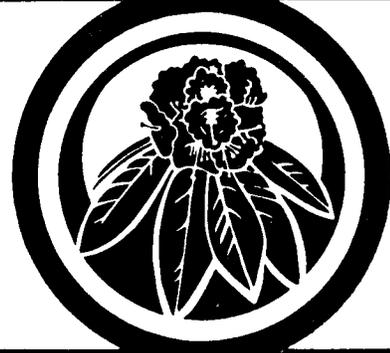


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# Newsletter

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Jim succeeds Dr. Bruce Bartholomew, who has accepted a position as Collections Manager in the Botany Department of the California Academy of Sciences, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco.

With spring approaching, the volunteer propagators are working at a feverish pace preparing for the *Plant Sale Festival* in May. In addition to the usual variety of rare and exotic plant species available for sale, many rare, specimen-size fruit trees recently removed from the Plants for Mankind orchard will also be for sale. A partial list of species that will be for sale on May 6 and 7 will be published in the Newsletter in April. The propagators also collected plant cuttings for a manufacturer of natural products to be used as reference material; an activity which netted \$100 for the Garden.

The Education Program has accepted 27 trainees for the Tour Guide Program with instruction in botany and ecology starting on February 7 on the Berkeley campus. After 14 weeks of intensive classroom instruction, the trainees will take a summer break and then return to the Garden in August to continue their training.

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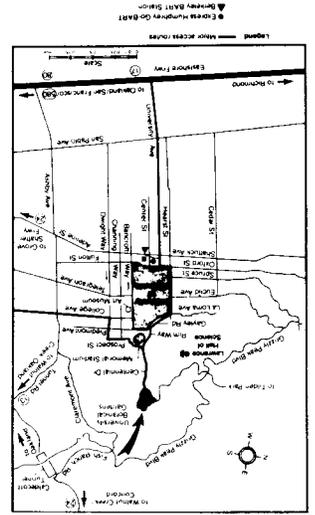
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## Advance Notice of Garden Events

### April 9, 1983

#### *University of California, Berkeley Open House*

11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Selected tours of the Garden and glass houses, displays and representations of different botanical artists from the Bay Area, lectures and demonstrations, special events, and special sale of plants at the Information Center.

### May 6, 1983

#### *Friend's Preview Plant Sale*

6 - 8 p.m.

Dwight-Hillside Playing Field

Wine and Cheese Benefit

New members welcome to join



### May 7, 1983

#### *Plant Sale Festival*

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Dwight-Hillside Playing Field

Plants, artisans and crafts

### May 8, 1983

#### *Bay Area Museum Sunday*

Selected tours of the Garden and glass houses. Opening ceremonies of Floriculture Area, 1 p.m.

Wendy Mitchell, Editor

# 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. Special thanks to the 58 people who renewed their memberships.

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