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HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU VERY SPECIAL PEOPLE



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HOLIDAY DINNER MEETING STARTS AT 12:30
DINNER BUFFET STARTS AT 1:00
ALLOW TIME TO REVIEW GIFT PLANTS
AND EXCHANGE SALUTATIONS

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ROAST TURKEY WITH SAGE DRESSING
MASHED POTATOES WITH GIBLET GRAVY
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ROLLS AND BUTTER
COFFEE, TEA, FRUIT PUNCH OR WINE
APPLE OR PUMPKIN PIE

And The Best Is Yet To Come

PLEASE, EVERYONE WEAR YOUR NAME BADGES AT THE MEETINGS - ESPECIALLY THE DECEMBER HOLIDAY PARTY (TEMPORARY NAME BADGES WILL BE AVAILABLE AT FRONT DESK WHEN YOU SIGN-IN). YOU CAN ORDER NAME BADGE AT ANY REGULAR MEETING WITH OUR LOGO "MAMMILLARIA THOR NBERGII ON THEM FOR \$3.00 FROM LAURA DE MERRITT, OUR TREASURER.

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: S.D.C. & S.S.
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P.O. BOX 33181 HILLCREST STATION - 102
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DEAR LAURA,
YES! PLEASE RESERVE CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR MEMBERS @ \$7.50 EACH:

MEMBER NAME _____

MEMBER NAME _____

PLEASE RESERVE CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR GUESTS @ \$10.00 (SORRY, NO GIFT)

GUEST NAME _____

GUEST NAME _____

I WISH TO ATTEND MEETING & RECEIVE GIFT PLANT, BUT PREFER NOT TO HAVE DINNER

MEMBER NAME _____

MY CLUB

by Brunhilde Scheffler

There are clubs and then there are clubs: auto clubs, pin collectors clubs, stamp clubs, etcetera - and then there is my club. It is a very special club with special people. Although I do not consider myself a "clubby" type person, this "one" holds a special attraction in that it has inspired me, challenged me and made me grow from a mere lover of nature into an ardent admirer of a wonderful part of the plant kingdom, the bizarre and unusual species known as cacti and other succulents.

Being a part of this group of special people gave me a great deal of joy. I gained knowledge and appreciation by participating in their experiences and learning from their scholarly know-how. This generous sharing created a sense of belonging, not only to the club, but even greater, of being part of this strangely beautiful world.

Yes, my fellow Cactophyles (Succulentophyles?) are also a very special species, one of the human race. Maybe, to outsiders, we seem to be a little strange, a weird bunch, because we love cacti. Yes, we love those prickly, stingy, hairy, spiny, itchy, and sometimes poisonous, oddly shaped creations.

We have in our midst scientists, naturalists, nurserymen, collectors & hobbyists, and even little old men (and ladies, too!!) who grow their collections in window sills and talk to their darlings. And it is all so much fun.

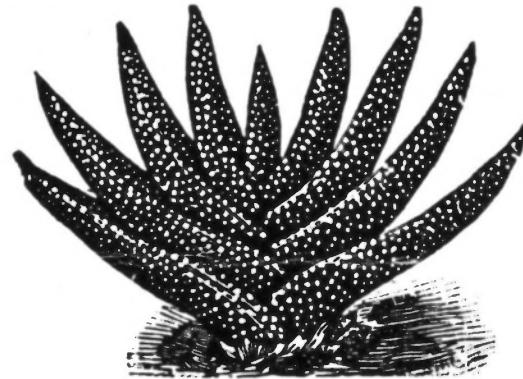
We are from various walks of life, but have in common this love and admiration for the plants and nature in general. And when we get together, we talk about chromosomes, glochids, epidermis - this must be Latin for a novice (new-comer) - soil mixtures, growing conditions, nomenclature and taxonomy. The latter two terms are for the higher echelons, the more knowledgeable of the intricacies of life on earth (or so they say!) to argue about, which is perhaps their special fun.

We categorize the species into genera and natural group affinities. We all have our own preferences. We learn by watering some to death, too!! Learn by your mistakes! We travel thousands of miles by plane or off-road vehicles, or in our own boots to the remotest corners of the planet: the Mexican deserts, the Andean Mountains, or the African Velds in quest for a new discovery. Or just to study a rare species in its natural habitat. Sometimes we find a forest of giants, sometimes fields of button-like tinies; inbetween there are all sizes and all shapes.

DO YOU JUST BELONG?

- Are you an active member, the kind that would be missed,
- Or are you just content that your name is on the list?
- Do you attend the meeting and mingle with the flock,
- or do you sit at home and criticize and knock?
- Do you take an active part to help the work along,
- or are you satisfied to only just belong?
- Do you do your part with your hand upon the stick,
- or do you leave the work to others, then talk about the clique?
- Think this over member, you know right from wrong.
- Are you an active member, or do you just belong?

Dianne McKay

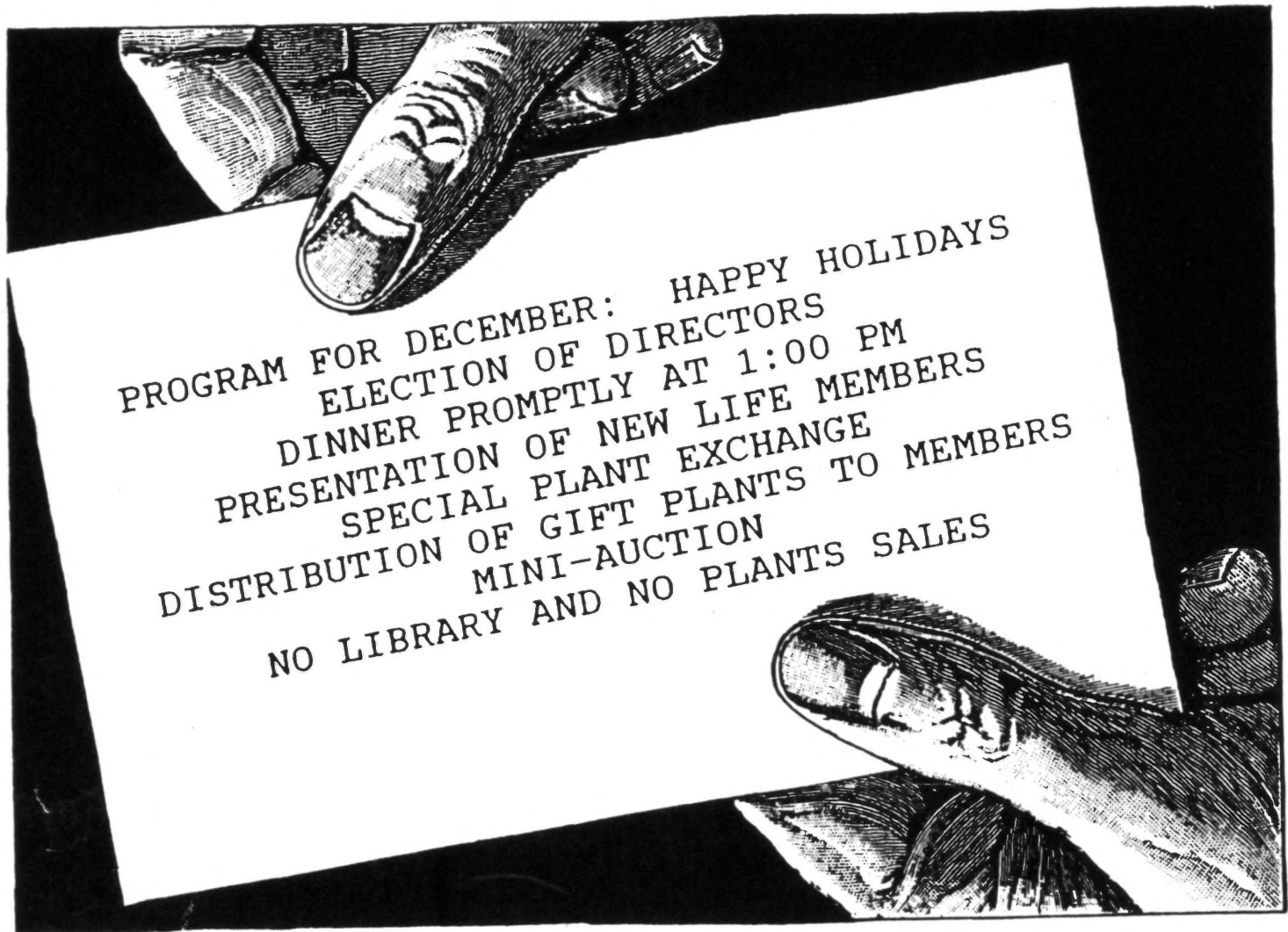


These succulent plants adapt to environment, climate, and nutritional conditions, discontinue growth in drought, and come to life upon the first cloud burst. They offer food and nesting to wildlife. Birds, bats, insects, and wind disperse their seeds. Some play a part of the mythology and religion south of the border. Yes, these plants are of endless fascination to us.

After traveling the length of the globe, after expeditions along pot-holed roads, arduous climbing, and hanging upside down on precarious slopes - just to find a species in its glorious stage of blooming - after all that, the photographers among us come to life. They bring all the joy of the adventure home to us to project onto a wall and let us all participate; fire our enthusiasm.

The diversity of the ages in the membership is encouraging. More of the younger generation show an interest in the work and studies of the club. They will continue to help our naturalists /environmentalists to protect endangered species. This is, too, why "my club" as an entity, a body of special people, is so enjoyable. It is a challenge, an inspiration - and the inner self can grow!

ATTENTION ALL



And you're invited..

THE DECEMBER MEETING IS ALSO FOR THE PRESENTATION OF SEVERAL SPECIAL AWARDS IN APPRECIATION TO OUR MANY HARD-WORKING MEMBERS. AND WE WILL INTRODUCE THE 1992-1993 BOARD MEMBERS AND NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

WE WILL HAVE OUR REGULAR CHRISTMAS GIFT EXCHANGE AFTER DINNER. IF YOU HAVE NOT PARTICIPATED BEFORE, IT WORKS LIKE THIS:

CHRISTMAS PLANT EXCHANGE: ANY MEMBER OR GUEST MAY PARTICIPATE; ALL YOU DO IS BRING IN A CACTUS OR SUCCULENT PLANT WHICH IS DESIRABLE. IT SHOULD BE IN GOOD CONDITION AND NICELY POTTED. INCLUDE A LABEL THAT IDENTIFIES THE PLANT ON ONE SIDE AND HAS YOUR NAME ON THE OTHER SIDE. THE FIRST PLANT TO BE SELECTED WILL BE AUCTIONED OFF AT END OF MEETING. THE PERSON WHO BROUGHT IN THE FIRST SELECTION GETS FIRST CHOICE OF ALL REMAINING PLANTS. WHENEVER A PLANT IS SELECTED, THE PERSON WHO BROUGHT IT GETS THE NEXT CHOICE, SO THE MORE APPEALING THE PLANT THAT YOU BRING IN THE EARLIER YOU WILL GET YOUR CHANCE AT THE "GEMS". PLEASE, ONE PLANT PER PERSON. WHAT A TERRIFIC WAY TO GIVE, RECEIVE, AND BROADEN YOUR PLANT COLLECTION ALL AT THE SAME TIME!!

PLEASE! LET'S ALL PARTICIPATE AND HAVE SOME FUN!!

THE SOCIETY

The Cactus and Succulent Society of America was organized in 1929 to promote better understanding and appreciation of some of nature's most unusual and unique creations.

CSSA, as a national organization, encourages and supports more than 80 independent local and regional groups toward a unified position on environmental awareness. Regularly these groups are informed of the interests of national and worldwide concern for succulent plants. CSSA is recognized by the Federal Government as a strong voice for conservation and preservation of threatened and endangered plant life throughout the world.

The Cactus and Succulent Society Journal has been issued regularly since the organization was founded. It is an attractive and informative periodical, issued bi-monthly, with a balanced presentation of scientific and cultural articles. Advertisers offer a wide variety of plants, seeds, literature and supplies. Over the years the Journal has become an extremely useful reference source.

ADMINISTRATION OF CSSA

The affairs and the business of the Cactus and Succulent Society of America are conducted quarterly by a board of directors composed of elected members from throughout the United States.

Various committees devote a great number of hours each year to keep CSSA a viable and progressive organization.

Some of our most important programs are in support of the Research Committee and in conservation and environmental protection. Other committee activities relate to our Library, Plant Uses Research, Foreign Relations, Lecture Coordination, International Liaison, Convention, Newsletter, Historian, Journal, Seed Distribution, Slide Programs, Shows, Show Sales and Publications.

We recently accepted responsibility for the magnificent display of Baja Plants at the Wild Animal Park in San Diego and hope to create a major display of other succulent plants at the same location.

There are no restrictions on membership. Members are of all ages, from all walks of life and many different ethnic, cultural and social backgrounds. We have members in South America, Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia. While most members are amateurs, others are world famous scientists, commercial growers and educators. Novice growers are always welcome.

To join the Cactus and Succulent Society of America, fill in the required information on this sheet and send it with your check or money order payable to CSSA in United States funds to:

CSSA, Inc.
P.O. Box 368
Lawrence, KS 66044
Attn: Karen Hickey, Bus. Mgr.

ALL MEMBERS OF CSSA:

share responsibility for preservation of some of our natural treasures (those wonderful succulent plants);

support research related to succulent plants and provide a convenient means for organizations and individuals to contribute to this fund;

receive the Cactus and Succulent Journal and the Cactus and Succulent Newsletter at no additional cost;

are encouraged to submit articles for publication in the Journal and the Newsletter;

may participate in the show judge training and certification;

may participate in any of a number of Succulent Plant Round Robins;

may obtain a list of speakers for club meetings;

may obtain slide programs for use of any affiliated club or group at nominal cost;

obtain early announcements of a great number of new books about succulents, as they are published;

have an opportunity to obtain rare seeds at nominal cost;

obtain reduced registration fees for CSSA Conventions;

obtain reduced rates for copies of some publications such as the Visitors Roster;

and meet many other cactophiles who share their enthusiasm and interest at meetings, conventions, conferences and shows, where enduring friendships frequently begin.

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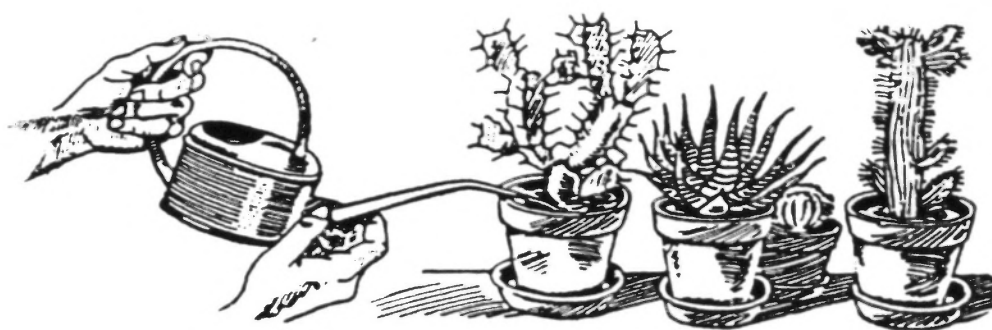
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"From All Corners"

by Shirley Berry



Charcoal as an important ingredient in potting mixes for succulents was highly touted by Johnson's Cactus Garden (in Paramount). Larry Gonsales told us that Harry Johnson contracted with a vodka distilling company and was able to buy large volumes of the charcoal they used for filtering the liquor. For years I used to purchase this charcoal every time I bought plants there. I acted on sheer faith, and I feel that the results were of benefit to the plants, but the following explanation of WHY it works seems reasonable.

In the American Cactus and Succulent Journal (Nov-Dec 1961) is an excerpt from the African Violet Magazine which deals with charcoal:

"Charcoal itself has no food value... its value to the plants is in its ability to collect and conserve ammonia. How does it act in soil? We put various plant food into the soils, like bone meal, for instance. As soon as the soil is moistened, bacteria start to work on it and break down its protein. The first product of this breaking down is ammonia in its gas form. The gas easily escapes into the air and is lost. But nothing is lost in nature... it will be returned to the ground in the form of rain. Now if charcoal were lying next to the bone meal in the soil, it will absorb 80 times its own bulk of ammonia and hold it for the plant roots. When there are pieces of charcoal in the soil, roots are attracted to it to get the ammonia it absorbs for them. Blood meal, bone meal, all natural manures form ammonia as they break down. How much charcoal should one put into the soil? As much as we use of the organic plant foods, in terms of bulk, not weight. It will not decay or was away. In addition, it will act as a continuous factory for the destruction of injurious acids. All charcoal is good including soot. The best is made from boxwood, the poorest from willow."

In the same issue of the Journal on authority on Epiphyllum mentioned he watered his plants every two or three

weeks with a mixture of one tablespoon of household ammonia (not the sudsy kind) to a gallon of water... that it was "good for all 'Epis" and especially those with white flowers."

Anyone ready to experiment and report their results?

CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETIES IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA

Gates C & S Society
San Bernardino Co. Museum
3034 Orangetree Lane
Redlands, CA
7:30pm - 1st Wednesday

San Diego C & S Society
Casa del Prado, Balboa Park
Majorca Room (101)
San Diego, CA
1:30pm - 2nd Saturday

Long Beach Cactus Club
Jacoboni Library
5020 Clark Avenue
Lakewood, CA
1:00pm - 4th Sunday

San Gabriel Valley C&S Society
L.A. State & County Arboretum
301 N. Baldwin Avenue
Arcadia, CA
7:30pm - 2nd Thursday

Los Angeles C & S Society
Odd Fellows Hall
15236 Parthenia
Sepulveda, CA
7:00pm 2nd Monday

Santa Barbara C & S Society
Louise Lowery Davis Center
1232 De La Vina Street
Santa Barbara, CA
7:30pm - 1st Friday

Orange Co. C & S Society
Canyon Hills Library
400 S. Scout Trail
Anahelm Hills, CA
7:30pm - 4th Thursday

South Coast C & S Society
South Coast Botanic Gardens
26300 Crenshaw Blvd.
Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA
1:30pm - 2nd Sunday

Palomar C & S Society Inc.
Joslyn Senior Citizens Center
724 N. Broadway
Escondido, CA
12:45pm - 4th Saturday

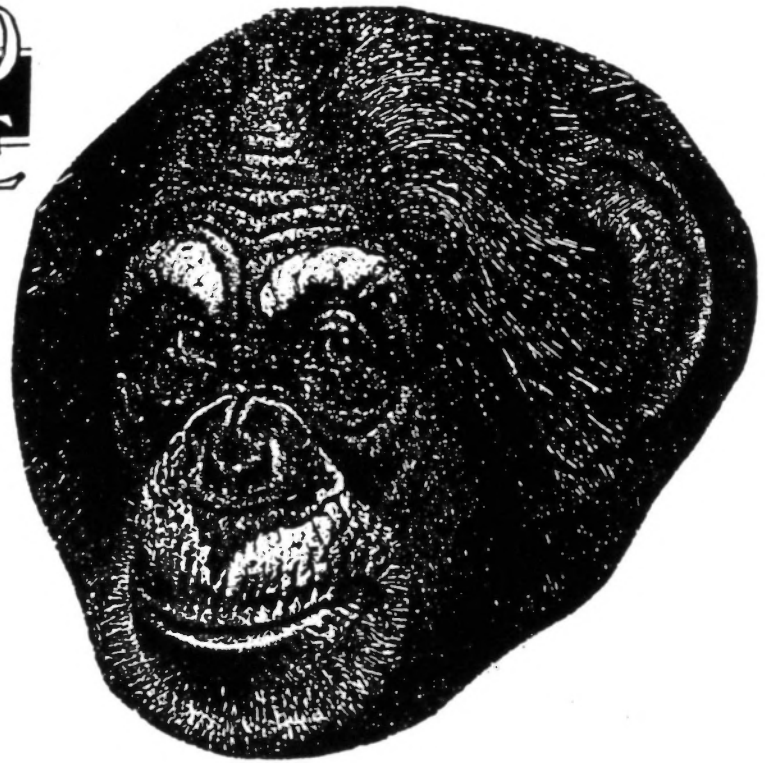
Sunset Succulent Society, Inc
Felicia Mahood Center
11338 Santa Monica Blvd.
West Los Angeles, CA
8:00pm - 3rd Monday

JUST A LITTLE AD:

I WOULD LIKE TO SELL THE FIRST FOUR VOLUMES OF THE BOOKS CALLED "EUPHORBIA" PUT OUT BY STRAWBERRY PRESS. THE RETAIL PRICE FOR THESE AT THIS TIME IS \$185; I WILL SELL THEM FOR \$120. THEY ARE IN PERFECT CONDITION. IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED YOU CAN CONTACT ME AT THE NEXT MEETING. SHIRLEY BERRY

WISE AND OTHERWISE

Michael Buckner



"We are told that the trouble with Modern Man is that he has been trying to detach himself from Nature. He sits in the topmost tiers of polymer, glass, and steel, dangling his pulsing legs, surveying at a distance the writhing life of the planet. In this scenario, Man comes on as a stupendous lethal force, and the earth is pictured as something delicate, like rising bubbles at the surface of a country pond, or flights of fragile birds.

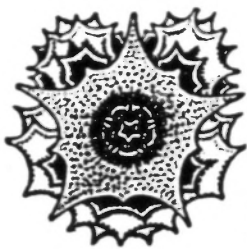
But it is illusion to think that there is anything fragile about the life of earth; surely this is the toughest membrane imaginable in the universe, opaque to probability, impermeable to death. We are the delicate part, transient and vulnerable as cilia. Nor is it a new thing for man to invent an existence that he imagines to be above the rest of life; this has been his most consistent intellectual exertion down the millennia. As illusion, it has never worked out to his satisfaction in the past, any more than it does today. Man is embedded in nature." From THE LIVES OF A CELL-NOTES OF A BIOLOGY WATCHER by Lewis Thomas

"THE PROCESS BY WHICH PLANTS MAKE USE OF LIGHT FROM THE SUN TO SYNTHESIZE THE COMPLICATED SUBSTANCES NEEDED FOR LIFE AND GROWTH HAS BEEN A SOURCE OF FASCINATION TO GENERATIONS OF SCIENTISTS. FROM THE SMALLEST SINGLE-CELLED ALGAE, MEASURING LESS THAN A HUNDREDTH OF A MILLIMETER IN DIAMETER, TO THE LEAVES OF GIANT TREES, ALL SIZES AND SHAPES OF GREEN PLANTS PERFORM PHOTOSYNTHESIS ACCORDING TO A PATTERN THAT IS REMARKABLE UNIFORM THROUGHOUT THE PLANT KINGDOM. THE ATTEMPT TO DISCOVER THE COMMON ESSENTIAL FEATURES OF THIS PROCESS IN A LIVING WORLD OF SUCH DIVERSITY HAS OCCUPIED SCIENTIST OF MANY DISCIPLINES, INCLUDING BIOLOGISTS, CHEMISTS, PHYSICISTS, MATHEMATICIANS, GEOLOGISTS AND EVEN ASTRONOMERS.

THE DISCOVERY OF ONE ATMOSPHERIC GAS, OXYGEN, WAS CRUCIAL IN THE REVOLUTIONARY PERIOD OF DEVELOPMENT IN CHEMISTRY AND BIOLOGY. ALTHOUGH OXYGEN IS AN ODORLESS, INVISIBLE GAS, INDIRECT METHODS WERE FOUND FOR OBSERVING AND ANALYZING IT. ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT EXPERIMENTS WAS PERFORMED BY THE ENGLISH SCIENTIST JOSEPH PRIESTLY (1774). PRIESTLY DISCOVERED THAT A BURNING CANDLE AND A LIVING MOUSE BOTH EXTRACTED THE SAME SUBSTANCE FROM THE ATMOSPHERE. WHEN A CANDLE WAS BURNED IN A CLOSED JAR, THE FLAME EVENTUALLY WENT OUT. IF A MOUSE WAS THEN PLACE IN THE JAR, IT QUICKLY DIED. PRIESTLY OBSERVED BY CHANCE THAT A SPRIG OF MINT PLACED IN WATER IN SUCH AN ATMOSPHERE HAD THE EFFECT OF RESTORING THE "INJURED" AIR TO ITS NORMAL STATE. A MOUSE NOW PLACED IN THE JAR THRIVED AS THOUGH IT WERE BREATHING ATMOSPHERIC AIR. THE UNKNOWN SUBSTANCE WAS, OF COURSE, OXYGEN. ACTUALLY SCHEELE, PRIESTLY AND LAVOISIER ALL DISCOVERED OXYGEN INDEPENDENTLY. SCHEELE, A SWEDISH CHEMIST, WHO IS GENERALLY CONSIDERED TO BE THE FOUNDER OF MODERN CHEMISTRY, GAVE OXYGEN ITS NAME."

From PHOTOSYNTHESIS by Jerome Rosenberg, 1965

"The key to doing well lies not in overcoming others, but eliciting their cooperation."
Robert Axelrod



WISE AND

"IT MELTS IN YOUR MOUTH, NOT IN YOUR HANDS. *Euphorbia antisiphilitica* was named for its use by cowboys and early settlers in the Chihuahuan Desert and adjacent regions as a supposed preventative of syphilitic infection. In an unusual twist of history it later became used by millions of people in the United States, Mexico and elsewhere around the world for a quite different reason. Perhaps most readers of this paragraph have consumed a substance from this desert plant. Where the plant is native in Mexico harvesters make treks out to the hills where it grows and rip it up, roots and all, from the desert. The plants are bundled and lashed high on the backs and sides of burros to be transported to a camp in the desert where they are boiled in water to which sulphuric acid has been added. A wax from the plant forms a scum on the surface. This is raked off, thrown into buckets and taken to Candelilla wax collection centers to be purified. This edible wax remains hard under conditions of high heat and humidity as opposed to chocolate and other coverings of candies and confections which stick to wrappers and hands. Because the wax is water soluble it has been widely used as a covering for pellet-sized gums and candies which "melt in your mouth, not in your hands." Although chocolate bars are popular in cold regions or in winter, the Candelilla wax covered items have proven more marketable in hot desert regions or in summer."

by Boyce Thompson, Southwestern Arboretum
from Special Supplement: LIVING WITH DESERT PLANTS

OTHERWISE

"FOLKS WONDER HOW I'VE KEPT SO YOUNG. I'M ALMOST SEVENTY-SEVEN AND I CAN STILL GO OVER A GATE OR RUN A FOOTRACE OR KICK THE CHANDELIER. THAT'S BECAUSE MY BODY IS NO OLDER THAN MY MIND - AND MY MIND IS ADOLESCENT. IT HAS NEVER GROWN UP. IT NEVER WILL, I HOPE. I'M AS INQUISITIVE AS I WAS AT EIGHT."
Luther Burbank

"THE AIM OF SCIENCE IS TO SEEK THE SIMPLEST EXPLANATION OF COMPLEX FACTS. WE ARE APT TO FALL INTO ERROR OF THINKING THAT THE FACTS ARE SIMPLE BECAUSE SIMPLICITY IS THE GOAL OF OUR QUEST. THE GUIDING MOTTO IN THE LIFE OF EVERY NATURAL PHILOSOPHER SHOULD BE "SEEK SIMPLICITY AND DISTRUST IT!"
Alfred North Whitehead

"Thus, the task is not so much to see what no one yet has seen, but to think what nobody yet has thought about that which everybody sees."
Schopenhauer

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the Board of Directors

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THESE SIX INDIVIDUALS FOR A TWO YEAR TERM ON THE SAN DIEGO CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND EACH OF THESE INDIVIDUALS HAS CONSENTED TO REPRESENT YOUR CLUB FOR 1992 & 1993. NOMINATIONS CAN ALSO BE TAKEN FROM THE FLOOR AT THE DECEMBER MEETING /ELECTION. A NOMINATED MEMBER MUST BE PRESENT AND WILLING! PROPOSED NEW BOARD MEMBERS IN ALPHA ORDER ARE: HELEN BARKDOLL, SHIRLEY BERRY, BILL CROWLEY, TOM DE MERRITT, MARYLYN HENDERSON, AND HAROLD RICHTER.

***** MISCELLANEOUS *****

BRAG TABLE: FIRST PLACE TIE!! \$5.00 SCRIPT AT PLANT SALES TABLE!
SHIRLEY BERRY: TEN INCH OTHONNA ARBUSCULA
RUDY /TERESITA LIME: PACHYPODIUM LEALII var. SANDERSONII IN FULL BLOOM!!
SECOND PLACE: \$4.00 SCRIPT AT PLANT SALES TABLE!
MILLIE WILLIAMS: LITHOPS COLLECTION SO IMAGINITIVELY PLANTED!!
THIRD PLACE: \$3.00 SCRIPT AT PLANT SALES TABLE!
RUDY LIME: ECHEVERIA LAUII ~ DID YOU SEE THE "ARMOUR" HE BUILT TO MOVE THIS ONE WITHOUT DISTURBING THE WHITE POWDERED LEAVES?

A note about the Huntington trip - Joe Clements comments "the *Phytolacca Dioica*" at the Huntington is over forty feet across, the largest succulent in the Huntington. I wonder if for sheer mass if the Baobobs of South Africa are larger in the competition for "largest succulent"?

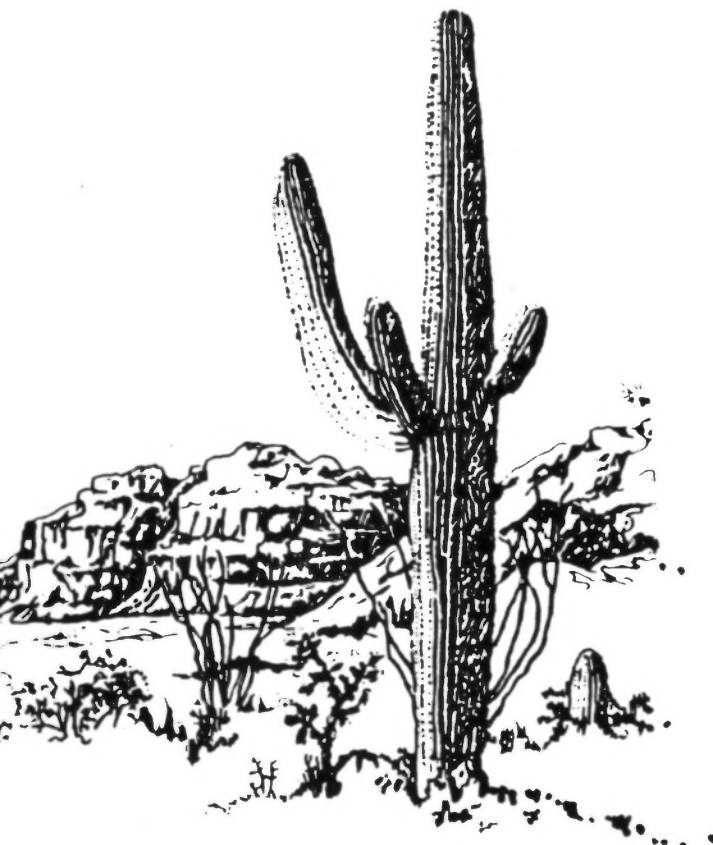
GET WELL PLEASE!! WE UNDERSTAND JIM WILLIAMS HAD TO GO INTO THE HOSPITAL FOR THANKSGIVING.. HOPE YOU'RE FEELING BETTER! TAKE CARE OF HIM MILLIE, WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU BOTH IN THE NEW YEAR!

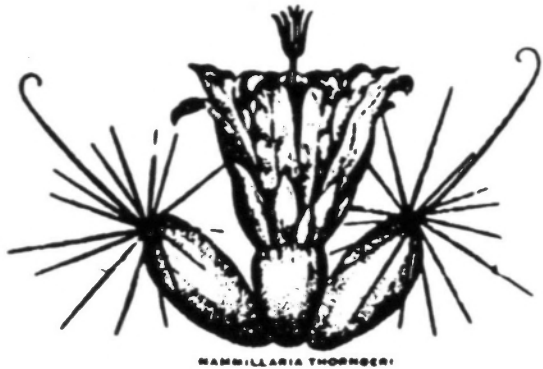
WE STILL NEED SOME ACTIVE MEMBERS TO HELP (CHAIR/CO-CHAIR?) THE REGALEMENT COMMITTEE!! ANY VOLUNTEERS PLEASE??? DIANE CROWLEY WILL SHOW YOU THE ROPES AND HELP OUT IN THE BEGINNING. ALSO, WE NEED A CORRESPONDING SECRETARY TO ANSWER LETTERS, SEND GET WELL CARDS, AND CONTRIBUTE "SOCIAL" HAPPENINGS TO ESPINAS Y FLORES. PLEASE, WE NEED YOU!!!!

HAT'S OFF AND A GREAT BIG THANK YOU TO:
ETHEL STANDISH AND ELIZABETH GLOVER!
OUR WELCOMING COMMITTEE!

“Nothing is so contagious as enthusiasm . . . it is the genius of sincerity, and truth accomplishes no victories without it.”

—BULWER-LYTTON





The San Diego Cactus and Succulent Society

SAN DIEGO CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY DUES - 1992
MEMBERSHIP IS IMPORTANT!!

1992 DUES FOR THE SDC&SS ARE \$10.00 PER INDIVIDUAL WITH AN ADDITIONAL \$5.00 FOR EACH FAMILY MEMBER (FAMILY MEMBER MEANS BASICALLY ONE HOUSEHOLD /ONE ADDRESS /ONE ESPINAS Y FLORES SENT EACH MONTH) EACH MEMBER HAS ALL RIGHTS AND BENEFITS OF THE ORGANIZATION.

MAIL TO: MRS. LAURA DE MERRITT, TREASURER
P.O.BOX 33181-HILLCREST STATION, S.D., CA 92163-3181

MEMBER NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____

ALL 9 NUMBERS OF YOUR ZIP CODE PLEASE! _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

PLEASE LIST ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBERS:

_____ \$5.00

_____ \$5.00

THESE NEW MEMBERSHIP RATES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1992.
PLEASE NOTE MEMBER'S NAME, PHONE # & ADDRESS ARE FOR CLUB PURPOSES ONLY AND THEY WILL NOT BE SHARED WITH ANY OTHER ORGANIZATIONS OR COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISES!

MY INTERESTS ARE

TOPICS I WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN THE BULLETIN

WELCOME

BYLAWS

SAN DIEGO CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY

Article III - Membership and Dues

Section 1. Any person or organization interested in cacti and other succulents shall be eligible for membership.

Section 2. Life membership shall be recommended by the Executive Board and conferred by majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting. Life membership in the Society may be granted to a member for long and devoted service or outstanding contributions to the advancement of knowledge in succulent plants. Life members shall have all the rights and privileges of the Society and shall not be required to pay dues.

Section 3. Annual dues shall be paid at a rate recommended by the Executive Board and confirmed by a majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting. Membership shall lapse if not renewed by the February meeting. Reinstatement to regular membership will only be made by full payment of annual dues to the Treasurer.

Article V - Directors

There shall be six (6) elected Directors. Their term of office shall be two (2) calendar years and they shall be elected on the odd numbered years.

Article VI - Executive Board

Section 1. The Executive Board shall consist of six (6) Directors, the elected officers and shall include the immediate Past President as an ex-officio. The Executive Board shall be responsible for establishing the general policies required to carry out the objectives of the Society and shall be empowered to act in the name of the Society between meetings.

Article VII - Nominations

Section 1. Not later than the regular October meeting each year, the President shall appoint a Nominating Committee of not less than three members or more than five members, and designate one to be the chairperson. The committee shall recruit one or more candidates for each office and each directorate due to be filled. The committee shall submit a written list of nominees to the members at the November meeting.

Section 2. Nominations from the floor at the December meeting shall be accepted provided the member being nominated is present and gives his or her consent to the nomination or, if not present, has given his or her written consent to the nomination prior to the meeting.

Article VIII - Elections

Section 1. Elections shall be held at the last meeting of the year.

Section 2. Newly-elected officers and directors shall take office at the end of the December meeting.

Section 3. Should any office or directorate become vacant during the year, it shall be filled by the Executive Board.

SAN DIEGO CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY

OFFICERS

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222-3216
Vice President - Mitch Bahr
571-0912
Secretary - Joyce Buckner
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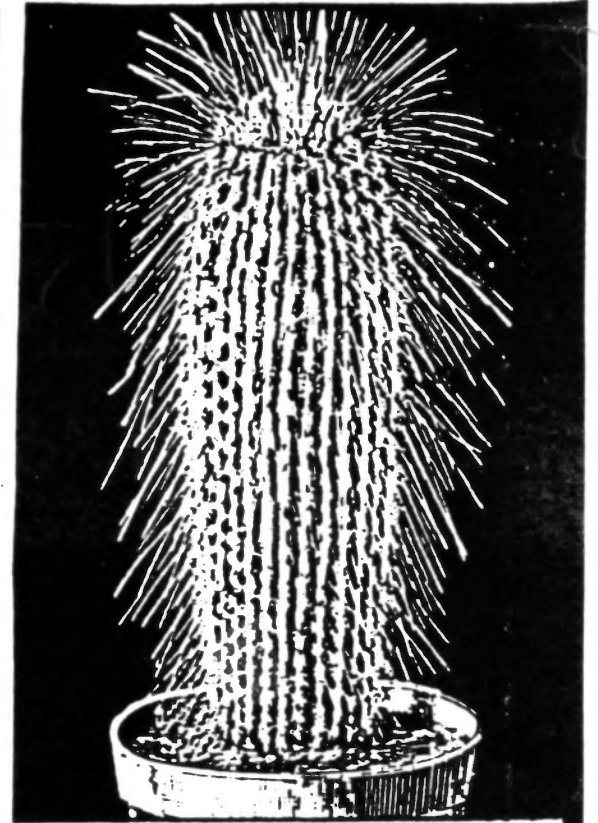
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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