

# Espinas y Flores

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## DECEMBER MEETING

Saturday December 10, 1983

1:30 P.M.

Casa Del Prado, Room 101, Balboa Park

### PROGRAM

Election of the new Board Members  
 Special Plant Exchange  
 Dinner promptly at 2:00  
 Distribution of gift plants  
 to all members present



*Greetings  
 of the  
 Season*

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO YOU ALL!!!

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# **PERLSO LEWIS** GETTING TO KNOW HER



At each meeting of the SDC&SS, we are greeted at the door by the reception committee, one of which is Perlso Lewis.

There is a lot more to know about Pearlso. The Cactus and Succulent Society was formed in 1961, and Pearlso was one of the first members. Meetings were then held in Spring Valley.

Perlso has been 1st corresponding secretary and held that position twice; 1st affiliate director to CSSA; 1st Hostess of Hospitality. As she put it "under protest," she has been, in past years, in charge of the societies display at the Southern Calif. Expo at Del Mar and the C&SS Show.

There have been many ups and downs in our Society and Perlso has been part of them all. She mentioned that she enjoyed seeing two of our members join as teenagers and are now active members of our club, Jack Schlotte and Rick Latimer.

When you attend the next meeting, be sure to give a special greeting to this charming lady who makes sure all the new members and guests are made to feel welcome.

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# NEWS

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## Bragging Table Winners for November

1st Place Ruby Winters for her Euphorbia Duranii

2nd Place Joe Clements for his Mammillaria Plumosa

3rd Place Bob Taylor for his Mammillaria Nejpensis

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## SELLING COLLECTION

Please contact Ruth T. Stanton of Oceanside at 433-2992 after dark.

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## REMEMBER - - - - -

Anthony D'Attilio is having a one man art show entitled: THE PERSONAL WORLD OF ANTHONY D'ATTILIO at the Natural History Museum from November 20, 1983 through January 15, 1984. Don't miss it.

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## ALSO

The election of our new board will be held at the December meeting. Those who have agreed to run are:

1. Aubuchon, Bud (Incumbent)
2. Brattmiller, Jerry
3. Clements, Joe (Incumbent)
4. Dunn, Dorothy (Incumbent)
5. Flechsig, Phyllis (Incumbent)
6. Johnson, Wilna
7. Lee, Madelyn (Incumbent)
8. Pasek, Verna
9. Rudy, Gerald

You will be asked to vote for six (6)

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## DON'T FORGET!!!!

We will be having the special plant exchange at the December meeting. Please plan to participate.

You must be present to receive your plant gift.

Refer to last month's E y F for details.

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Bolivicereus Samaipatanus

(Cárdenas)

Frank C. Thrombley

Bolivicereus is a member of the large group of South American columnar cacti encompassing the evolutionary line of Haageocereus and Borzicactus. Borzicactus includes in its umbrella, Akersia, Bolivicereus, Hildewintera, Seticereus, Loxanthocereus, and Clistanthocereus, plus some spherical cacti.

Bolivicereus Samaipatanus is still a valid name, however, until the taxonomists settle down to a mutual understanding. The plant was discovered by Martin Cárdenas, a Bolivian, and described as Bolivicereus in 1951.

This is a slender cactus which grows erect with some of its stems becoming prostrate. The stems are rarely more than 40 inches long by 1 1/4" in diameter. The spines are yellow/brown which gives it a golden appearance. In its natural habitat, at approximately 6,500 feet elevation, it grows into beautiful golden clumps, branching from the base.

Shirley Berry, member of the San Diego Society, gave me a 12 inch long single stem of this plant in April, 1982. The plant was potted and rooted, but did not want to grow erect. It decided it was definitely one of the prostrate type. I repotted it in June of 1982 into an 8 inch diameter by 6 inch deep pot and put it in full sun, being careful to acclimize it first so it would not burn. In June of 1983 the original stem had grown to be 25 inches long and it branched from the base. The new branches are eight in number, six are 10 inches tall and two are 7 inches. All are growing erect. The biggest thrill was yet to come for this is a remarkably free flowering plant. In September it put out 30 of the prettiest blood-red flowers, all growing close to the tip of the stems. In October 25 new flowers appeared. The flowers were approximately 2 inches long by 1 inch across at the widest part. Beautiful indeed.

Cultivation has been very easy - the compost (or soil) used is one that drains rapidly, no standing water in the pot when watering. The watering schedule has been once a week in the heat of the summer. The plant sits outside throughout the year, with no protection from the rains.

Bolivicereus samaipatanus is certainly one that will be rewarding for those that grow it. Mine has certainly become my friend, thanks to Shirley Berry for introducing us.

## BOOK REVIEW

Kakteen und andere Sukkulente (of) Pierre-Joseph Redouté

edited by Edmund Launert

reviewed by Rick Latimer

Back in 1981 when I visited my sister (then living in Germany), one of the places we shopped in was an indoor mall near Frankfurt-am-Main. While passing a bookstore, the corner of my eye caught an illustration of an Opuntia tomentosa on the cover of one of the books. This book was on a table that had books belonging to several series of subjects, all of which were reprints of books and other documents from past centuries and decades. They were all stacked so that one could not see the covers (and thus the subject matter). However, the book on succulents just so happened to have been pulled out and the bait was taken. So now we have another beautiful book in our marvelous library.

Pierre-Joseph Redouté was born in Saint-Hubert in the Belgian Ardennes on July 10, 1759. He came to Paris when he was 23, and in 1786, he was appointed draughtsman to the Cabinet of the Queen of France - Marie Antoinette. In spite of his royal connections, the French Revolution does not seem greatly to have affected him. His last work for the Queen was of a night flowering cactus and was painted while she was in prison in 1792. In 1798, Josephine, the wife of Napoleon; acquired the property at Malmaison and with great energy set about making a garden and acquiring a large collection of plants, especially roses. This garden provided many of the plants for Redouté's masterpieces. From 1798 onwards, Redouté worked mostly on color printed books, the first of which was the great work on succulents and cacti, Plantes Grasses. The text was written by the young Swiss Augustin-Pyramus de Candolle (1778-1841). Plantes Grasses was published between 1799 and 1831. It contains around 185 plates, all engraved as well as painted by Redouté. His other masterpieces were Les Liliacées (1802-1816), Les Roses (1817-1824), and Choix des plus belles fleurs. Redouté dominated botanical painting from 1790-1830 and was known as the "Raphael des Fleurs". Among his friends was Audubon.

The text we are reviewing only includes 78 plates, but they are of succulents from 12 families: Agavaceae, Asclepiadaceae, Cactaceae, Compositae, Crassulaceae, Euphorbiaceae, Geraniaceae, Liliaceae, Mesembryanthemaceae, Portulacaceae, Zygophyllaceae, and the now ignored Tetragoniaceae. There are a few goofs: most of the aloes are listed under the family Agavaceae, Plate 37 is switched with plate 46, and Plate 36 is labeled Glottiphyllum longum (which we do not get elsewhere in the book) but is actually Aloe (Gasteria) linguiformis verrucosa. However it is still a pleasure to look at the lovely illustrations of the succulent plants. Also it is fun to compare the names of the plants then to the ones we give them now, especially those that vary greatly (e. g. Senecio repens was called Cacalia ficoides; and see what species were available then. (Additional reference: The Art of the Plant World/Martyn Rix)

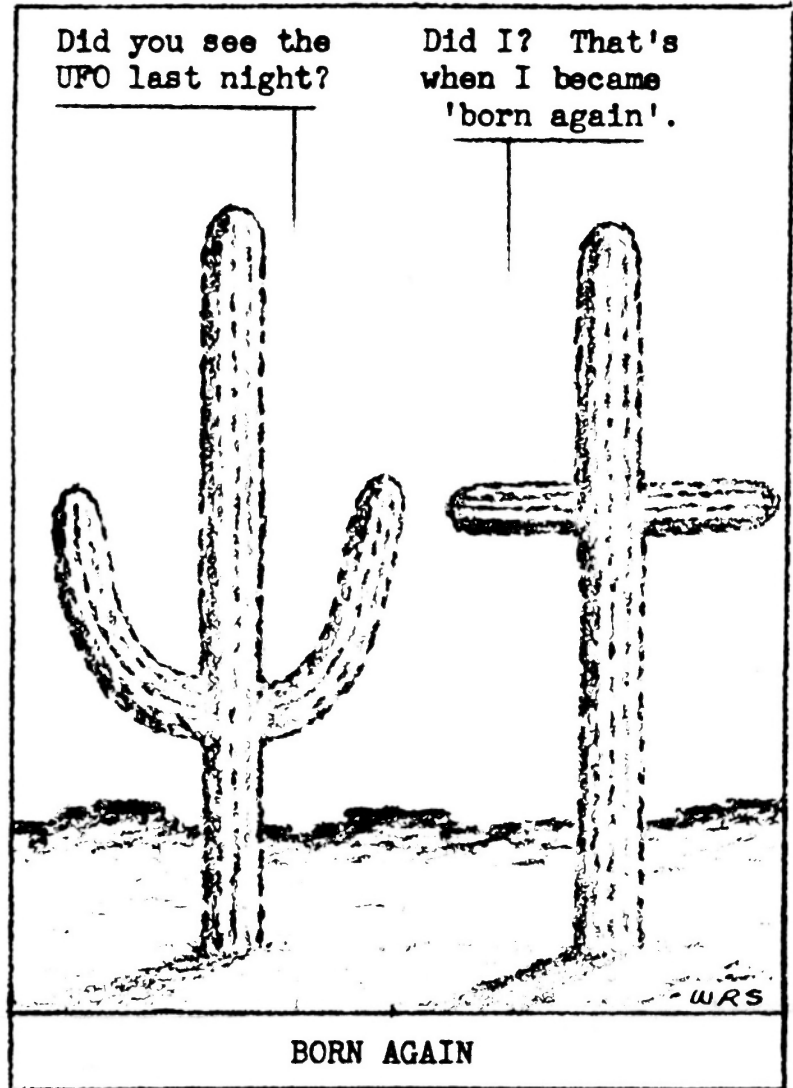
JUST FOR LAUGHS - - - -

"HELLO"  
I'm Kactis Askit  
Anthing you want to know  
If I can't answer  
I'll surely tell you  
Where to go!!!  
(to find the answer, that is)

Something bugging you?  
Got a plant and don't know what it is?  
Something going around here,  
And you don't understand it?  
ASK ASKIT  
She doesn't know, either,  
But we can talk about it.  
Together, we may find the answer.

Don't know what's going on?  
Feel as if you're in the dark?  
Let Cara Luma illuminate you.

Nellie Kennett-Contributor



Thanks to Walter R. Scott

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FROM THE BOARD

The board has authorized Madeline Lee, Phyllis Flechsigg and Jack Schlotte to pick out some new books for the library.

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DUES ARE DUE!!!!!!

Don't forget that the annual dues are due. Annual dues are \$8.00 per single member per year, \$2.00 for each additional member of a household within a family. You will not receive the Espinas y Flores after January if you do not pay your dues.

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DEADLINE FOR JANUARY ISSUE OF THE NEWSLETTER IS DECEMBER 30, 1983- Remember contributions from the members are very much appreciated.

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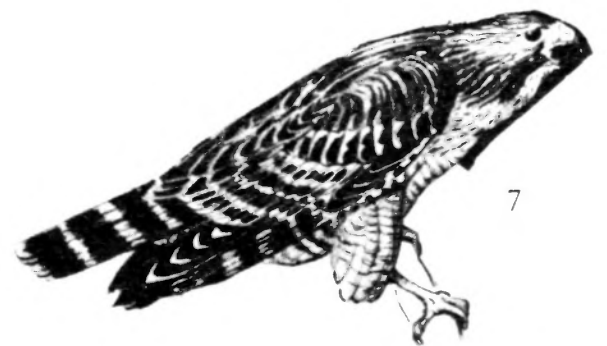


## **At the WILD** **ANIMAL PARK**

Several of our club members have been helping to do the landscaping of the Baja section of the Wild Animal Park. Some of the members have gone on collecting expeditions with Jim Gibbons, Head of Horticulture at the Park. Several of the club members have gone to the park to assist in the planting of the specimens brought back. These volunteers are John and Vera Pasek, Frank Thrombley, Dorothy Dunn, Jerry Brattmiller, Eleanor and Gerald Dice, Gary Stromberg and Mary and Bud Aubuchon.



The next time that you visit the park and take the monorail, look up the hill past the lions to see some of the good work.



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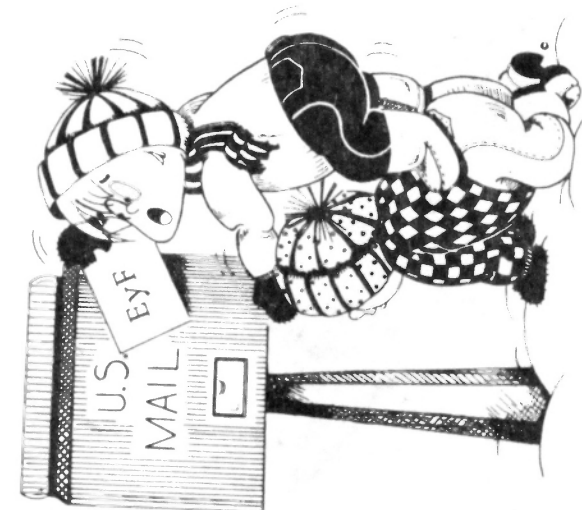
Dorothy Dunn, Phyllis Flechsig, Madelyn Lee  
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Orientation:

The San Diego Cactus & Succulent Society is open to all persons interested in growing cacti, other succulents and exotic plants. Meetings are held the second Saturday of each month at 1:30 pm in Room 101, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park. Board of Directors meetings are held after the general meetings. Annual dues are \$8.00 per single member per year, \$2.00 for each additional member of a household within a family. Single copies of Espinas y Flores are 60 cents.

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