

## DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

I am pleased to announce that the Garden has received a grant of \$12,000 from the Institute of Museum Services, a federal agency of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. The purpose of the one-year grant is to develop a 20-year master plan for the encouragement of public use of the Garden. The grant proposal was submitted to IMS last May by Jim Novosel on behalf of the Friends Planning Committee. Since only 30 percent of the proposals received by IMS were funded, Jim and his committee deserve special thanks for their efforts. In the words of a press release from IMS, institutions such as the Botanical Garden are "no longer . . . considered merely shelters for special projects; they are now viewed as cultural foundations which require continual support to exist, experiment, and expand."

At the November 2d Friends membership event, Asst. Professor Thomas Duncan of the Botany Department presented a fascinating illustrated lecture on his recent plant hunting expedition to the Peruvian Andes. The meeting was well-attended by Friends from as far away as San Jose and Woodside, and Membership Chairman Mike Gerba was successful in recruiting several non-Friends to join our increasing membership.

In late September, Anton Christ, a long-time Manager of the Garden, resigned for health reasons. Mr. Christ occupied this post for two decades, a period during which numerous positive changes occurred in the collections and programs of the Garden. It is impossible to offer sufficient words of appreciation to Mr. Christ for his dedicated service, but those of you who have seen the Garden develop over past years will certainly realize that the changes that have occurred here under his leadership are profound and fundamental. Mr. Christ has been replaced by Al Irving, a long-time and capable member of the garden staff. *Robert Ornduff, Director*

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## Membership program

### 中国植物学

- or, "Botany in the People's Republic of China", is the topic of a slide-lecture to be given by Dr. Bruce Bartholomew on January 31st at 8 p.m. in Room 2503 Life Sciences Bldg. on the UC Berkeley campus. In the spring of last year, Dr. Bartholomew, Curator of the UC Botanical Garden, spent a month in the People's Republic of China as part of a 10-member delegation of U.S. botanists representing the Botanical Society of America. This was the first major exchange in basic botanical studies between the two countries, and was a particularly timely visit in view of the recent rebirth of fundamental scientific research in China and its resumption of scientific ties with the West. A return delegation of ten Chinese botanists will visit the U.S. in 1979. It is hoped that this exchange of delegations will be a major step in the development of greater contact and communication between the two countries.

This contact is particularly important here at the UC Botanical Garden, where the interest in and emphasis on Chinese plants date from the Garden's inception in the late 1920's. Rhododendrons collected in Southwestern China and Tibet during the mid-1920's constituted the first major group of plants in the Garden. One of the least studied yet most diverse temperate floras in the world, the Chinese flora is well suited to the climate of the Botanical Garden. A seed exchange with seven Chinese botanical gardens is now maintained by Dr. Bartholomew, who is particularly interested in increasing the Garden's collection of living material from the Mixed Mesophytic and Broadleaf Evergreen Forests of Southwestern and Central China.

Dr. Bartholomew's lecture will include slides and discussion of relatively well-known spots - such as the 400 year-old traditional gardens of Soochow, the Bonsai Garden in Shanghai, and the Canton Botanical Garden with its collections of subtropical ferns and *Cymbidium* orchids - as well as less frequently visited areas such as Kunming (only recently opened to Westerners) and a Forest Preserve west of Canton with native trees 300 to 400 years old. Dr. Bartholomew will also focus on the new openness of the Chinese people and the new direction of botany in China.

You are encouraged to take advantage of the free admission for Friends members to this timely lecture (memberships and renewals will be available at the door). General admission is \$2.

## Garden News

A large collection of seeds of plants native to southern France was received by the Garden in October from former Docent Eva Poinar. Mrs. Poinar's husband is spending a year at Antibes where he is conducting research in plant pathology, while Mrs. Poinar has evidently been scouring the countryside for interesting and unusual additions to the Garden's collection of Mediterranean plants.

Nineteen new Tour Guides graduated from the training class taught by Educational Coordinator Laurianne Hannan in December, bringing the total number of active guides to 61.

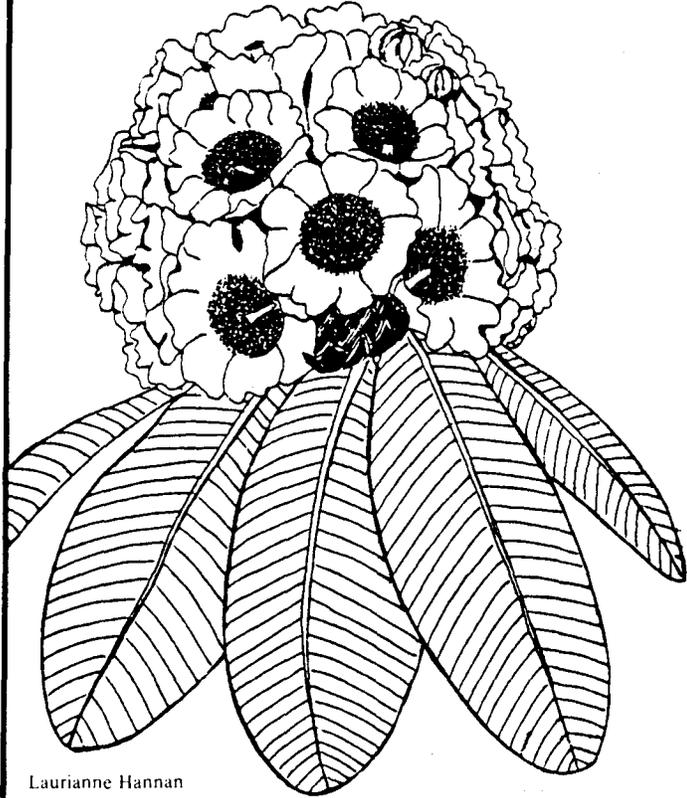
Thanks to these dedicated volunteers, the Garden will be well prepared for the Spring's full schedule of tours for school children, senior citizens' groups, and other organizations.

The Garden's California Area will now be under the care of Senior Nursery Technician Kurt Zadnik, who took the place of Jonathan Plant when Mr. Plant left to enter graduate school in Landscape Architecture. Mr. Zadnik, who was selected from more than 32 applicants for the position, received his Bachelor of Science degree in Ornamental Horticulture from the University of Illinois, and had previously worked in the Garden's Cactus and Succulent House.

*The Garden has an exciting new enrichment program for  
Friends and Volunteers - see the enclosures for details!*



*Rhododendron protistum* - the showy pink flowers of this winter-blooming rhododendron will soon brighten the UC Botanical Garden's Rhododendron Dell. This species and nine other seasonal garden highlights are included in the enclosed Winter Self-Guided Tour of the Garden.



## FRIENDS QUARTERLY CALENDAR

January 31st - "Botany in the People's Republic of China".  
Slide-lecture by Dr. Bruce Bartholomew. 8 p.m., 2503 Life Sciences Building.

February 20th - Friends and Volunteer Enrichment Class #1:  
Orchid Farm Field Trip. 9 a.m., Botanical Garden parking lot.

March 20th - Friends and Volunteer Enrichment Class #2:  
Slide-lecture on plant diseases by Dr. Robert Raabe. 10:30 a.m., Botanical Garden Meeting Room.

## ADVANCE NOTICE

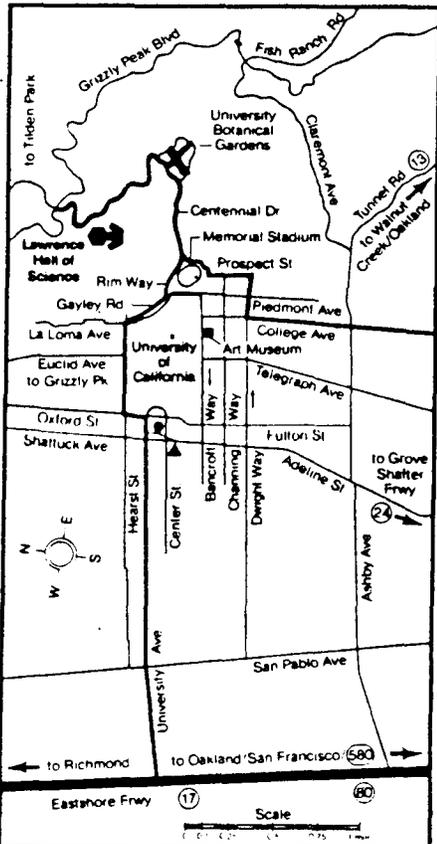
April 7th - Botanical Garden Open House

May 5th - Friends Preview Plant Sale

The Friends of the U.C. Botanical Garden provide assistance to the garden in improving and extending the plant collections, enriching the education program, and meeting general capital requirements.

Membership benefits include special programs on plants and gardening; mailings of the Botanical Garden Quarterly Newsletter and seasonal self-guided tours; a 20% discount on selected UC Press Books; and admission to the annual Preview Plant Sale exclusively for Friends.

Student, senior citizen, and garden volunteer memberships are discounted to \$5. Standard dues are \$10 for individuals, \$15 for families. The Friends of the Botanical Garden functions as a support group under the auspices of the UC Berkeley Foundation, and dues and gifts are tax-deductible.



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