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EDUCATION PROGRAM

During the last year, more than 6,000 people, over two-thirds of them school children, enjoyed the Garden via guided tours led by our volunteers. And beginning last February, 71 Friends members and volunteers increased their knowledge on selected topics of botanical interest by attending one or more of the Garden's Enrichment Classes. Class descriptions and a registration form for the new series of classes beginning in August are provided as enclosures. In addition, a special series of Children's Enrichment Classes, also described in an enclosure, is scheduled for Thursday afternoons in August here in the Garden.

The Education Program has recently been reorganized, with former Education Coordinator Mrs. Annie Hannan assuming the new role of Education Program Botanist, where she will be preparing new written information about the Garden and new display materials, as well as teaching some of the Garden's classes. Mrs. Nancy van Roesel, a long-time garden Docent, has been hired as the new Education Coordinator, and will assume responsibility for organization of all Education Program events including the Enrichment Series and the Tour Guide Training Class.

The 1979 Tour Guide Training Class will begin in October and culminate ten weeks later with a mid-December graduation ceremony. Trainees will become familiar with the Garden's series of tours. A fee of \$25.00 is charged to cover training materials and expenses, and enrollment is limited to approximately 18 persons. Please contact Nancy van Roesel at 642-3352 if you are interested in becoming a tour guide.

Annie Hannan
Nancy van Roesel

Information Center

The garden's Information Center will now be dependably staffed every Friday, Saturday and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m., thanks to the hiring of Work Study student Barry Weise. During these hours, Barry will be on hand to answer visitors' questions and to sell garden booklets and tours, UC Press books, seasonal plants in bloom (including a few orchids), and other items. He can also answer phone inquiries at the Information Center number, 642-9856.

Key to Plant Sale Success: Volunteers

With scarcely two months elapsed since the 1979 UC Botanical Garden Spring Plant Sale, seedlings for next year's sales are already sprouting in the garden's potting sheds. A year-round potting and propagating effort by a group of committed volunteers is required to produce the vast selection of plants that resulted in sales of over \$7,000 at the Spring Plant Sale on May 12 and \$3,000 at the Friends Preview Plant Sale on May 5. A relatively small group of volunteers shouldered the responsibility for this year's sales. For the coming year of planting culminating in the 1980 sales, the Friends would like to tap the pool of experienced gardeners in their membership, and are calling for volunteers to help support these plant sales which not only raise money for the garden directly, but also attract many new members to the Friends.

According to Plant Propagating Coordinators Mary Schroter and LaVerne Elliott, a few propagating sections (ferns, orchids, bromeliads, rhododendrons) are already staffed; however, there is an acute need for volunteers with potting and propagating experience who are interested in areas such as perennials (including rock garden plants and bulbs), shrubs and trees, cacti and succulents, houseplants, and natives. In addition, members with interest and experience in special categories (such as fruits and vegetables, everlastings, geraniums and pelargoniums, and rare annuals) are urged to share their skills with us.

Volunteers need not be "experts", of course, but the Coordinators are eager to recruit plant enthusiasts with a basic knowledge of propagation who would like to work independently in the areas of their choice. The bulk of the work going on right now involves taking cuttings, lining out seedlings, and repotting; starting this fall and continuing into the spring, grooming, weeding and pruning will be the principal activities. Also in the spring, volunteers will be needed for labelling and pricing, for which no previous experience is required.

When and where does all this activity take place? The volunteer potting facilities are located at the rear of the garden, adjacent to the Economic Area. Most of the potting and propagating take place on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, but established volunteers are encouraged to participate on whatever days their schedules permit. In fact, much of the propagating work is carried on at volunteers' homes, with plants being transported to the garden shortly before the sale. If you are interested in participating in this vital volunteer effort, please contact the Friends Office at 642-2084, Mary Schroter at 254-0596, or LaVerne Elliott at 934-9781, and let us know what your areas of interest are. Donations of unusual plants or of plastic flats and 1- and 2-gallon cans would also be greatly appreciated.

Bouquets to Garden Staff

Those of us who frequent the garden have heard many flattering comments lately concerning the garden's appearance. In fact, many visitors say that they have never seen the garden look so attractive. These comments testify to the excellent work being carried out by the garden staff under the direction of Manager Al Irving. The garden's CETA workers have been particularly helpful in supporting the general staff's efforts to maintain the garden's beauty during this period of limited funding. In addition, the staff's full cooperation and support have been essential in operating the garden's tour programs and plant sales. So thank you, Al and your staff, for making the garden's 50th anniversary in Strawberry Canyon such a banner year.

Chinese Botanists Visit Garden

Garden Curator Bruce Bartholomew hosted a delegation of botanists from the People's Republic of China on their May visit to the Berkeley campus. On May 28, delegation member Yu Te-tsun delivered a Friends-sponsored lecture on the *Camellia reticulata* cultivars of Yunnan Province. The following day, the botanists were welcomed at the garden with a delectable luncheon provided by the Docent Council and coordinated by Ruth Halbach. In his remarks during the luncheon, delegation leader Dr. Tang, Director of the Institute of Botany of the Chinese Academy of Sciences in Peking, expressed his admiration for the close cooperation evident between volunteers and staff at the garden.

Annual Membership Meeting

Friends members approved the nominations of three new Board of Trustees members — James Lattie, Margaret Mitchell, and George Waters — at the Annual Friends Membership Meeting on June 23. Vice-president Mary Jefferds, Secretary Nancy Wilson, and Board members Garrett Eckbo and Alan Dundes were returned to office for another term. The proposed FY 79-80 Friends operating budget, Board recommendations for allocations of funds raised in FY 78-79, and six amendments to the by-laws were also approved. These documents will be furnished to interested parties upon request by the Friends Office (642-2084).

The highlight of the meeting, the Preliminary Master Plan presentation by Design Consultant Eldon Beck, was received enthusiastically by the members present. A summary of the presentation is given on Mr. Beck's Schematic Site Plan, which has been reduced and enclosed with this newsletter for study and comment by the membership.

Docent Council

New officers elected at the Annual Docent Council meeting in June are Joan Mirov - President, Lucille Hunzinger - Vice-president, Pat Haynes - Treasurer, and Jene Lawson - Secretary. Outgoing President Margaret Mitchell was warmly thanked for her tireless enthusiasm in promoting the garden and its programs.

FRIENDS QUARTERLY CALENDAR

August 13

Deadline for Enrichment Series registration

August 21

Enrichment Class #1: "The World of Weeds". Illustrated lecture and walk through the garden with David Weed. 10 a.m., Botanical Garden Meeting Room.

September 18

Enrichment Class #2: "A Stroll Through Blake Garden". Tour by Carole Schemmerling. 10 a.m., Blake Estate parking lot.

September 20

Membership program to be announced.

ADVANCE NOTICE

October 30

Presentation of Botanical Garden Master Plan. Time to be announced, Botanical Garden.

April 12

Open House. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Botanical Garden.

May 3

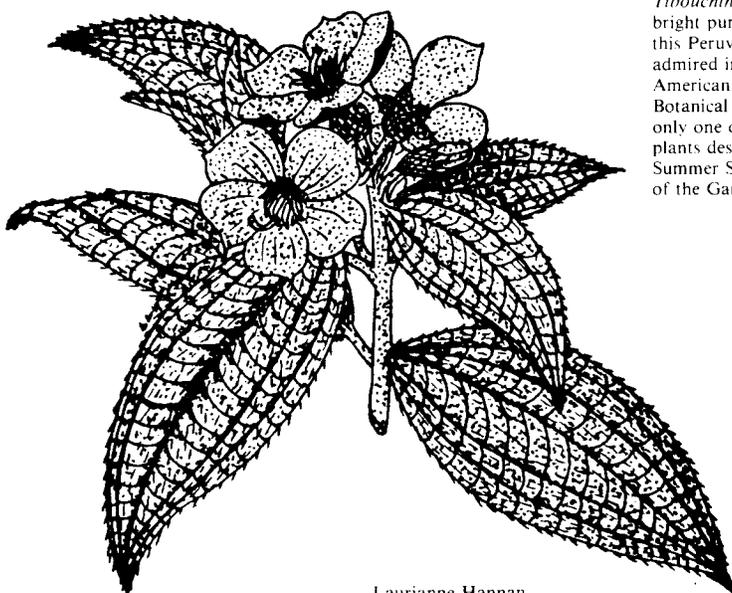
Friends Preview Plant Sale. 1 - 4 p.m., Botanical Garden.

May 10

Annual Spring Plant Sale. 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Lawrence Hall of Science Plaza.

June 21

Annual Friends Membership Meeting/Picnic. 11 a.m., Botanical Garden Meeting Room.



Laurianne Hannan

Tibouchina laxa — The bright purple flowers of this Peruvian shrub can be admired in the South American area of the UC Botanical Garden. It is only one of the interesting plants described in the Summer Self-Guided Tour of the Garden.

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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