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Dr. Snyder Retires . . .

At the September 24 Recognition Dinner for Dr. Snyder, the University of Minnesota officially renamed the Education and Research Building. From that date on it will be known as the Leon C. Snyder Building in recognition of Dr. Snyder's stewardship of the Arboretum for the past eighteen years.

Next time you visit the Arboretum, take the opportunity to see the beautiful color photograph of Dr. Snyder in the lobby of the Leon C. Snyder Building.

Vera's Thanks . . .

Dear Friends:

We are still on Cloud 9 after the beautiful Recognition Dinner on Sept. 24 at the Radisson South. You have all been so generous through the years with our pet project, the Arboretum, for which we have been most thankful. A special thank you to those who attended the Dinner and contributed to the Scholarship Fund.

Vera Snyder

. . . a new Director is found . . .

The Arboretum will be starting 1977 with a new director. Dr. Francis deVos received his undergraduate degree in Ornamental Horticulture from the University of Massachusetts. He received his master's degree and his doctorate from Cornell University.

From 1951 to 1953 he served as the Horticulturist in charge of plant collections at the U. S. National Arboretum in Washington, D. C. For the next 14 years Dr. deVos was the Assistant Director of research and educational programs at the National Arboretum. From 1967 to the present he has been the Director of the Botanic Garden of the Chicago Horticulture Society. Throughout his career, Dr. deVos has been actively involved with developing institutions similar to the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. His experience and insight with problems peculiar to newly developed institutions make him an excellent person for the position of Arboretum Director.

The Arboretum welcomes Dr. deVos and his family to our state and to the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum.

SKI AND SNOWSHOE TRAIL

The trails provided for skiing and snowshoeing are designed to reduce the unintentional damage to plant collections which had become a severe problem by 1973. The designated skiing and snowshoeing trails lead through beautiful natural areas and make use of a variety of habitats.

The Ski Trail begins at the far end of the parking lot east of the Leon C. Snyder Building. There are three loops varying in length from .9 to 1.7 miles. If all three trails are taken, they total approximately 4 miles. If you have skied here in previous years, you will notice that the first loop has been dropped from the system. This was done to better accommodate hikers.

The Snowshoe Trail begins at the far end of the parking lot west of the Building. This trail leads the snowshoer along the Wood duck Trail and out into the Prairie Area.

The entrance to each of these trails is marked with a large map and rule sign. No picnics or fires are allowed on either trail. If lack of snow or overuse makes conditions on the trails hazardous, they will be closed temporarily. If you are in doubt about the trail conditions, call 443-2460 for information.

Free Film Series



Place: The Auditorium of the Leon C. Snyder Building

Time: Sunday afternoons at 1:30 p.m. Films will only be shown once.

- November 14: John Muir's High Sierras (27 min.) Retraces some of the hikes of the naturalist, John Muir, in the California high Sierras during the 1880's. Shows how Muir's Nature writings helped stir movements to create some of America's National Parks.
- November 21: Changing Seasons (29 min.) Tours the Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University, and shows the variety of plants, shrubs and trees that grow there.
- November 28: Miracle of the Monarch (29 min.) Covers the life cycle of the Monarch Butterfly. Suggested reading: "Discovered: The Monarch's Mexican Haven", page 161, National Geographic, Vol. 150, No. 2, August 1976.
- December 5: Planting and Transplanting (21 min.) Demonstrates the techniques of planting and transplanting flowers, shrubs, and trees, Includes root and top pruning, potting, watering, mulching, and soil preparation, as well as dividing iris and rooting chrysanthemums.
- December 12: Coral Jungle (22 min.) From the Jacques Cousteau Series. Shows the cycle of life and survival of the fittest on a coral reef.
- December 19: Colonial Naturalist (55 min.) Early horticulturists and gardening in colonial Williamsburg.
- January 2: Baffin Island: A slide presentation by Mr. Mark Rosen of the Environmental Learning Center at Isabella, Minnesota. It will feature the scenery and bird life of Baffin Island, Northwest Territories, Canada.
- January 9: Honey-makers (22 min.) Studies the honey bee's life cycle and activities of the hive. (1951)
- January 16: Pruning Practices at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden (22 min.) The three essentials of pruning; time, tools, and technique are explained. Care of evergreens and deciduous trees, roses, rhododendrons, forsythia, lilacs, hedges and other woody plants are covered.

NOTICE!



As most members realize, the Arboretum Road is hilly, narrow and meandering. This is what makes it so beautiful in the summer and so treacherous for winter driving. The road will be closed to vehicular travel whenever snowy conditions make it necessary. The road will close for the season with the first lasting snow.

The Education and Research Building will be closed on November 25, Thanksgiving Day. The hours on November 26 will be from 11:30 to 4:30 p.m. The building will again be closed from December 24 thru December 27 for the Christmas holidays.

TERRACE TEAROOM

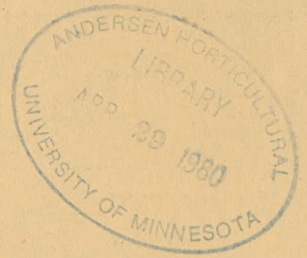
Did you come to the Terrace Tearoom in September and find the line too long and the Tearoom too crowded? Well, come out in November or December and enjoy the same great food without the crowd. The Tearoom will be open all winter. The hours are:

Monday - CLOSED

Weekdays - 10 to 3

Weekends - 11:30 to 4:30

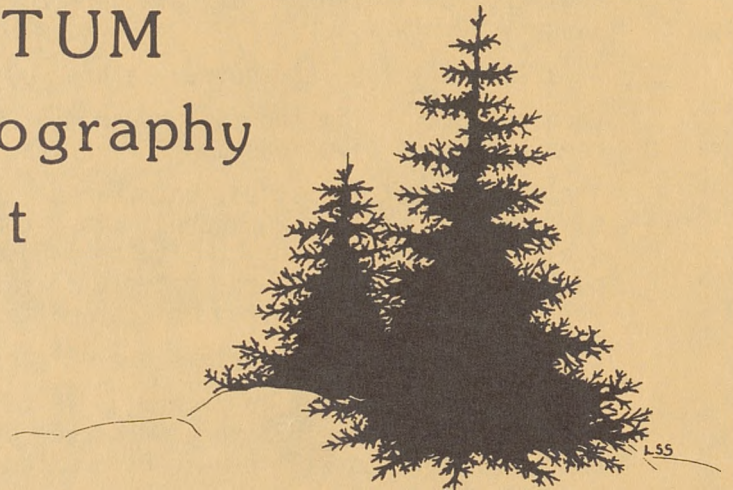




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ARBORETUM Nature Photography Contest



If you own a camera and like to photograph the beauty of the out-of-doors, then you should participate in the Arboretum's Nature Photography Contest. The contest is open to any amateur photographer no matter what age or how talented. The purpose of the contest is to have fun sharing our photographic efforts; besides you might win a ribbon and an Arboretum membership!

If you are not a photographer, you can still participate. Come out and enjoy the exhibit. An auditorium full of colorful photographs is one sure way to brighten up a Minneosta February.

Date: February 5 - March 6

Time: February 5: 12 noon - 4:30 p.m.

Weekends: 11 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Weekdays: 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Place: The Auditorium, Leon C. Snyder Building
 Minnesota Landscape Arboretum

