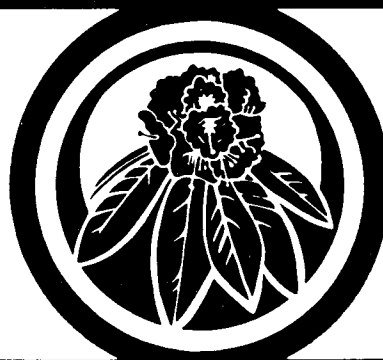


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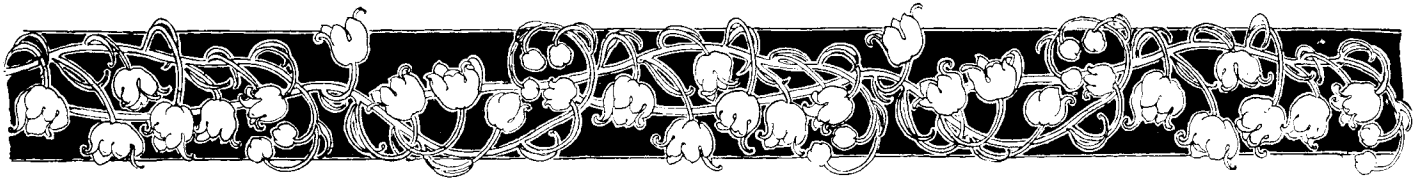
New Home For Visitor Center

The Botanical Garden's Visitor Center was lifted from its foundations and transplanted to a new site in May, 1986. It is now located in the parking area, adjacent to the Garden office. The building was constructed in 1978 and was designed to be moveable. When it came time for the relocation, workmen jacked the building up, slipped a trailer underneath, and pulled the uprooted structure 80 yards to its new home. They had to negotiate a narrow path between greenhouses and garden beds, with two sharp turns along the way. The trip went smoothly, to everyone's amazement and relief. The only injured pedestrians were a ten foot *Yucca aloifolia* and a planter box full of succulents; none of the wounds proved fatal.

After the building was placed on its new foundations, an attractive redwood deck was added. Future plans call for installation of an attached greenhouse, providing a display area for sale plants and office space. The Visitor Center's hours have expanded considerably. It will now be open from

9 am to 4:30 pm, seven days a week. The inventory, consisting of books, plants, botanical gift items, prints, posters, and cards, will also continue to increase. It will be staffed by volunteers, work-study students, and the Coordinator of Development (Wendy Mitchell, the staff member responsible for the operations of the Visitor Center). Anyone interested in working as a volunteer is encouraged to call Wendy at 642-3343. This number connects callers directly to the Visitor Center and continues as the general information number for the Garden.

Relocation and remodeling of the Visitor Center were made possible through the considerable generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Witkin, Dean Leonard Kuhi, Alumni of the College of Letters and Science, and the Friends of the Botanical Garden. Future development calls for a roofed shelter to be constructed on the former site of the Visitor Center, providing a gathering place for tour groups and classes.



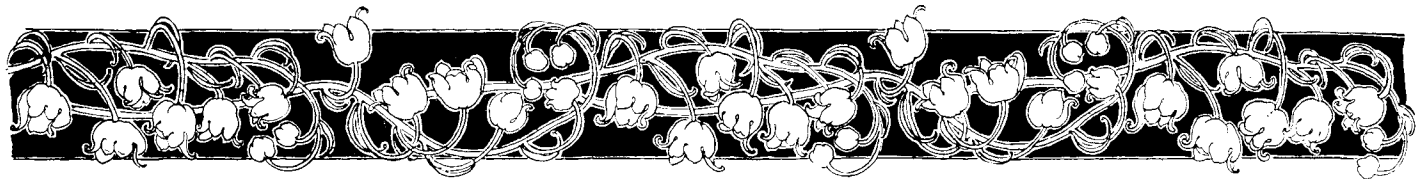
Across the Garden Border

Garden staff travelled to Mexico and China during the spring and summer of 1986, searching for new plants and expanding the Garden's contacts abroad. Five staff members and eight plant enthusiasts crowded into two vans for a ten-day trip to Baja California in March. Although a surprising amount of rain was encountered, everyone was impressed by the beauty and uniqueness of the desert flora. The route within Mexico followed Highway 1, with the exception of a detour east to Bahia de los Angeles, a sheltered bay on the Sea of Cortez. The southernmost point reached was Miller's Landing, an area north of Guerrero Negro featuring dwarf specimens of the caudiciforms *Bursera* and *Pachycormus*. Highlights of the trip included seeing numerous genera of cacti in their natural habitat (e.g. *Mammillaria*, *Ferocactus*, *Echinocereus*, *Opuntia*, *Machaerocereus*, *Myrtillocactus*, *Bergerocactus*), hiking through the bizarre moonscape of granite outcrops and Boojum trees (*Idria columnaris* = *Fouquieria columnaris*) surrounding Catavina, and seeing Halley's comet (a glimmer on the horizon). Numerous living plants, seeds, and herbarium specimens were gathered to add to the Garden's collection.

Regular visitors to the Garden will have noticed numerous improvements in the Asian area during the last year and a half, including new plantings, rearrangement of established plantings, and improved general maintenance. Much of the credit goes to horticulturist Elaine Sedlack, who has recently expanded her activities to include the Mediterranean and European areas as well. From April 30 to June 2 Elaine was in China with a tour organized by the Rhododendron Species Foundation. Her trip was financed in part by a grant from the Garden's Horticultural Staff Development Fund, maintained by private donations. The itinerary in China included the provinces of Shanghai, Jiangsu, Beijing, Jianxi, Hubei, Sichuan, and Yunnan. Numerous botanical gardens were visited, those in Nanjing, Beijing, Lushan, and Kunming rating high-

est on Elaine's list. The trip provided an opportunity to see many characteristic Chinese genera in the wild, including rhododendrons, azaleas, *Cryptomeria*, *Paulownia*, irises, and timber bamboos, as well as several important botanical garden collections. Conveyances included Russian-built airplanes, motorized sampans, cruise ships, and steam trains. The Friends' lecture series will feature a presentation by Elaine during the coming year. Don't miss the opportunity to share her unusual China experience with her.

A second trip to China will have been completed by the time this newsletter is received. Dr. James Affolter, curator of the Garden, will initiate the scholar exchange program that has been established in conjunction with the Chinese Medicinal Herb Project. In August, 1985, the American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine in San Francisco (ACTCM), the Guangzhou College of Traditional Chinese Medicine (China), and the University of California Botanical Garden signed an agreement to establish a garden of Chinese medicinal herbs at the UC Garden and to establish an exchange program for scholars between the People's Republic and the United States. Each year a Chinese scholar will spend approximately six months in the USA, based at the ACTCM in San Francisco. In turn, an American botanist will travel to China for 4-8 weeks. The initial exchange is being financed by private donations and a grant from the US-China Foundation for International Exchanges. Dr. Affolter will be accompanied by Dr. Catherine Pringle, who will act as photographer, Howard Harrison (Dean of the ACTCM) and U Aik Kaw (Provost of the ACTCM). The purpose of the trip will be to establish contacts among the Chinese botanical and medical communities, to study the use of plants in Chinese traditional medicine, and to bring back specimens from Guangzhou for the new medicinal section to be established here at the Garden. Results of the trip will be reported in the next Friends' newsletter.



Carnivorous Plants Workshop

In spite of their exotic appearance, not to mention their eating habits, many carnivorous plants can be grown successfully by home gardeners. Learn about the bizarre mechanisms these plants use to catch insects and how to cultivate them with a minimum of personal risk! Each participant will take home a hungry plant propagated from the Garden's

collection.

Instructor Joe A. Mazrimas is the co-founder of the International Carnivorous Plant Society. The workshop will be held Saturday, October 25, from 10 am to noon in the Garden Meeting Room. To register, call 642-3352. Workshop fee is \$15.00.

Familiar Faces — New Responsibilities

Jean Shady joined the Garden staff in May as a full-time secretary and curatorial assistant, after serving as an active volunteer for several years. She has worked in the Visitor Center as a work-study student and is currently a docent. During 1985, while volunteering as a curatorial assistant, she mapped beds in the Mediterranean and European section and prepared a database of private and corporate foundations of interest to the Garden.

Jean was raised in Santa Clara and received a Bachelor of Science in Conservation and Resource Studies from the School of Natural Resources, UC Berkeley, in 1984. Prior to transferring to the Botanical Garden, she worked in the Department of Mathematics as student services assistant. She has a particular interest in the flora of the Mediterranean region, stimulated by a three-month, solo trek through Europe during 1984. Jean was one of four students enrolled in Botany 129 (Curatorial and Managerial Methods in the Botanical Garden) during the fall of 1985. It speaks well of the course that 25% of the alumni have already attained career positions in the botanical garden field!

Jean replaces Marie Herold, who accepted a position in the Student Learning Center on campus. We wish Marie success in her new position and are grateful for the significant contribution she made during her two-and-one-half years at the Garden.

Memorial Bench

A memorial fund has been established for Charlie Minor, a graduate student in botany who died after a long illness in June. The contributions will be used to place a teak bench with a brass plaque in the Botanical Garden. A dedication ceremony will be held during the annual department colloquium in late August. Those wishing to contribute to the fund can make a check to the "Regents of the University of California" specifying that it is for the Charles Minor III Memorial Fund and send it to the Department of Botany.

Boy Scout Service Project

A crew of young men from local Boy Scout Troop #254 constructed a series of terraces behind the Education Annex. The terraced area will be used by the Volunteer Propagators for growing potted plants for the Garden's Plant Sales. James H. Jones, general supervisor on behalf of the Garden, worked closely with Scouts Bradley Lai, Erik Lai, project supervisor, Wesley Yee, Stephen Belton, Douglas Wiedwald and Sean Eagan.

An additional project was completed by Troop 274. Under the direction of John Eiler, the troop put in a path one hundred feet in length, involving ten railroad tie steps and extensive grading.

The Botanical Garden is pleased to be able to sponsor or promote such projects and hopes that future scout projects will meet with equal success.



Sculpture in the Garden

At our Third Annual *Alstroemeria* Wine-Tasting Festival, the work of premier Dutch sculptor Nic Jonk was displayed. Jonk, who is best known in Europe where his larger than life statues are on permanent display in public gardens in Amsterdam, Dusseldorf and Paris, will have his exhibit of bronze sculpture in the Botanical Garden through September.

The Garden Staff wishes to thank Nic for the loan of his sculpture. In addition to providing us with the enjoyment of viewing his work, Nic generously donated fifty percent of the proceeds from the sales of his artwork at the Wine-Tasting Festival.

As the Festival blooms more beautifully each year, we hope that you will join us on Sunday, June 14, 1987 for the next celebration!

The Garden Staff wishes to thank the following for their generous donations of food and wine and the wonderful spirit in which they participate: Alexander Valley Vineyards, Botts Ice Cream, Bread Garden, California Soleil Vineyards, Caymus Vineyards, Crystal Geysir Water Company, Domaine Chandon, Felton-Empire Vineyards, Fetzer Vineyards, Firestone Vineyard, Girard Winery, Guenoc Winery, Hacienda Wine Cellars, Haywood Winery, John A. Brown Kitchens, The John H. Hanan Food Company, Karly Wines, Ladyfingers Desserts & Pastries, Le Pique-nique, Marinelli Shell Fish, Mesa Restaurant, Montclair Delicatessen, Morris Smoked Fish Company, Peloponnese, Piper Sonoma Cellars, Raymond Vineyards, Ridge Vineyards, Royal Coffee Exchange, Saintsburg, Santa Barbara Olive Company, Scharfenberger Cellars, Sierra Vista Winery, Sorabol Korean Restaurant, and Trefethen Vineyards.

120 New Members

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

Grace Abiko
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Isa Mary Ziegles

Docents Elect New Officers

At the Docent Council Meeting in June the following officers were elected for the 1986-87 year: chair: Nancy Swearingen; vice-chair: Peggy Newell; secretary: Myra Holstein.

There are a few spaces available in the Introduction to Botany course taught by Robert Price. The class, which is part of the docent training course, is open to members of the friends. The fourteen week course meets Monday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30 pm starting September 8 in 2094 Life Sciences Building on the main Berkeley campus. Enrollment fee is \$75.00. For further information call the Education Program at 642-3352.

The Garden apologizes to Mrs. Dorothy Foree for listing her under memorial tributes instead of honorary tributes in the Spring Newsletter. In expressing her appreciation to Melvin White for the contribution in her name, she writes:

It's nice to be remembered
With a tribute from a friend
Who shows appreciation
Of my living, not my end!
The thing I must complain about
Is prematurity
I'm still among the living
And hope for years to be.



The Friends and the Garden staff wish to express their gratitude to the following contributors who have generously helped to improve the Garden's collections, facilities, and programs.

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Adult Educational Course

The Botanical Garden's Education Program will offer **FROM THE RAINFOREST TO YOUR LIVING ROOM**, a ten week course exploring the natural history and cultivation of tropical orchids, bromeliads, aroids, and ferns. Instructor Fred Dortort, who has studied in Mexico, Central America, Malaya, and Borneo, will provide students with the opportunity to study specimens from the Garden's unusually rich collection. The course will be held on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9 pm in the Garden Meeting Room starting September 10 and running through November 12. The fee is \$45 for Friends of the Botanical Garden and \$50 for non-members. To register, call 642-3352.

Road Closed

The 1986 Cal Football session will necessitate the closing of Centennial Drive at Centennial and Rimway on the following Saturdays: September 20 & 27, October 11 & 18, and November 1 & 22. The Botanical Garden will remain open with its usual schedule (9-4:45) and can be approached from Grizzly Peak Blvd.

Benefit With Friends Membership

Membership in the Friends of the Botanical Garden brings numerous benefits in addition to giving support to the Garden.

All memberships include:

- Newsletter
- Lecture Series
- Workshops & Tours
- *Spring Preview Plant Sale*
- Discount on educational programs
- 20% discount on selected UC Press books
- Volunteer opportunities

\$150 Sponsor level includes all of the above, plus:

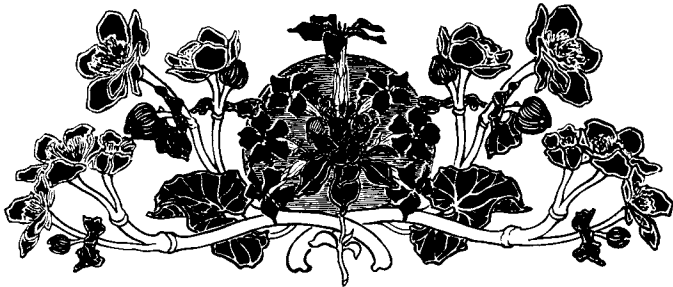
- Membership in UC Campanile Club
- Invitation to President's Fall Reception & Buffet

\$750 Patron level includes all of the above, plus:

- Membership in UC Sather Gate Club
- Two complimentary tickets to the Wine-Tasting Festival

\$1500 Benefactor level includes all of the above, plus:

- Membership in Robert Gordon Sproul Associates
- Eligibility for membership in Faculty Club
- Invitation to Chancellor's Banquet
- Parking permit for campus visits
- Invitation to two pre-football luncheons



Bequests

The Garden welcomes donations in the form of bequests. If you would like information on this form of giving, please write to James Ratcliff, Friends of the Botanical Garden, Botanical Garden, Centennial Drive, Berkeley, CA 94720.

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Calendar of Events

For information call 642-3343

September 6 Friends Annual Business Meeting and Welcome to New Members. Business meeting, followed by refreshments and a behind the scenes tour of the Garden. Saturday, 2pm, Meeting Room, The Botanical Garden.

September 10-November 12 Adult Educational Class: From the Rainforest to Your Living Room. See article in Newsletter.

September 11 Campus Plant and Print Sale. Houseplants, orchids, bromeliads, succulents and more. Artist Hisao Yokota will display and sell his prints. Thursday, 10am-3pm, Lower Sproul Plaza, UC Berkeley Campus.

September 28 Fall Plant Sale. Hard to find trees, shrubs, herbs and California native plants ready for fall planting, Sunday, 10am-3pm, The Botanical Garden.

October 25 Carnivorous Plants Workshop. Saturday, 10am-Noon. See article in Newsletter.

November 13 Friends Lecture. Japanese Gardens in the West. A slide presentation by Daniel Campbell. Thursday, 8pm, 101 Morgan Hall. Members free, non-members \$3.00, payable at the door. See article in Newsletter.

December 6 & 7 Holiday Season Sale. Plants, wreaths, decorations, gifts and prints. Saturday & Sunday, 10am-3pm, Meeting Room, The Botanical Garden.

**The Friends of the Botanical Garden
WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS
and BUSINESS MEETING**

will be held on

Saturday, September 6, 1986, 2 p.m.

in the Meeting Room at the Botanical Garden

Included in the program will be a behind-the-scenes tour followed by a Business Meeting and refreshments.

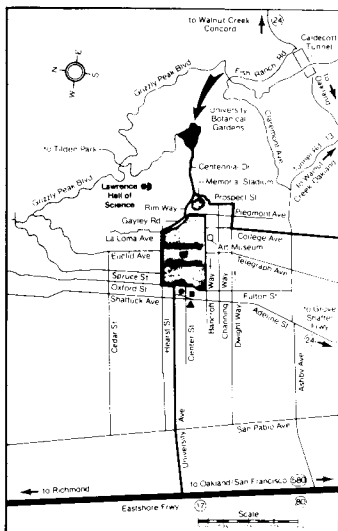
If you could, please call 642-3343 and let us know how many in your party will be attending.



Japanese Gardens in the West

Daniel Campbell, Botanical Garden Manager, will present a lecture with slides illustrating public Japanese Gardens on the West Coast. Mr. Campbell's presentation will cover stylistic developments of the Japanese gardens; the post-war friendship gardens; and the Botanical Garden's current plans for redeveloping its own Japanese pool into a Japanese Garden.

Japanese Gardens in the West is a lecture in the Friends Lecture Series. It will be held at 8pm, Thursday, November 13 in 101 Morgan Hall on the main Berkeley Campus. Members of the Friends of the Botanical Garden are free, non-members \$3.00 payable at the door. Night parking is available on Campus for 25¢ at the Main Gate.



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