

Garden Club Members Busy With Paints For Annual Flower, Art and Hobby Show

The lovely spring garden of Mrs. T. J. McCutcheon was the scene of a delightful day of work and play for the members of the Torrance Terrace Garden Club last week. A prize for the costume most appropriate to the occasion was presented to Mrs. J. P. Montague while a plant was won by Mrs. V. Benstead.

The International Flower Show at Inglewood was a point of interest this past week. Mrs. Clio Thum, vice president of the local group, won a second prize with her entry of flowers in table arrangement.

The ladies gathered before lunch to paint containers for flower specimens to be used in the displays in the coming Hobby Arts and Flower Show. Each year the show which is participated in by many interested persons in the South Bay area is the joint effort of the Torrance Terrace Garden Club, the Jayettes, and the Torrance Recreation Dept. This year the Beau Jardin Garden club will add its help in the flower division.

April 27, 28 and 29 are the dates set, with the doors of the civic auditorium opening on Friday, April 27, at 6 p.m. The deadline for entries is Wednesday, April 18, registration may be made by contacting Mrs. Ralph Russell or Mrs. D. W. Ralph Russell on April 18, and quietly for flower entries, and

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CARMEN IS INSPIRATION CLAIMS CONCERT SINGER

Every woman has a favorite hat or dress, and every opera star has a favorite character, according to Claramae Turner, the attractive and nationally celebrated young contralto, who will sing here in joint concert with the Torrance Area Youth Band on Tuesday night, April 10, at Torrance Civic Auditorium. In the third concert of the Youth Band-Artist Concerts Association's current music season.

Miss Turner's favorite opera character, and a role for which she is especially noted, is Carmen, and the reason is simple. "Every woman likes to think she could be Carmen," the slim blonde singer explains. "We all want to believe that men find us so irresistible they are willing to fight and die for us."

Claramae Turner has more reasons than the fame her popular reveal of the gypsy girl has brought her, to be fond of Carmen. The California artist had sung the title role in Menotti's The Medium at its world premiere in New York, and had sung the seductive leading contralto part in Aida at the Metropolitan. "but I still felt I was missing something," she says. "Or rather, I wanted to be missing something — 40 pounds to be exact!"

It was her great ambition to sing Carmen and to look the part that brought about one of the most remarkable metamorphoses in modern musical times. "What Don Jose would risk his career and soul for a fat Carmen?" Miss Turner asks. "Carmen was my goal, literally and figuratively — if you'll pardon the pun. That mental image of the person I wanted to be sustained me past the temptations of hot fudge sundaes. It worked for me, and if anyone else wants to use Carmen to help reduce, why Carmen and I will both be flattered."

The svelte, attractive Claramae Turner of today recalls that the shedding of 40 pounds was the turning point in her career. "Suddenly I was wearing the chiffons of Dellah and the bare midriffs of Amneris in Aida and feeling perfectly at ease. Most remarkable of all, everyone said I was a better singer as proof that contrary to popular notion, opera singers need not be ladies of heroic proportions. Her portrayals, vocally and visually, of Carmen, Amneris, Herodias in Salome, as well as leading roles in La Gioconda, Samson and Dellah, and Die Fledermaus, are praised by critics and at the same time are a delight to the eyes as well as the ears of the audiences."

Claramae Turner admits to true feminine pleasure when critics "say nice things about me — as well as my voice. I suppose all like to think we're Carmen." The just-as-pleased-as-Carmen would be. As I said before, we all like to think we're Carmen."



CLARAMAE TURNER... sings April 10

JUNIOR AQUARIANS MEET TOMORROW

Martinezland Junior Aquarian Society will hold its monthly meeting Friday, April 6 at 7:30 p.m. at Martinezland of the Pacific, Palos Verdes Dr. South, Palos Verdes.

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Beau Jardin Stages Show Breakfast to Benefit Area Health Clinic

Their recent flower show was the topic of discussion at the meeting of the Beau Jardin Garden Club held March 28 at the home of Mrs. William Cressy, 2244 Warmside Ave.

Judging at the show was done by Mrs. Richard Mahen of the South Bay Garden club. Winners were Mrs. Kenneth Moe, who received first prize blue ribbon; Mrs. William Adkins, who received the second prize red ribbon; and Mrs. Kenneth Moe, who took the third prize.

After the judging Mrs. Mahen then made arrangements for the flowers she had brought, and gave pointers on arranging effectively for a flower show. Members were then presented with the arrangements.

Refreshments were served from a table decorated with the Easter motif. An Easter basket filled with candy eggs and topped with a baby chick was the centerpiece.

An interesting message was presented by the vice president, Mrs. William Adkins to Mrs. William Cressy, a new member.

Present at the meeting were members Mrs. William Adkins, Mrs. William Cressy, Philip Row, Myron Langford, John Rogan, Kenneth Moe, Leo Hayes, Kenneth Harmon, Albert Yankle and William Cressy. Services were Mrs. Walter Wundt, Earl Wundt, William Carreras, Richard Mahen and John Beattie.

The next meeting will be held April 11 at the home of Mrs. Philip Row, 2244 Warmside Ave.

Shower Fetes Mrs. R. Work

Stork decorations were attractively arranged in the Post-View home of Mrs. Philip Work, when she and her daughter, Barbara, entertained with a dinner and shower Tuesday evening honoring Mrs. Robert E. Work, the former Nancy White.

Guests at the lovely affair included the honoree's mother, Mrs. Grover Whyte, along with high school friends; Misses James Post, Robert Jones, Damon Rode, William Parker, Ralph George, Miss Patricia Mahen of Dewey and Miss Ruth Kemper.

Rebekahs

Katherine Wash, noble grand, presided at the March 28 meeting of Torrance Rebekah Lodge 347 held at the Torrance Masonic Temple, 2338 Cabrillo.

Glada B. Yost of West Virginia and Gary B. Baker of Torrance were welcomed into membership.

Retta Nelson and Olive Veach were delegates to the Rebekah assembly to be held in Long Beach May 21-23.

Plans were made to take candidates to District 88 initiation at Hawthorne Rebekah Lodge 381 on April 5.

Prizes were won by Lillian Blackman for the most original hat, and Alice Jennings for the most original hat in the parade held during the social hour in the temple dining room. Frona Brannagh and her committee served refreshments at tables decorated in the Easter motif.

District Deputy President Ethel Gause of Santa Monica will make her official visit to the April 11 meeting at which time she and her staff will be entertained by the Torrance Lodge. Helen Wilson is chairman for the evening.

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