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 a display circle with four towering Italian cypress in a formal setting. Just beyond that are garden niches of roses, abelia, coreopsis, rudbekia and other garden favorites, delineated by quaint picket fences in and 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 is 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 hundreds 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 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

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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

Spring Flower Selection Order

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: Leisure Landscapes PO Box 98899

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

TOTAL $_____.__
LA Arboretum (Continued)

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
lily. 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ound specimens of
South American trees.
Oddly, in this area is one
of the more beautiful
specimens Chinese
Orchid tree. Other ex-
otic plant-
ings in-
clude 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 Rose-
mary and several varieties
of thyme, oregano. Roses
add contrast along with
specimens of picea
glauc. Here, too, is
one of the best pano-
rama 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 gar-
den. White Victorian tre-
lises form a backdrop to
the rich colors of hun-
dreds of species of roses.
Exiting the rose garden
you will find yourself at
the back door of the sta-
bles. Walk through and
see richly carved wood-
work 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 plumbego
while on the right the verd-
ant green grass of the
meadows under the giant
palm trees makes a pleas-
ant entry to the
Victorian Mansion. Soon
the white ginger-
bread 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 pro-
vided the female entertain-
ment for the miners.
Henceforth the expression
'getting lucky'....

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
Dear Customer,

Leisure Landscapes serves the residential and business community with solutions to your landscaping design, installation and maintenance needs. The name focuses on adding Leisure back to your busy life by liberating you from the routine of landscape maintenance. And while we're doing this, we'll come up with your perfect landscape setting.

We accomplish this by integrating the total design. We start by installing drainage and irrigation systems to ensure that your landscape has the correct amount of water, day in and day out, automatically. We build decks, patios and retaining walls. We bring in and contour topsoil to provide visually stimulating designs and balanced nourishment for your plants. We cover the bedding areas with a blanket of either shredded hardwood or pine straw mulch. We provide the best insect and disease resistant varieties from local nurseries for plants that will thrive in our region and climate. Finally, we maintain the property in the immaculate fashion you expect.

I invite you to talk with our customers and hear for yourself about our exclusive service.

Sincerely,

Leisure Landscapes
PO Box 98899
Raleigh, NC 27624

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

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