

## *Board Notes from Alice Frost Thomas, President*

When the days get shorter and the leaves begin to change color, it's big holiday time – Thanksgiving followed by Christmas and New Year's Day. It is a time to be thankful for Dr. Samuel Ayres, Jr., whose idea it was to bring more color (flowers, leaves, bark, berries) to the Southern California landscape and founded the Arboretum to do it, for the staff who have made his ideas grow, for the countless hours donated by our volunteers, for our members and donors who make the otherwise unattainable possible.

The best party of the season was held on Saturday, December 2, for Gardening students and their parents. Lettuce, beets, carrots and radishes were harvested to take home as well as rooted cuttings from the Children's Discovery Garden. Workbooks that included planting charts, growing schedules and pictures of the progress of their garden plots, photographed by each student, were admired. Awards were given to all class participants. It was a bountiful day and Wendy Sekovich, Arboretum Education Specialist, is to be congratulated for creating and teaching this wonderful and imaginative introductory gardening class.

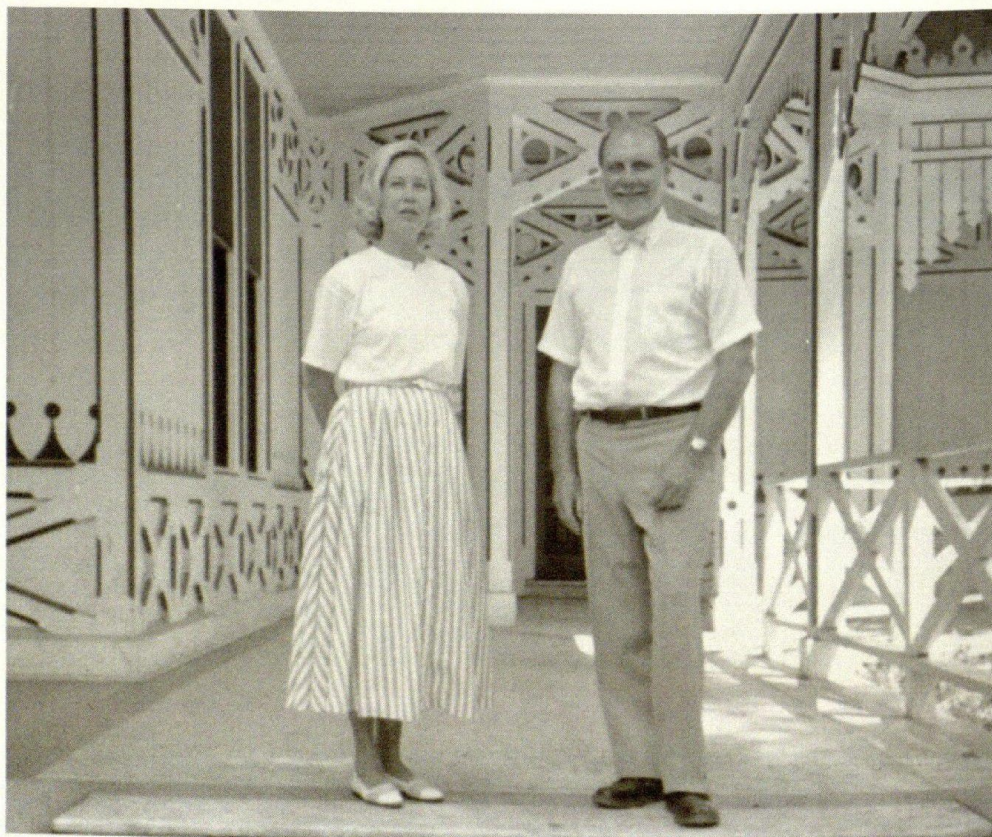


*Loren Braun, Henry Lee and Trevor Garlock (l to r) harvest their crops at the Arboretum's Children's Gardening Class.*

It is also a time to look forward. Expansion of our education classes will become a reality when new classrooms are available by way of the Master Plan capital campaign. Renovation of the Peacock Pavilion Café will start early in the new year, funded by gifts to the Foundation. There are three plant sales scheduled for 1990: a Valentine Sale on February 10th; the 20th Baldwin Bonanza Sale on May 6th with a preview party for members on the 5th; a summer plant sale on June 23rd. It is a good idea to put those dates on your calendar now so you do not miss our specialties and bargains. Plans are well underway for our first Midsummer Night's Dream Party on June 22nd, chaired by trustee Fred Schoellkopf. He has enlisted many other board members to help and they are promising an evening of fun that will rival any party ever given by 'Lucky' Baldwin. More about it in future newsletters.

**We wish you a Happy New Year.**

*Alice Frost Thomas*



*Trustees Veoa McKee and Fred Schoellkopf on the porch of the Queen Anne Cottage. Fred is the chairman of the Midsummer Night's Dream, the dazzling new fundraising event scheduled for Friday evening, June 22, 1990.*