

BLOSSOMS IN JUNE

Alcazar Gardens Near Completion

Finishing touches are being added to the Alcazar Gardens in Balboa Park in a revitalization program designed to duplicate the exquisite floral center of the ancient Alcazar Palace in Spain.

San Diego's replica, built for the 1915 Exposition, is located between the Museum of Man and Hall of Champions.

Its beautification has been financed by a \$10,000 gift from the San Diego Rotary Club.

Lloyd Lowrey, city park supervisor, said major construction work will be completed in a few days, with final additions to be completed by late this month.

"We'll be ready to add flowering plants in the first week of May," Lowrey said. "They should blossom in June."

Already completed are 8,100 square feet of red concrete walkways, linking the formal gardens to four fountains of tile imported from Spain for the exposition.

Each walk is bordered in red brick with white mortar.

Seats and benches will dot the gardens about the fountains and floral designs.

Seven towering eucalyptus trees have been removed from the southern side of the park as a safety measure to protect visitors, Lowrey said. A frame trellis at the west end was razed for the same reason.

The thousands of plants to be added to the color center will represent just about every color in the rainbow, city gardeners said.

Red salvia plants will herald the Christmas holiday season. Spring will be

welcomed by white and mulberry-colored sweet alyssum flowers. The summer season will be marked by pansies, zinnias and snapdragons.



Custodian W. W. Pfahler applies finishing touches to refurbishing of

Alcazar Gardens, Balboa Park, as part of \$10,000 beautification job.