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Leisure News

LA Arboretum is a Star

Next to Pasadena in the community called Arcadia lies the Los Angeles County Arboretum. The main entrance is off Baldwin Street just a block from the 210 highway intersection. Prepare for a tour that provides some of the best vistas of gardens backdropped by mountain ranges and whose lush water garden areas made it the setting for such Hollywood productions as the original Tarzan movies and *Fantasy Island*.

To avoid the crowds, choose an afternoon time to view the gardens; but allow at least three hours to cover the territory. The entrance fee is only \$7 and if you go in the afternoon you can park near the entrance. Immediately on entry you are greeted by the Sunset Books patio displays. See a range of styles from southwestern pueblo fireplace to a water garden display that will be reminiscent of a New Orleans patio garden. Walk through the arbor walkways back to the main path and head for the perennial gardens. You will be greeted by an entry circle with

four towering Italian cypress in a formal setting. Just beyond that are garden niches of roses, abelia, coreopsis, rudbeckia and other garden favorites, delineated by quaint picket fences in an English Garden style.

Leaving this area you enter the tropical garden greenhouses. The first is relatively small and has specimens of tree ferns, philodendron and stag horn fern. Returning to the path, you enter the second greenhouse which has a tropical stream and falls meandering through it with several different species of orchids in a 'natural' setting of palms, banana, bougainvillea, plumeria and Bird of Paradise. On leaving this island oasis you are returned to the path which transects Australia to the right and Africa to the left. A display board on the way describes the different types of plants and hundred of varieties of eucalyptus found in Australia, and over two hundred specimens in the arboretum. The emphasis in these two areas is trees native to these two regions. The path connects up to the

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Leisure Landscapes celebrated 10 years with a Luau Saturday, August 23, 2003.



Festivities began with a Champaign reception in the clubhouse. Attendees, including former Mayor Smedes York and his wife Rosemary, enjoyed the fabulous tropical flower displays and the fine selections of North Carolina wines while touring the exhibits of Leisure Landscapes projects and a demonstration of the new web site.

The party moved outside under the tents with the serving of the pig, provided by Lancaster's Catering and a choice of salads and an

Leisure Landscapes Luau



array of tropical fruits including mango, papaya, pineapple. Three enormous tropical flower arrangements of anthurium, bird of paradise, 'parrot plant', and ginger provided by Kelly Odom set the scene.

Mark Easley, one of the honored guests, entertained the crowd with three musical selections (his dueling banjos is a hit on the country charts) As dusk fell, and the torches were lit, Charlene Brickhouse instructed her 'volunteers' in the art of the Hula. "It's just like dipping ice cream" she said "only the skoop's on your hips.!" After



the Hula lesson, we were treated to an award winning dance review followed at 9:00PM by



the Dance Party under



Clockwise from top left: Paul cutting the cake, the Cols family, Cindy and Jim heading for the pig-pickin, Luis and guest go native, Jim and Eileen Ciao



the direction



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Spring Flower Selection Order

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 Address: _____
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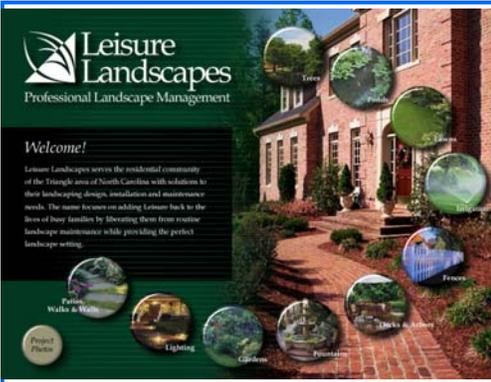
Complete this form by filling in your name, address and phone number. Circle your choice and enter the number in the **QTY** field. Total your amounts, cut this section out and mail to:

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 PO Box 98899**

DESCRIPTION	QTY	EACH	AMOUNT
PANSIES: WHITE, flats of 36	_____	25.00	\$____.____
YELLOW, flats of 36	_____	25.00	—
BLUE, flats of 36	_____	25.00	\$____.____
PURPLE, flats of 36	_____	25.00	—
ROSE, flats of 36	_____	25.00	\$____.____
PASTEL MIX, flats of 36	_____	25.00	\$____.____
ORNAMENTAL CABBAGE:			—
WHITE, 4" pot	_____	2.50	\$____.____
PURPLE, 4" pot	_____	2.50	—
DAFFODILS: YELLOW, bag of 15 bulbs	_____	15.00	\$____.____
TULIPS: RED, bag of 25 bulbs	_____	25.00	—
SNAPDRAGONS: MIXED COLORS, 4" pot	_____	2.50	\$____.____
TOTAL			\$____.____

Prices include removing the old flowers, preparing the bed, adding fertilizer, planting and covering with pine

The New Look of Leisure New Logo and New Web Page Sets the Style



Look for the New Web Page Nov 1, 2003

Leisure Landscapes has a new look with its new logo and web page.

Designed by Chris Mueller of PowerGraphics, the new image portrays the fusion of the natural elements of plants and trees with the 'hardscape' construction features that Leisure Landscapes is noted for. "The new logo preserves the recognition factor of the old while providing a softer, more sophisticated image" says Chris. We couldn't agree more. And if you want to see sophisticated, check out the new web page: www.leisurelandscapes.com

LA Arboretum (Continued)

perimeter road where you find to your left the stone plaza of the iris gardens. Hundreds of plants provide a field of color when in season. Return to the path and see the perennial gardens in a natural display. The combination of cannas, abelia and lantana provide a full palette of color. Cross over the brook walk through the meadow towards the waterfalls where three cascades formed of lava rock provide a cool respite from the sun



drenched landscape. Take the path to the right of the falls up the hillside and cross over the stream bed. Here you can see the extent of the construction and admire its true-to nature design. Stepping through plantings of palms and ferns you come to the highland lagoon dominated

by a giant oak tree and site of the early Tarzan movies. You can imagine Johnny Wisemueller swinging from the vines across the water dotted with papyrus and water lilly. Completing your walk around the lagoon you bear to the right where you intersect the hillside path which you can take back down the trail. Branching to the right here will take you round specimens of South American trees. Oddly, in this area is one

of the more beautiful specimens Chinese Orchid tree. Other exotic plantings include the bottle tree. But unless you are an arborist, you could skip this part of the tour if you are pressed for time.

Head back toward the Falls and you will find one of the best displays of herbs and southwest

plantings, Set in natural stone pathways are Rosemary and several varieties of thyme, oregano, Roses add contrast along with specimens of picea glauca. Here, too, is one of the best panorama views of the Sierra Madre Mountains. From here you can see



the tower of the Victorian stable, but take a side trip first through the rose garden. White Victorian trellises form a backdrop to the rich colors of hundreds of species of roses. Exiting the rose garden you will find yourself at the back door of the stables. Walk through and see richly carved woodwork that would be at home in any east coast library. Passing through the stable you are back on the road north. Follow it to just before the pond and take the trail into the forest. The cool canopy of the tree will be a welcome relief from the bright sun. On the left you will see the cool blue

flowers of the plumbago while on the right the verdant green grass of the meadows under the giant palm trees makes a pleasant entry to the Victorian Mansion. Soon the white gingerbread with red and rose trim is their in front of you like some fantasy (well this was Mr, Rork's house in Fantasy Island). Color

abounds with plantings of impatiens, Lilly of the Nile, cannas, and crape myrtle. Facing the mansion is the lagoon, but at the time of this writing, it was largely drained for cleaning and repair. Circling around to the other side you come across a pueblo village. Here is the actual home of Lucky Bill. The Victorian house was solely for his guests. Here's a man who made his fortune in the California gold rush; not by mining, mind you, or at least not directly. He provided the female entertainment for the miners. Henceforth the expression 'getting lucky'....

Back on the interior circle road again you are heading

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The Calendar and

OCTOBER

Apply Fertilizers and Lime
De-thatch & Re-seed Lawns
Leaf Removal
Plant Winter/Spring Flowers

NOVEMBER

Leaf Removal
Apply Mulch and Pine Straw

DECEMBER

Apply Nitrogen Fertilizer
Apply Mulch and Pine Straw
Seasonal Decorations

Because of the growth in demand, we have scheduled two maintenance crews for Friday and Saturday. The Current Schedule is:

Monday

Cary

Tuesday

Cary

Wednesday

South Raleigh
Garner

Thursday

North Raleigh
Wake Forest

Friday

North Raleigh
Morrisville
Apex

Saturday

Chapel Hill
Durham
Pittsboro