

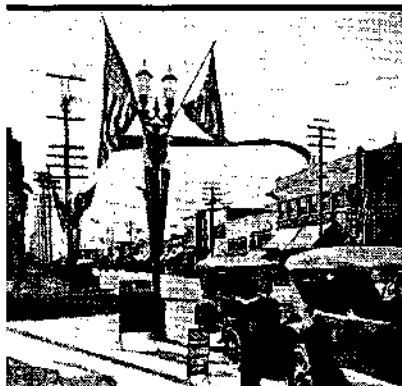


West Adams Matters

The Garden Issue

JUNE IS BUSTIN' OUT ALL OVER! CELEBRATE GARDENS WITH WAHA

Welcome to WAHA's annual garden issue, where we celebrate the greening of Historic West Adams. In the following pages you'll read about dogs in the garden, lucky clovers, a Peace-full garden afternoon, and some of the best resources to make your garden grow. We also have a full calendar of events for you to enjoy in the next six weeks, including WAHA's annual Garden Meeting on June 12, our Spring Historic Homes and Architecture Tour on June 5, and a combined 4th of July-Ice Cream Social on, yes, July 4. So, step out into your garden, as well as to the variety of entertainments in West Adams, this month. ●



A Stroll Down Washington Boulevard by Anna Marie Brooks

Washington Boulevard was the street of dreams to a cadre of developers, each of whom took up the dream where his predecessor left off. As you "Explore the Heights" on June 5 during WAHA's Spring Historic Homes and Architecture Tour, think back a century or more ago when Washington Boulevard was in its infancy.

In 1886 it was touted by the developers of the Magnolia Tract as, "the broadest and finest avenue out of the city, in a southwesterly direction, and is the main thoroughfare to Santa Monica and the sea." At a width of 100 feet, Washington Street was conceived and continually promoted as, "the future Grand Boulevard from Los Angeles to the Pacific Ocean." It bordered on or bisected an impressive array of subdivisions and tracts and remains, today, the East/West artery of Historic West Adams.

A few glimpses along its route during the early years give perspective to its changing character. An 1887 classified ad offered 800 acres of unusually fine barley hay in Arlington Heights on Washington Street.

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UNNC Helps Green West Adams

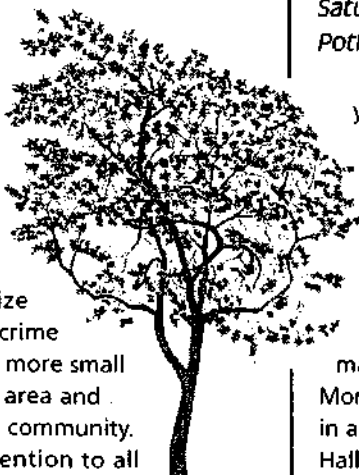
by Stevie Stern Lazarus

The Economic Development Committee of the United Neighborhoods Neighborhood Council (UNNC) is spearheading the planting of nearly 100 trees on Washington Boulevard between Arlington and Normandie.

The UNNC EDC has been meeting regularly and discussing ways to revitalize our business corridors to help alleviate crime and blight, which will hopefully attract more small businesses and chains to move into the area and bring desired services and goods to our community.

The EDC is committed to giving attention to all the United Neighborhoods business corridors. However, since many of the committee members live adjacent to Washington Boulevard, the game plan was to use that major thoroughfare as a testing ground for what could be accomplished, and then look to improving Jefferson, Venice, Pico, Western and Crenshaw, not

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WAHA's Annual Garden Meeting

Saturday, June 12 12-3 p.m.

Potluck - Bring a dish from your garden to share

Gardeners, we know you're busy at this time of year, but please lay down your spades and take off your muddy gloves for a few hours on Saturday, June 12. That's when WAHA's annual Garden Meeting will be held at the Carl Bean House at 2146 West Adams Blvd.

The Carl Bean House was named after a prominent AIDS activist and is located in the gracious setting of the historic Wells-Halliday mansion, Los Angeles Cultural Heritage Monument No. 458. Originally constructed in 1901 in a Dutch-Colonial style, in 1909 later owner Eliza Halliday added a Craftsman style wing.

The unique landmark designation in 1990 actually envisioned construction to the rear of the residence, and as a result the non-profit Aids Hospice Foundation was able to build a 25-bed, state-of-the-art AIDS hospice a few years later - an adaptive reuse project that was honored by both

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Washington Boulevard

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A letter to the editor of the Times in February of 1890 complained of the muddy condition of Washington Street following prolonged rains. The petitioner begged City Council to install some crosswalks so that, "the children attending the public schools might not be compelled to wade this wide, muddy street and then remain in school all day with wet feet." At this time the street had cement curbs and sidewalks but was itself, by turns: dirt, decomposed granite or oiled dirt.

The Blue Line street car ran on Washington. In October of 1892 a "serious conflagration" consumed the street car barn at the corner of Washington and Vermont, along with several neighboring buildings. All the horses and mules were rescued save one mule that was consumed in the fire. The mule, the street cars and hay were all insured and life went on. The neighboring saloon, to the west, owned by McInnis and Gibbons, was less well insured. But, McGinnis, with hands badly scorched, was able to salvage several pool tables and much bottled liquor. As fate would have it, "A lot of men and boys got hold of the rescued whiskey and many of them soon reeled around the place with a whooping drunk on."

Residents in the Rosedale subdivision grew restless with inquiry in September of 1902 when the Washington Street line was extended about a half mile west through the West Adams Heights tract owned by, "Mr. Rindge and other capitalists." There were allegations that the right of way had been stolen and that the work was taking place surreptitiously. Others questioned whether Mr. Huntington was planning to buy the line. The anxious queries were neatly dismissed with the explanation that since the tract had not yet been annexed by the city the "capitalists" held the privilege of granting the right of way to the street car line and development advanced.

Washington flowed on in fits and starts like a great river beginning at the source in downtown Los Angeles and gaining power with the opening of each new tract along its banks.

Two decades later, Washington Boulevard had indeed become the grand avenue envisioned by its early proponents. In the 1920s, the street was lined with thriving retail businesses, such as the Arlington Theater (in a still-standing building three doors west of Arlington), the Maynard Theatre, the Arlington Cafe, Ralph's Bakery and Grocery, and a drugstore/soda fountain/ice cream parlor on the corner of Washington and Arlington. ☺

Additional research by Steve Rowe and Laura Meyers

Good News for Cultural Heritage

When the City of Los Angeles' proposed budget called for significant staffing cuts to the City of Los Angeles' Cultural Heritage Commission and Mills Act financial incentive for preservation, dozens of individuals in the Los Angeles Conservancy's "Action Alert Network" responded by contacting City Councilmembers. Thanks to their efforts, there is some good news to report!

While the Mayor's budget was proposing to transfer the City's preservation function from the Cultural Affairs Department to the Planning Department, Planning was not being given the resources it would need to do the job: only one staff position (plus a small amount of additional funding) was to be transferred over to the Planning Department for the Cultural Heritage Commission and Mills Act programs. At the Council budget hearing on May 17, City Council approved a motion by Councilman Antonio Villaraigosa (seconded by Councilmember Cindy Miscikowski) to provide two additional staffing positions for the preservation program and the Mills Act: a Cultural Heritage Commission Executive Assistant and an additional architect position for Mills Act project review. These two additional positions on top of what was initially proposed in the budget will ensure that the Planning Department will have the critical mass of staffing necessary to manage a preservation program and to accept new Mills Act applications.

However, the amount of funding transferred over to the Planning Department will be enough for only about three months, starting July 1st, through September 30th. Funding was limited to three months because the Council's intention is to take a broader look at the preservation staffing needs of the Planning Department within the next 30-60 days. Councilman Ed Reyes introduced another budget motion, also approved, to direct the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) to report back to the Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee of the Council with an assessment of the City's historic preservation program and staffing needs for the future.

Preservation advocates therefore need to stay in touch with Councilmembers on this important issue: the Council will need to allocate additional funding to these staff positions for the remainder of the year, and will be making important policy decisions to restructure the City's historic preservation program in the coming weeks. We also need to make certain that preservation does not become an afterthought in the Planning Department, but is appropriately elevated in stature. The Planning Department's management is interested in working with the Conservancy and key preservation stakeholders to think through how to integrate its new responsibilities into the Department's existing historic preservation work, particularly the Historic Preservation Overlay Zone (HPOZ) program. ●



The 1904 Powers Residence is Los Angeles Historic-Cultural Monument No. 86.

HORTICULTURE SOCIETY TOURS HISTORIC WEST ADAMS

The coffers of WAHA are \$300 fatter thanks to a generous donation by the Bay Area Horticultural Society. This group of professional landscapers and passionate amateur gardeners migrates southward every spring to tour Southern California's horticultural marvels. Dubbed the "Hortisexual Tour," the intrepid organizers, Robin Parer and Richard Ward, scheduled stops at the amazing Peace Awareness Gardens and the beautiful "garden rooms" of the Taylor/Hutchinson family.

Robin had driven past the Angelus-Rosedale Cemetery in past years and had heard it was interesting, so in a typical game of "telephone," she called the cemetery, who called Audrey Arlington, who sent out an e-mail. In the end, Peggy King made the arrangements and, after a picnic lunch on the grounds for the hungry horticulturists, the endlessly knowledgeable Don Lynch served as tour guide. A good time was had by all, and the aforementioned donation was gratefully accepted by Don and Peggy on behalf of WAHA.

Now, what shall we do with the money? A garden preservation fund for the cemetery or the South Seas House? The Nordstrom Spring sale? Let's talk. Call Peggy King with your ideas - 323-735-8485. Many thanks to the delightful group from the Bay Area Horticultural Society and to Laura Colbert of Angelus Rosedale for allowing us to show off their wonderful cemetery. ●

Is This Your Last Newsletter?

This could be your last newsletter if you have not renewed your WAHA Membership for 2004 - 2005. If you don't renew your membership now, **the June Newsletter (this one) is the last one you receive.**

In March the Membership Committee sent out renewal notices to members who needed to renew. Memberships in WAHA go from April to April every year. New WAHA Membership Cards valid through April 2005 were recently mailed out. So if you don't have a current membership card, you probably need to renew your membership.

You could use the form on page 15 of the newsletter to renew if you want to take care of it right now and can't find any of the notices and you know you need to renew. If you have any questions about the status of your WAHA membership you can contact John Kurtz, Membership Chair 323-732-2990.

The Garden Issue

DOGS AND GARDENS: TOWARDS COEXISTENCE

by Peggy King

While there are many in WAHA who know more about gardening than I do, there is probably no one who has more experience with dogs. I'm not necessarily proud of that; I just state it as a fact. Consequently, I sure do know that it is tough to have both dogs (or even one dog, sometimes!) and a beautiful garden. I hope that some of these tips, learned from long and occasionally unhappy experience, will be helpful.

The first tip has to do with the type of dog/dogs you have. There is a real serious limit to what even a pretty maniacal Chihuahua can do; on the other hand, there is almost no limit to the re-landscaping abilities of a bored Husky. Pit bulls, German Shepherds (who also climb trees – I've seen it!), and the aforementioned Huskies, along with their other sled-dog counterparts, are notorious diggers. These dogs are intelligent, tenacious, and easily bored. Ditto for terrier breeds, with the added feature of being born and bred to dig, even though they are smaller. Honestly, some of them, if held by the hind legs, do a great imitation of a jackhammer.

Not all big dogs are diggers. My collie wouldn't have dreamed of getting her dainty white paws dirty, and some Labs, sweet though they are, are not smart enough to dig (others are, so no guarantees!). But if you are like me, you haven't had too much opportunity to actually choose a dog breed because they choose you, showing up all raggedy and hungry and pathetic at your door. So you are possibly just stuck with that adorable Husky/pit bull excavator who wiggles and squeals with joy every time she sees you and is part of your heart. In this case, I suggest you and your pet attend obedience-training classes. Training just seems to settle dogs down and make them more socialized. Training also makes you better able to deal with your dog.

Which brings us to the next issue: you, the owner. Any dog left alone in the back yard day after day with little or no attention is going to find something to ease its boredom and loneliness. If this is the case at your house, I sincerely hope that your dog digs to China and rips up the most expensive exotic plants you put in and pees all over your favorite lawn chair, because you deserve it. Get the poor thing a buddy (although this can backfire – sometimes happy companions share the demolition), give it a new SAFE chew toy every day, pay the neighbor kid to walk it, or find it a better home. And for heaven's sake, take it in at night and make it part of the family as much as possible. But I admit, sometimes even the most pampered pets destroy.

Before we go on, keep in mind that there is a difference between deliberate destruction and normal wear and tear caused by an extra creature or two using the space. Adjust your expectations accordingly, and both you and your pet(s) will be happier.

The most obvious solution to escaping and digging issues is containment – a fence of some sort. Fences should be solid and sturdy, not makeshift, and as tall as allowed by code. I am so paranoid about my babies that I have double gates at both sides of the house, with some space in between. This serves several purposes. First, I can come and go without doing the tango required to keep the dogs from escaping. It makes it less likely that a gate will be accidentally left open. It gives me a confined area to put the beasties for parties, yardwork, and the suchlike. Finally, it makes it nearly impossible for someone to throw something harmful but tasty over the fence to poison my darlings.

Yes, I hear you say, but what about dogs that tunnel under the fence like prison camp inmates? Well, I doodled around with that issue for a long time by dragging around heavy pots and strategically placed boulders. It mostly doesn't work. I finally just put on my big-girl garden clogs and got out there with a shovel and dug down 18 inches (hey, the dogs had done most of the digging for me anyway!) all around the perimeter of the yard. Then I got 36-inch wire fencing rolls, folded the stuff in half lengthwise to make it 18 inches, and buried it upright with the folded side just at ground level. They tried to dig, failed, and eventually stopped. Voila! You can also bury wire roll fencing flat underneath your lawn or groundcover, but I would not use it in flower beds because, not only can your dogs not dig, neither can you, at least not easily.

If you fence off sections of your garden or use wire to protect plants until they are big enough to withstand some dog-play, be aware that the birds and other wild beasties will learn that they are safe inside the protected area. This will drive your dogs nuts and they will redouble their efforts to get into that area. Try to avoid this if possible.

I've heard all kinds of stories about plants and chemicals and even safe, natural products that smell noxious to animals. I recall the Schoenings having success with a water and vinegar spray, but I think that was mainly successful with bugs and cats. I have had



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Lucky Charms

by Anna Marie Brooks

One day as I was waiting at our neighborhood copy alternative – The Paper Clip – an elderly gentleman chose to share his pressed four-leaf clover collection with me. His sweet gesture reminded me that we had collected them as kids.

Collecting clover didn't stop with the special four-leaf ones. Their quite ordinary Triflorium (three-leafed) siblings were collected as a nutritious addition to green salads. A member of the pea family, clover is a rich source of amino acids.

If you're not yet convinced – contemplate this. A decade ago you were eating flavorless, nutritionless iceberg lettuce and calling it salad. Now you're dining on flavorful, nutritional mixed spring greens. Go ahead – toss in a handful of clover leaves. Just be certain to consume only clover that has neither been sprayed/dusted with chemicals nor "visited" by your four-legged friends.

Here's a refreshing summer salad adapted from my former downstairs neighbor, the Moosewood Restaurant in Ithaca, NY.

White Rabbit Salad

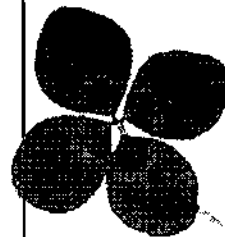
- 3 cups cottage cheese
- 2 peaches, cubed and chilled
- 1/4 cup raisins
- 1/2 cup chopped toasted nuts
- 1/4 cup toasted sunflower seeds
- 1 Tablespoon clover honey
juice of one half lemon

Combine all of the above. Serve cold over a bed of mixed spring greens to which a healthy handful of washed clover leaves has been added.

If you have a home garden, clover can also provide it with a healthy treat. During your gardening off-season till the soil and broadcast Triflorium clover seed as you would plant grass seed. Water in like manner. This thick cover crop of clover should be spaded under. Then till and plant your garden as usual. The nitrogen-rich clover plant and its roots will naturally enhance your soil's nitrogen content.

Fine/small varieties of Triflorium, planted as you would plant grass, also provide a soft, resilient and lovely ground cover.

May there be a lucky four-leaf clover in your next salad! ●



some success with Bitter Apple, but it's not 100% and you have to reapply often. And the noxious plant thing is just bogus—some dogs will tackle anything, even things with major thorns; remember: they have fur protection. My advice about this sort of stuff? Forget about it!



The best technique for protecting and enjoying your garden (other than those lowered expectations, small dogs, and keeping them inside!) is lots of hardscape. This doesn't mean a backyard of concrete; in fact, I urge you not to do anything like that. Besides the glare and heat it would generate, solid concrete prevents water from percolating into the ground, affects the groundwater level, and just can't be what Mother Nature intended. Instead, try combinations of wooden decks, brick, concrete pavers, or flagstone laid close together on sand, boulders, large planters, and even concrete or metal furniture strategically placed. Break up natural pathways and move things around to give areas time to recover.

Finally, a word about groundcover, including grass. If you have dogs and a lawn, you are just going to have brown spots, so get over it. You can minimize damage by planting Bermuda or (toughest but ugliest) St. Augustine. Both tend to be invasive, but can take lots of abuse. The new gorgeous Marathons, in my experience, just won't stand up to multiple dogs – it took my four dogs just two weeks to completely kill my entire expensively sodded back yard. If you water copiously, fertilize, and reseed bare spots, you might make it with one or two canine companions, but don't say I didn't warn you. Other groundcovers tend to be even less successful, except as fillers between rocks and stones. The good news about ivy is that nothing kills it—and the bad news about ivy is that nothing kills it and it spreads. But if you plant the small-leafed English ivy and periodically attack it viciously with a weed-whacker you might keep it contained.

All this said, I have to admit that right now, I have numerous craters in my back yard, even though I don't have any really serious diggers in my menagerie. It's my own fault; most of the yard is dirt and that is simply irresistible to dogs. They dig to chase small creatures (I don't even want to know about these) and make a cool place to lie down on hot days. I scrape the dirt back into place and vow to get some of that landscaping done this summer so I have more paths and bushes and less dirt. I think of giving them their own sandbox to dig in, but in my heart, I know that wouldn't really work. I try to leave the less obtrusive hollows so they won't dig new ones. And I pour another glass of wine and lower my expectations. ●

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The Garden Guy by Steve Rowe

June Greetings, Gardeners! Of all the home improvement projects that one can tackle here in our wonderful Historic West Adams District, few offer greater rewards than landscaping the property of that beautiful historic home of yours. Individual custom front and side walkways, garden paths, wood fences, arbors, trellises, stone walls, pergolas, koi ponds and fountains can enhance that home life of yours in countless ways, both large and small, functionally and pleasurably, each and every day of the year. Imagine, coming home to an inviting and beautiful brick or stone pathway all directing you to that welcoming door, or by giving you a cheerful sendoff in the morning.

I remember when I brought home the Tipu tipuana tree from the nursery as a five-foot sapling, it fit easily in the front seat of my car. I planted it in our back yard. Now as its gracefully elegant branches reach toward the sky, I as a proud parent can hardly contain my wonderment at the 25-foot majestic specimen that stands before me. Nature at its best, all in my very own yard.

Landscapes change over the years. As your treasured plants shrubs and trees acclimate to their new environment the overall look evolves from sparse to lush. Trees cast cool shade where sun used to shine. Shrubs and hedges grow tall and dense enough to provide shelter and privacy. Fences, arbors and other structures gain the comfortable patina of age.



Unlike with other home improvements, the rewards of landscaping can be as much in the doing as in the results. It is wonderful exercise, sure to increase your home's "curb appeal." In fact, landscaping is the number one factor of increasing a home's, street's and neighborhood's value and desirability. By landscaping your home you often have the added effect of influencing your neighbors to do the same. Sometimes all it takes is for one person to get the "ball rolling." If you are not convinced yet, take a drive in any neighborhood. What do you notice first? It is always the homes that have attractive landscape design, green lawns, flowers, mature trees and architectural elements that set it apart from the rest.

Landscaping that historic property of yours will benefit all within your direct sphere. It not only will make your street look better, it may well decrease crime as it begins to appear that you – and your neighbors – have taken charge of their small piece of the community. We all win! So my fellow West Adams Gardeners let's get out there and raise the bar. Let's set the standard for all other neighborhoods to follow.

And, as I say each month, Keep on Gardening and make your neighborhood shine! ●

We support preservation of the West Adams community's architectural heritage and beautification activities, and seek to educate Los Angeles' citizens and others about cultural heritage and restoration techniques.



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Euphoric Euphorbia *by Laura Meyers*

Throughout history, across the globe, and right here in West Adams, gardeners have cultivated members of the plant family Euphorbiaceae. This genus was grown as a Mediterranean succulent in Julius Caesar's Rome. The Oubangu tribes of the Congo know Euphorbias as a tall, spiny shrub, while in the East African tropics Euphorbia grow 90 feet high in a tree-like form. And, it shows up every year in the garden section of your local grocer.

Those of us who visited John Arnold's Jefferson Park garden during the West Adams section of the Garden Conservancy's Open Days event on April 25 were delighted to be introduced to an array of Euphorbias, which are displayed throughout his verdant backyard plot.

In truth, you'd almost have to be a euphorbiologist to recognize the plant. "They have an almost infinite variety," says Arnold, who has some twenty different kinds in his garden, in pots and in the ground. "They can be leafy. They can be cactusy. There are tall, spiny bulb-like Euphorbia. Some of them look like annuals. And you may not know this, but Poinsettias are Euphorbias."

Arnold, who began collecting these unique plants when an Ex- presented one on Valentine's Day some years ago, almost always plants Euphorbia in sandy cactus soil mix. However, he notes, "They are fussy about what they like and dislike. Some like heat and dryness, some do not."

If you'd like to learn more about Euphorbias, you can check out these garden centers and special shows:

California Cactus Center

216 S. Rosemead Blvd.

Pasadena, CA 91107

Tel: 626-795-2788

Notes: Open daily. Large selection of landscape plants, cacti, succulents and tillandsias.

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Cactus and Succulent Show at the Huntington Botanical Gardens

July 2-3 (Friday-Saturday) 10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Hundreds of award-winning plants will be on view as the Cactus and Succulent Society of America presents its annual show and sale. This prestigious event will feature "the best of the best" from prize-winning growers nationwide. Stop by the sale area and pick up some unusual specimens to add to your own succulent collection, or tour The Huntington's 10-acre Desert Garden. General admission. ●



WAHA's Garden Meeting

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the Los Angeles Conservancy and the City's Cultural Heritage Commission. Today, Carl Bean House provides a range of HIV/AIDS services. It is a fully licensed nursing facility and its innovative START Program provides support to those beginning or having trouble adhering to their HIV medications. In addition, its Magic Johnson Healthcare Center provides outpatient care.

For the WAHA meeting, small group guided tours will be offered of the facility. But we haven't forgotten that this is a GARDEN event. We will have voting on the nominees for WAHA's annual garden and house paint contests, plus we'll get a sneak peek at plans for greening up the nearby 24th Street School. Last but not least, you are invited to look at plans that a professional garden designer, working with WAHA's own horticulture expert Greg Travis, will implement to update the Carl Bean House gardens. (WAHA has offered some funds to start this process.)

"Our vision is to rely mostly on California Natives," Travis explained. "As many of you know, the early Arts and Crafts folks often envisioned the homes being placed within a garden. However, they were mostly limited in their thinking, usually seeing the homes in gardens made up of plant material not indigenous to California. The early settlers in L.A. thought of them as weeds! (In contrast, Europeans, especially English and French, were early aficionados of our native plants....) We are going to rectify that slight, and show the glory, beauty and thoughtfulness of using California natives, especially in association with Arts and Crafts architecture and aesthetics." ●

The Garden Issue

A Peace-Full Day in a Meditation Garden

by Penelope Bright, Photographs by Peter Leighton

It was hotter than usual on Sunday, April 25, but the day could not have been more beautiful. With a slight breeze from the south, the "backyard" of Peace Awareness Labyrinth and Gardens portrayed the essence of Springtime. In sun hats and comfortable shoes, visitors stopped to refresh themselves at the Italian-style pergola with bottled water, tea and cookies, provided by the Seminary. And although the dining room wing of the house was under cover behind construction fences, the garden divas were nevertheless going full throttle.

Built as a private residence by the Segundo Guasti family (vintners and wine merchants) from 1910-1914, much has been done by the Seminary to rehabilitate and enhance the property. Docents from the Garden Conservancy, West Adams Heritage Association, and MSIA stood at the ready with informative tidbits about the Labyrinth and the Gardens. Being an amateur "friend of the Garden" myself, I noticed that there were calla lilies in bloom as well as lavender, and there was jasmine everywhere, going just a little mad with its scent. There are ten fountains of various designs on each of the Meditation Garden levels, some created as monumental urns, some made of rustic stone; there is no corner of the Gardens where the sound of gently falling water does not reach the ears.

Down at the exotic pavilion, with its very civilized cushioned chairs and settee, bamboo grows lush demarcating the perimeter fences. This garden room is framed by two enormous banana trees, and small vines are being trained to the upright supports. This is place for a long sojourn with that inner peace everyone talks about. Although commercial photography is not encouraged without permission, many visitors brought out their personal cameras to record the beautiful foliage; many more came just to enjoy the landscape.

On the labyrinth level of the gardens, docents introduced visitors to the hand-carved stone Labyrinth (following the design of the one at Châtres Cathedral), a gentle and surprising method of self-discovery. The Labyrinth is open to anyone. Near the pergola, where volunteers handed out printed information about MSIA and the gardens, there is an entire hedge of live, fresh rosemary (which somehow suggests cooking or baking something wonderful).



The flowers were in top form, and I noticed ceanothus, Sweet William, and some tiny red flowers which added that just-right dash of color to the lush greens. Asparagus ferns crowded along gravel pathways, and vari-colored koi dashed in and out among floating lily pads in the small pond. One particular plant with tall red flowers, called "Kangaroo Paws," had an especially other-worldly look to it.

In the courtyard, Sycamore trees were fully displaying their pre-summer greenery, and welcoming birds to come and make their homes. On the Rotunda there are comfortable, well-cushioned rattan chairs and couches, reminiscent of the finest porches in Savannah or Natchez. Of course, the Foyer and Seminar Rooms had been polished brightly for the occasion, and it was rumored that Peace Awareness Labyrinth and Gardens had 264 visitors just for the day.

This is Peace Awareness Labyrinth and Gardens' second year participating in The Garden Conservancy's Open Days Program, and it seemed to be a smashing success. Ongoing tour

information for the Peace Awareness Labyrinth and Gardens at the Seminary can be obtained via telephone at: 323-737-1534.

Let us know if you want to be informed of the opening of our new dining facility or if you want to come to Peace Awareness Labyrinth and Gardens' Open Day on Wednesday, June 30 from 2 - 5 p.m. It promises to be a lovely day for all you folks who haven't seen Prana's gardens or progress on the dining room construction—it could be almost finished by then. We're looking forward to serving lunch and dinner during the work week and Urth Caffe coffee and tea, plus extraordinary desserts by our chefs. There will also be special events on the weekends, including brunch. And you're invited! Contact Carol Jones, 323-737-4055 Ext. 124 or programs@peacelabyrinth.org. ●



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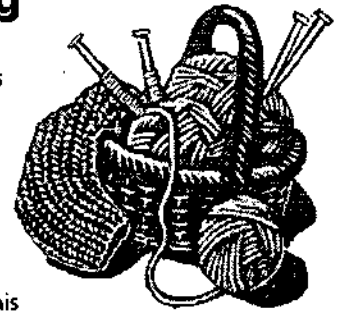
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Although the group is informal, members are encouraged to contribute baby hats to a collection for the hospital and rectangles to be made into afghans to help those in need. The unofficial gathering of knitters meets each Thursday afternoon at 4 p.m. at the library in Jefferson Park, just west of Arlington on Jefferson. ●

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Around the House

Resources by Suzie Henderson

It's June and garden time. I have picked the brains of some enthusiastic gardeners for their favorite places.

First of all, mark your calendars for next year on the last weekend in April for the Fullerton Arboretum Green Scene.

Although there are other plant sales, this one should not be missed. People and vendors come from all over California. I was lucky enough to go with some seasoned attendees this year and came away inspired and with great stuff. Bring a little wagon and lots of sunscreen. They also have smaller plant sales throughout the year.

For those who love roses, as I do, I am told that Otto and Sons in Fillmore is worth a day trip. Arena Roses is another popular rose source. Jackson Perkins is a reliable mail order company. My yard and the one next door are lined with their easy to care for Simplicity roses. A great source for antique roses is Vintage Gardens Antique Roses. If you are visiting Northern California, they have a two-acre garden that is sometimes open to the public.

If you are looking for drought tolerant plants, a good on-line source is High Country Gardens.

Jacquelyn Sage recommends the local favorite, Mordigans. She praises the variety of healthy plants and says they are always willing to order anything they don't have in stock.

Other nurseries that were recommended are Burkhard's in Pasadena, Steven's in North Hollywood and Marina del Rey Garden Center. I love Roger's Gardens in Newport. It is a destination garden stop with fabulous gift shops, as well. It is gorgeous at holiday time and they have a great Halloween shop in the fall.

For that final touch, Emmanuel's House of Iron in NoHo has beautiful wrought iron patio furniture and arbors at very reasonable prices. They also do custom work and are highly recommended.

I'd love to hear about your great sources. I can be reached at Westadamsgoddess@aol.com. Thanks, Suzie ●

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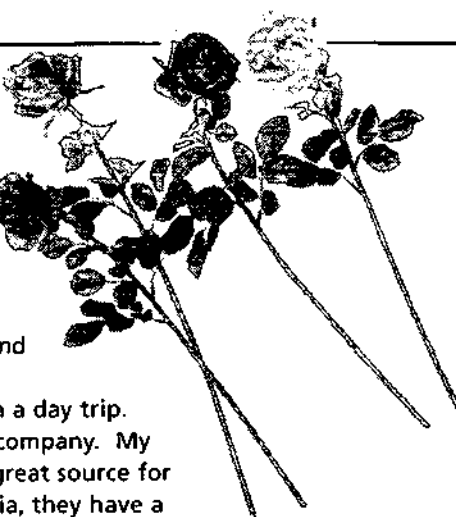
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Local Resources for Native Plants

Many Southern California gardeners today are seeking to reclaim the region's landscape heritage (and at the same time instilling water-wise practices) by planting native flowers, trees, and shrubs in their gardens. Here are some native plant sources:

Theodore Payne Foundation for Wildflowers and Native Plants, 10459 Tuxford Street, Sun Valley, 818-768-1802
www.theodorepayne.org

California Native Plant Society, www.cnps.org

Matilija Nursery, 8225 Waters Road, Moorpark, 805-523-8604

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Old House Dot-Com *by Elizabeth Fuller*

I don't live in West Adams but I do own and am constantly working on a 1926 duplex near Wilshire and La Brea. For years now, I've tried to find a local online group/community where people can discuss old houses, house projects, contractor searches, craftsperson searches and vendors/outlets for certain kinds of fixtures or supplies, but I've never been able to find one.

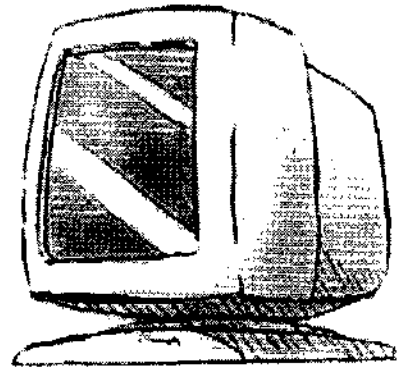
I do belong to one very active old house discussion group, but it's national and doesn't help much when I want to talk about L.A. neighborhoods, services or suppliers. So...I decided to create a Los Angeles old house discussion group - the Los Angeles House Network (a.k.a. LAHouseNet) - on the YahooGroups service. It's for anyone interested in:

- Old house neighborhoods in L.A.
- Restoration of old houses
- Renovation and remodeling projects, big or small (post your pix!)
- Where to find local contractors, handypersons and skilled craftspeople
- DIY/how-to help and advice
- Local retail sources for fixtures, supplies, etc.
- Upcoming neighborhood and house tours
- HPOZ, preservation and historic designation issues
- Buying and selling old houses

...and anything else relating to repairing, remodeling, renovating, restoring, rehabilitating, buying, selling, living in and loving residential architecture in Los Angeles. The focus is on "old" houses (probably pre-1950), but people don't have to have an old house to join or to join in the discussions.

Please feel free to check us out at <http://www.groups.yahoo.com/group/lahousenet> ...and to recommend the group to any "house people" you might know who might be interested.

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The Garden Issue

Last Call for Garden and Paint Contests

This is your last chance to be included in WAHA's June 12 Garden and Paint Contests. Every June, West Adams Heritage hosts a special gardens general meeting where we learn more about our own garden plots and take a look at our neighbors' efforts to beautify their homes and gardens. This year is no different.

WAHA is looking for a few more entries for the annual Garden Contest as well as for the Exterior Paint Contest.

Please feel free to nominate any paint job completed in the past 12 months (May 1, 2003 - April 31, 2004), or any outstanding garden in your neighborhood or in the greater Historic West Adams District (Jefferson to Pico; 110 Freeway to West Boulevard). This is a good opportunity for people outside your immediate neighborhood to not only know about major improvements throughout the West Adams community but also give them a chance to see them.

All nominations, with address and homeowner's name, should go to Ed Trospen (2515 4th Avenue, Historic West Adams, Los Angeles 90018; 323/730-0432 fax, or e-mail: edtrospen@aol.com). ●



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Important Notice for Empowerment Area North Stakeholders

The Empowerment Congress North Area Neighborhood Development Council neighborhood council is considering a name change. The Governing Board has asked that all interested stakeholders be given an opportunity to vote on any potential name change. To speed up this process, it's being done by e-mail. If you would like to vote on this issue, please review the names below and send your responses to Sharon Stewart at stewart@usc.edu.

You are a stakeholder if you live within the boundaries (roughly the 110 freeway to Western/Arlington, the 10 freeway south to Exposition Park), work in the area, worship, attend school or belong to an organization which is active within its boundaries, such as WAHA.

The four potential names are: Empowerment Congress North Area Neighborhood Development Council (Keep the name as is); Historic Los Angeles Neighborhoods; West Adams-Exposition Park Neighborhood Council; or West Adams-Jefferson Park-University Park Neighborhood Council. If you want to weigh in on these names, do so ASAP, please. ●

The Garden Issue

Greening West Adams *continued from page 1*

necessarily in that order. The idea is to form a partnership with residents and businesses to work together to re-energize our business community.

Tree planting was one of the ideas that the committee came up with to help beautify Washington Boulevard. Beautification efforts have been shown to help deter crime and graffiti. It was also a positive way for the committee to get to know the business community. And the timing could not have been more perfect. The Environmental Affairs Department is currently working with a grant specifically to "green" major corridors. Once contacted, agency representatives marked the curbs where trees could be planted, and then the Economic Development Committee went to work outreaching to businesses to sign up for trees.

The City has a regulated list of approved trees for planting on city streets so that oversized trees will not ruin sidewalks and curbs. The specified trees will not grow tall enough to interfere with power lines. Taking into consideration the trees already planted on the boulevard, the UNNC EDC has worked with Environmental Affairs to come up with the following designation for the planting: Chinese Flame trees (from Crenshaw to 7th Avenue), Gold Medallion trees (7th Avenue to Arlington), Pink Tabebuia (from Arlington to Gramercy), Hong Kong Orchid trees (Gramercy to Western), and Gold Medallion trees (Western to Normandie).

Some of the business people did not want trees – they could not be persuaded that the roots would not upend the sidewalks. Another business declined a tree because they felt the tree would block their signage. Out of a possible 158 trees, there was a 58% response from businesses, which means that 93 trees will be planted.

On Earth Day just this past April, United Neighborhoods was among a large group of citizens and groups recognized in City Council chambers for their efforts in the greening of Los Angeles. Councilman Ludlow specifically mentioned United Neighborhoods by name, and UNNC was awarded a certificate from the City of Los Angeles.

Outreach efforts have given the Economic Development Committee the opportunity to interface with business owners and managers and hopefully create a lot of goodwill in a first step to improving the look of Washington Boulevard.

Just the other day, an Arlington Heights resident was taking her weekend power walk down Washington Boulevard and saw that a business owner was putting a fresh coat of paint on the front of his building. It looked great, and she made a point to tell him so and thanked him. He grinned and said, "And I'm getting a tree, too!" ●



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ALERT! WAHA member is getting out of Dodge and moving to Montana. Great big GARAGE SALE on Saturday and Sunday, June 19th and 20th, at 1667 S. Oxford Ave. 10:00am to 4:00pm. Furniture, appliances, clothes, toys, kitchenware, etc...Lots of stuff that will not be coming to Big Sky Country.

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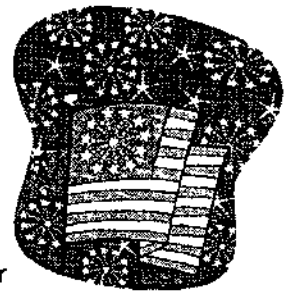
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Saturday, June 12 Noon - 3 p.m.

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Bring the kids—your own or someone else's—and wear your summer whites or patriotic attire at WAHA's 4th of July picnic, which will be on Friday, July 4, from 1 to 4 p.m. at 1751 Buckingham Road in Lafayette Square. Nick Mercado and Craig Bartelt are the hosts for WAHA's annual event celebrating America's birthday.

We're combining this event with WAHA's usual summertime Ice Cream Social, so we are serving sweets and the ice cream. As always, Wa-hot dogs will be for sale, cold drinks are on the house, and the theme is summertime picnic—please bring salads, main dishes, or fruits (for at least 10 people!) to share.

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