pearsall
Anthony Bourgre	Kirsten Gong	Barbara Lindsay	Lillian Regelson
Steve Brilliant	Richard Gonzales, Jr.	Cecelia Littlepage	Mrs. Rosally Schwarzbart
Katya Bruk	Verity Goodier	Shirl Lucas	Katherine Selle
Rhonda Caldwell	Michael Hartnett	Tim MacCurdy	Adrienne Sharp
Kathi Candelana	Keith Hillesland	David Maranon	Adele Shepherd
Matthew Carlstroem	Dena Hutchin	Steven Martin	Vicki Sotomayor
Dawn Clausen	Mrs. Tokiyo Inouye	Dawn McAllister	Hilary Stoermer
Patrick Collins	Craige Iversen	Patricia McGarvey	Betty Swenson
Nathan Comfort	Dr. and Mrs. Hans Jenny	Maria Jean Medeiros	Robert Taylor
Dawn Davidson	Dorothy Johnson	Margarete Mohaghan	Maria Thomas
Mark Deleray	Martin Johnson	Leta Nelson	Tracy Westphal
Solveig Dimon	Greta Kaplan	Myva Newman	Andrew Young
Kate Duncan	Terri Knowlton		

Tributes

In Memory of Charles S. Jenner
Berkeley Garden Club

In Memory of Clifford Smith
Pauline Feinberg

In Memory of Alwine Van Allen
Marjorie Nyberg Hoffman

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

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L.H. Coleman	Newell Nelson, Jr.
Victor Gerard	Orinda Garden Club
Elmer and Pamela Grossman	Grace M. Reineman
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James Jones	Fitzhugh S. Rollins
Julie and Peter Jurs	William L. Theobald
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