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PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!

A Rose Garden Review Class will be held Saturday, June 2, 2001

We will meet in the Rose Garden at 9:30 a.m. The class will finish at 11:30 a.m.

Following this review, a BYOB (Bring Your Own Bag) lunch will be held in the Head House. To give time to those of you who prefer to purchase your BYOB at the Rose Garden Cafe, lunch will begin at 12:30 p.m.

This review of the details of the Rose Garden is a very important function following our 3-month hiatus from Docent duties. My anticipation is this long-lead announcement will allow all Rose Garden Docents to attend.

Thank you.

Clair Martin, Curator, Rose and Perennial Gardens

A SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM

As we begin another season of Docent activity in the Rose Garden, a suggestion was made to the editors of *Subrosa* that a short review of the history of the organization and the

aftermath of its ongoing work at The Huntington would make for interesting reading.

Through the efforts of Sue Lafferty's predecessor, Lee Deveaux, and the longtime efforts of Curator Clair Martin, the Rose Garden Docent Program was launched on March 20, 1995 in an orientation meeting held with eight perspective Docents.

With a great deal of support from Curator, Education, Mentors and each other, these eight fledging volunteers went on to complete the training and graduate as Rose Garden Docents on May 25, 1995.

In spite of the insecurity of breaking new ground, the first year was completed. The great compliment to these Docents is that the program was then extended into the Herb Garden in 1996.

Subsequent to the Herb Garden, similar programs were established in the Camellia and Desert Gardens.

From these humble beginnings, The Huntington now boasts all these specific Garden Docents making contributions to the pleasure of our visitors and their own enjoyment. These new opportunities have become a part of The Huntington Tradition.

G.M.

ROSE GARDEN DOCENT RESPONSIBILITIES

To insure that each of us involved in Rose Garden Docent activities recall the responsibilities involved, the following outline is being reprinted:

1. Keep the commitment you submitted to Scheduler Emina Darakjy.
2. Should an emergency or other personal activity interfere with your performance of this commitment, please make every effort to secure a replacement.
3. If you supply Docent services Tuesday through Saturday, check in and out on the computer currently located in the Administrative Offices.
4. If you are a Sunday Docent, be sure and sign-in on and out on the list supplied in the kiosk where Information is located.
5. As you walk past the Information window, check in with the person on duty to insure it is known you are, in fact, in the Rose Garden
6. Allow yourself a few minutes to walk the Rose Garden and familiarize yourself with those roses that are doing the best job of presenting their wares on your particular Docent day. Keep in mind, this very often changes daily.
7. Remember we are hosts to the guests who visit The Huntington. Be aware of other activities that are in progress (exhibits, lectures, etc.) Read

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and absorb this information contained in the *Calendar* published bi-monthly by The Huntington.

8. As you leave, complete information on the form in our cabinet located behind the China and Tea Rose Bed #33 recording the number of contacts you made with visitors during your tour.

If each one puts forth his/her best effort, we will, all together, be participants in another (7th that is) successful season of the Rose Garden Docent Program.

Thank you for the contribution you make to this success.

Bea Whyld, Rose/Shakespeare Gardens Docent

THE 2001 ROSE FESTIVAL IS
HERE!!

COME JOIN YOUR FELLOW
DOCENTS, VOLUNTEERS
AND VISITORS

TO

THE HUNTINGTON

ON

APRIL 28 AND 29

FOR ALL THE FUN AND
CONTACTS EXPERIENCED
DURING THIS JOLLY EVENT