Fall Garden Highlights

The Botanical Garden is a living museum, undergoing constant change. Compared to a zoo, the garden might seem a rather static place, but plants rarely rest, pound their chests, or beg for peanuts. Disgruntled gardeners might argue that they do tear flesh, break up pavements, and commit other acts of violence, but that is beside the point. To all appearances the garden is quiet and tranquil, this is part of its appeal.

Frequent visitors realize that there is great activity beneath the surface. Horticulturists daily plant out, shift, and remove specimens in an ongoing effort to enhance the botanical interest and aesthetic appeal of the collection. This keeps the office staff busy as well. Changes executed by gardeners must be recorded in accession books, bed maps, card files, and computer memories. The UC Garden has one of the largest, best documented collections of living plants in the United States. It's educational, it's free, and it's in your own backyard. Come and enjoy it, and as you come to know it better, you'll appreciate the activity as much as the peace and quiet.

One part of the garden which is undergoing active development is the Mexican area. This collection is destined to be moved from its current site, near the entrance to the garden, to a hillside on the western border beyond the Tropical House. The Master Plan calls for construction of an Administration and Education Center in the area now occupied by the Mexican collection. Although construction of the building awaits a future fund raising campaign, staff and volunteers have already begun to propagate new specimens from the existing collection. Several beds have been cleared at the new site, and initial plantings of oaks, Magnolias, Viburnums, pines, and other woody genera have already been completed. The new collection will emphasize plants from relatively dry habitats, such as pine-oak forests and oak savannas. In the meantime, the original Mexican beds continue to display considerable color during the late summer and autumn months. Members of the Sunflower family (Cosmos, Bidens, Tagetes) are especially conspicuous at this time of year, growing beneath maturing specimens of oaks and several conifers (Pinus occidentalis, P. patula, Abies religiosa, Taxodium mucronatum). It is too late in the season to see the bat-like flowers of the Mexican Hand Plant (Chamaebathymenia, petalactia) but the large woody fruit capsules of this Mexican relative of our familiar bush are worth inspection.

Another area of the garden undergoing expansion is the South American collection. In 1985, Robert Ondulff, Director of the Botanical Garden, returned from a collecting trip to South America with seeds of over two hundred species of Chilean plants. Several new beds and paths were prepared as the South American collection was extended to include the slope below the Floriculture Area. The new beds include a grove of Monkey-Puzzle Trees (Araucaria araucana) and a grove of Southern Beeches (Nothofagus obliqua). Other specimens planted out to date include Lobelias, Acacias, Cassia, Berberis, Alstroemeria, Schinus, Puya, and many more.

Removal of specimens can have as dramatic an effect on the appearance of the garden as new additions. If you walk through the North American collection during the autumn months, you will notice more blue sky overhead than in the past. During June of 1985 a large Coast Redwood, a Douglas Fir, and a California Bay Laurel were removed. These trees had begun to inhibit the growth of younger trees planted beneath them. They will be replaced by several eastern species which are already well established, including Red Maple (Acer rubrum), Yellow Buckeye (Aesculus octandra), Sour Gum (Nyssa sylvestris), and Red Spruce (Picea rubra). The North American collection is the best spot in the garden for autumn color, as the deciduous trees and shrubs pass through their annual cycle of leaf loss.

Most plants in the California Native collection are grouped according to plant communities and a new series of table displays is being prepared to interpret this arrangement. The series, titled "California Plant Life," will ultimately include...
Toast the Alstroemeria

In toasting the Alstroemeria, the garden held its Second Alstroemeria Wine-Tasting Festival in early June. Over 550 people explored the garden, tasting a variety of gourmet foods and wines and listening to medieval and Renaissance music by Musical Treasures.


The festival blooms more beautifully each year, and we hope that you will join us at the garden on Sunday, June 8, 1986 for the next celebration.

Fall Garden Highlights (cont.)

six displays. Three have been installed so far: “California Plant Communities” (an introduction to the types of plant communities and their distribution in the state), “Coast Redwoods” (located in the Mather Redwood Grove), and “Pygmy Forest.” Future displays will describe Chaparral and Serpentine communities and the unusual endemic flora of California islands.

Tributes

In Memory of Rebecca Lee Proctor
Carol Anderson
Carolina De Guzman
Lois Helbert
Jessie Inouye
Yolande Lyon

In Honor of Myrtle Wolf
Geraldine Knight Scott

Board of Directors Seek New Members

The Nominating Committee of the Friends of the Botanical Garden is interested in having new people on the Board who possess skill and experience in the following areas: Legal (trusts, bequests, planned giving), Public Relations, Financial (investment and budgeting), Foundation and Corporate Giving, and Fund-raising. The Board also welcomes Friends who would like to serve on a committee to advise in the above categories. If you are interested or know people who would be good candidates for the Board or these committees, please contact Margaret Mitchell 284-9554 or the Garden 642-2084.

Our new Alstroemeria poster was designed for the Garden by botanical artist ANDIE THRAMS. Drawn from living plants, her work combines botanical accuracy with harmonious design and handsome calligraphy. The posters have been printed with care in six rich colors on fine paper, suitable for framing; they measure 11 x 36 inches.

The Alstroemeria poster is on sale at the Visitors Center in the Botanical Garden for $15.00.
Garden Notes

The Botanical Garden received a grant from the federally funded Institute of Museum Services to participate in its Museum Assessment Program. Dr. H.B. Tukey, Jr., Director of the University of Washington Center for Urban Horticulture, visited the garden for two days in July and evaluated its general operations and long term plans. Dr. Tukey also met with the Board of Directors of the Friends to discuss techniques for increasing community support. Dr. Tukey’s outside analysis of garden policies and procedures was intended to assist the garden staff in planning future operations, particularly with respect to fund raising strategies.

A new 1,000 sq. ft. greenhouse is being built adjacent to the garden’s propagation building. The new building will replace an older, decayed structure, and will provide much-needed space for the numerous faculty, staff, and grad students who conduct research in the Botanical Garden. Funding for the new research building was provided through the State-funded Minor Capital Improvement Program.

The renovation of the cacti-succulent and epiphyte greenhouse has been completed. This will allow these collections to be permanently accessible and on view to the public accompanied by explanatory graphic displays. Institute of Museum Services funds support this project.

Beginning in the fall semester, the garden will offer a 3 unit course for Berkeley students entitled “Horticultural and Curatorial Methods in the Botanical Garden” under the supervision of curator Jim Affolter. The course is viewed as an internship, aimed at students who wish to gain familiarity with the operation of a major botanical garden. Students will work closely with garden staff in various units of the garden.

In October, the garden will host John Fordham, a member of the staff of the botanical garden of the University of Melbourne, Australia, who will spend four weeks learning about various aspects of the horticultural program at the garden.

Once again on Friday, December 13, at 2 p.m., the garden’s staff will host a thank you party for the garden’s volunteers. The staff will provide refreshments and holiday music. If you have volunteered your time at the garden this past year, please do plan to attend.

New English Garden Memorial Benches

A number of individuals have expressed an interest in donating something tangible to the garden. To this end, the Friends of the Botanical Garden have developed a plan which will ensure aesthetic enhancement and public enjoyment of the garden. Handsome teak benches of English garden design with a commemorative brass plaque may be donated and placed within the garden. With time these benches will weather to a gray wood tone.

The first of these garden benches, donated by Elizabeth Warner Hammond, was installed this summer in memory of William Emerson Ritter Ph.D., LL.D. and Mary Bennett Ritter M.D., LL.D. Additional benches can be donated to the garden via a contribution to the Friends Endowment Fund. If you are interested in participating in this venture, please contact board members Gladys Eaton 652-0366 or manager Daniel Campbell 642-5543.

The Friends and the garden staff wish to express their gratitude to the following contributors who have responded so generously to the many needs of the garden:

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For further information call 642-2084.
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Members, in return, are offered special programs on plants and gardening, 25% discount on selected UC Press books (such as California Spring Wildflowers by Munz), preview privileges for the Annual Spring Plant Sale of unique plants from the Garden's collection, and mailings of the Friends Newsletter and seasonal self-guided tours.

Student and Senior Citizen memberships are discounted to $7.50. Standard dues are $15 for an individual. The Friends of the Botanical Garden function as a support group under the auspices of the UC Berkeley Foundation, and dues and gifts are tax deductible.

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**Friends Fall Bus Tour**

**WHEN:** October 5, Saturday

**WHERE:** Manning's Heather Farm, Western Hills Nursery, and Korbel Winery

**TIME:** 9:00 am to 5:30 pm

**PICKUP POINT:** Rockridge Bart Station, East parking lot (off College Avenue)

**COST:** $15.00/person — includes box lunch & soft drink

**DEADLINE:** October 1 (for reservations)

**CONTACT:** Arthur Whitehair — 523-4550 (leave message)

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The 1985 Cal Football Schedule will necessitate the closing of Centennial Drive at Centennial and Rimway on the following Saturdays: August 31, September 21, October 12, November 2 & 9. The Botanical Garden will remain open with its usual schedule (9-4:45) and can be approached from Grizzly Peak Blvd.
Calendar of Events

September 7  Friends Annual Membership Meeting, Saturday, 2 p.m., Garden Meeting Room. See details in Newsletter.

September 12  Plant and Print Sale, Thursday, 10-3, Lower Sproul Plaza, UC Berkeley Campus, featuring houseplants, orchids, bromeliads, ferns, herbs, cacti and succulents. Artist Hisao Yokota will display and sell his work.

September 28  Fall Plant Sale: Trees, Shrubs, and California Natives, Saturday, 10-3, Botanical Garden, featuring a wide array of unusual and hard-to-find species.

October 5  Friends Fall Bus Tour, Saturday, 9-5-30, Rockridge Bart Station. See details in Newsletter.

November 14  Lecture: "California's Remarkable Serpentine Flora," a slide-lecture presentation by Roger Raiche, avid native plantsman in charge of California Collection at UC Botanical Garden, Thursday, 8 p.m. Life Sciences Building, Room 2503, members free, guests $2, parking available on campus.

December 7-8  Holiday Season Plant Sale, Saturday and Sunday, 10-3, Botanical Garden Meeting Room, featuring houseplants, orchids, bromeliads, ferns, herbs, cacti and succulents, as well as dried and fresh wreaths personally decorated to your taste. Artist Dorothy Klein will display and sell her work.

December 13  Holiday Cheer for Garden Volunteers, Friday, 2 p.m., Garden Meeting Room.

March 13  Lecture: To be announced.

April 27  Botanical Garden Open House, Sunday.

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

May 11  Spring Plant Sale, Sunday, 10-3, Botanical Garden.


June 8  Alstroemeria Wine-Tasting Festival, Sunday, 1-5 p.m., a festive afternoon of musical entertainment while sampling wine and hors d'oeuvres. The Botanical Garden will be closed to the public for this event. Admittance to the festival is $15.00 donation per person for members of the Friends and $18.00 for non-members. A special invitational brochure will be sent to members in May.