

to pay homage to the wonderful Craftsman architecture of the residence. As the area is quite shady, white and yellow variegated foliage was used to lighten up the garden.

1611 Fletcher Avenue - This stucco and wood trim home of Anne and Randy Leach was built in 1927. After completion of a major renovation of the interior and some modest improvements to the front yard gardens, which included adding English roses, lavender, large grasses and helichrysum "Lime-light," the remaining home improvement project was to make better use of the rear gardens.

The design parameters for the rear garden included the conversion of a garage storeroom to a studio, the addition of a spa and a free standing pergola for an "outdoor room." Lady Banks roses are being trained to climb up the four corner posts of the pergola and cross over toward the middle of the open trellis structure to provide a sense of privacy and shade. Existing camellias at the entry to the studio and along the north edge of the yard are complemented by ginger, ginkgos, bamboo and a "Little Gem" magnolia. There are a variety of grasses, daylilies, roses, bamboo, along with columbine and other interesting plants set along the perimeter of the rear yard.

In addition to the Garden Tour and Plant Swap, South Pasadena Beautiful also offers annual Golden Arrow Awards to residents and business people who have improved their landscaping and overall property appearance. Golden Arrow Award recipients will be honored guests at the organization's Annual Meeting, to be held June 7 at the South Pasadena Public Library. This event is open to the community at a small charge.

Guest Speaker will be Laurie Sowd, project manager of the new \$8 million Chinese Garden at the Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens. She will speak on features of the Chinese garden and its development. For the past twelve years, Ms. Sowd has been operations director at the Huntington Library. For more information about the meeting, phone (626) 799-1595. 🌱

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*Bring a plant for the plant swap
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Sunday, April 18, 2004 from 1pm to 4pm

Participating homes are:

- #1 - 1629 Laurel Street
- #2 - 1947 La France Avenue
- #3 - 1039 Montrose Avenue
- #4 - 1611 Fletcher Avenue

Plant swap will be held at Eddy Park (on the parkway)