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PROGRAM:

Annual pot-luck picnic at Bob and Suzanne Taylor's Cactus Garden in El Cajon. For map and details see page 3.

No plants of the month. Our experts get a rest. Library books checked out at the May meeting are due at the regular meeting in August.

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MEMBERSHIP: The San Diego Cactus and Succulent Society is open to all persons interested in growing cacti, other succulents and exotic plants. Special welcome to June's new members: Angela Ledbetter, Mr. & Mrs. W.D. Musser, Frances Aguilar, Ron and Linda Baines, Allen and Esther Saiget.

MEETINGS: 2nd Saturday of each month, 1:30 p.m., Room 101, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park, unless otherwise indicated. Board convenes after the general meeting.

CACTUS & SUCCULENT NURSERIES

Taylor's Cactus Gardens

C. GLASS & R. FOSTER

We will undoubtedly never forget our first visit to the Taylor's Cactus Gardens. It was, to use the vernacular, a mind blowing experience! Never had we seen in cultivation such a wonderland of enormous, beautifully grown specimens in such variety. Equally memorable was meeting the owners of this exciting establishment, Bob and Suzanne Taylor . . . two of our favorite people (which sentiments are shared by nearly everyone who knows them).

Bob is a quiet man, humble and warm, and generous to a fault. He is at heart a plant lover, a collector whose collection grew so large that he decided about 17 years ago to start propagating and selling his plants. The Taylors have done little advertising, but their renown has spread by word of mouth.

Suzanne is from Luxembourg. She met Bob in Florida where she was teaching German. They drove out to California during the depression for Bob to take over the care of an orchard on an eleven acre estate in El Cajon near San Diego. He was allowed one acre to pursue his hobby of growing cacti. Encouraged by such plantspeople as McCabe, Putnam and

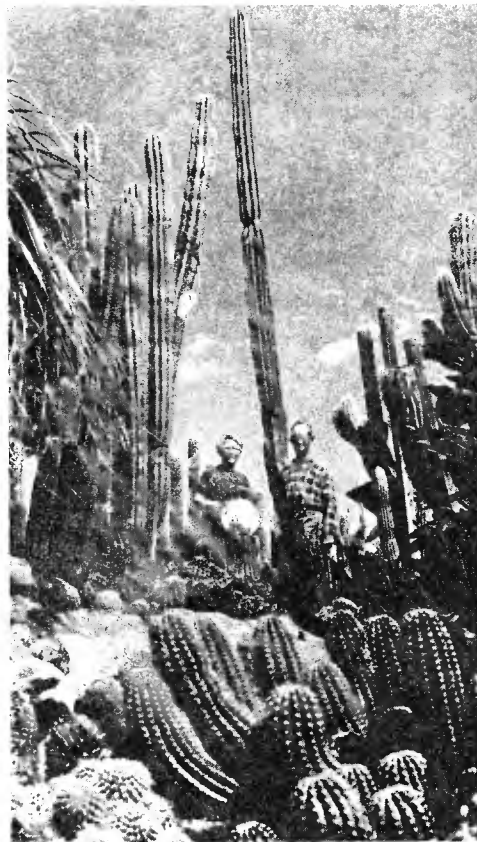


Fig. 5. Bob and Suzanne among their cacti. Figs. 1, 2 and 5 by Pat Itatani.

Walmsley, Bob's interest grew. He became interested and expert in grafting. Bob and Suzanne both were active in the new cactus & succulent clubs which were forming in southern California. They are charter members of the San Diego and Palomar Cactus & Succulent Societies and active in the El Centro group and California Cactus Growers Association.

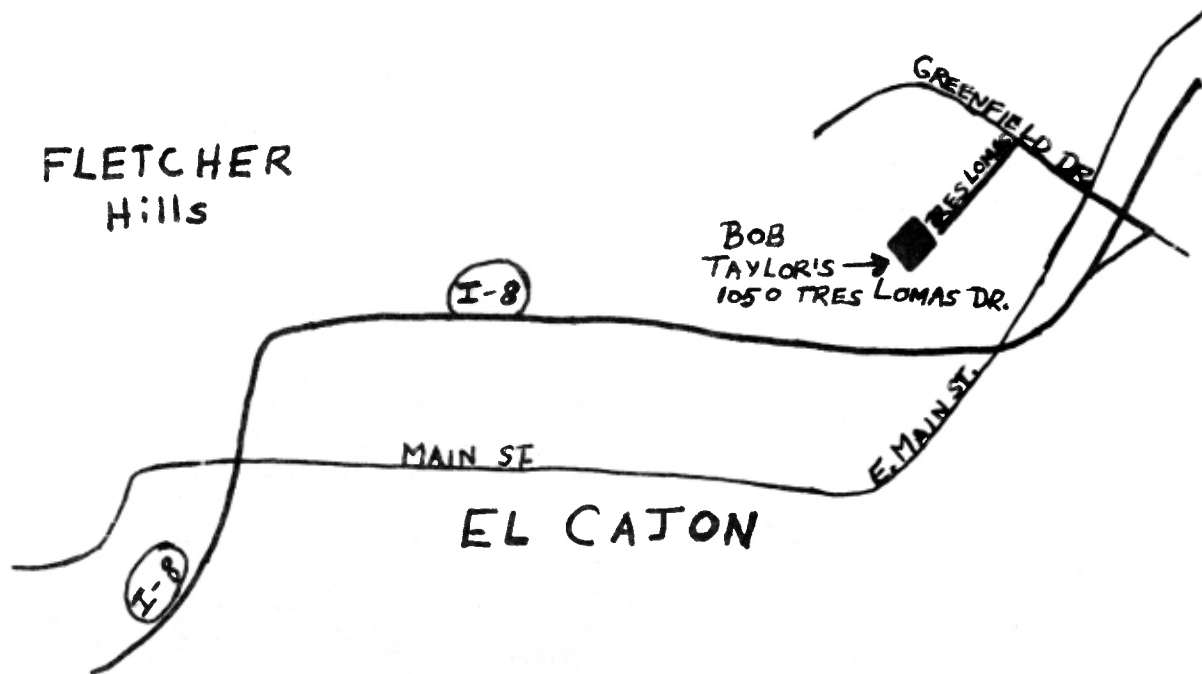
Living so close to the Mexican border and being interested in cactus, the Taylors quite naturally started making regular visits to Mexico, particularly Baja California, and became quite knowledgeable about cactus habitats.

One is immediately impressed with the incredibly rapid growth and fine condition of the plants at the Taylor's Cactus Gardens, and is intrigued by the secret of the Taylors' culture. A few years ago we asked Bob to write for us an article on the cultivation of cacti and other succulents. A man of few words, Bob's article was the shortest on record, reproduced here in its entirety: "If I had a formula, or knew anything about growing cactus I would be glad to write something, but two or three words would be about all I could say: plant it, and let it grow." The plants attest to the fact that Bob knows a great deal about growing cactus, but his advice is sound. We think that the Taylors' formula is rich soil, a touch of manure and warm loving natures! People like Bob and Suzanne make the succulent world a very pleasant one to inhabit.



ANNUAL JULY PICNIC - SAT. JULY 10TH

AT: Bob and Suzanne Taylor's
1050 Tres Lomas Drive
El Cajon, California



All north-south freeways (I-5, I-15, 163, 125, 67, 54 and 94) cross the I-8 freeway to El Cajon. From any interchange go East on I-8 to the Greenfield Drive offramp. Turn LEFT on GREENFIELD, cross MAIN STREET. The first street on the LEFT side after MAIN STREET is Tres Lomas Drive. Bob Taylor is at the end of the street. Look for his sign.

THIS IS A POT-LUCK PICNIC. Bring a dish for at least 6 people. Bring your own chair, table, plate, silverware, and glass or cup. Coffee will be served by the club.

We all look forward to this picnic as it gives us a chance to visit old friends and meet new ones.

Bob has picked out some of his beautiful plants to be auctioned to the members after lunch.

Visitors please note: Tours of the Taylor's garden will be conducted after the picnic. Please STAY OUT of the gardens until that time.

EVERYONE! COME AND ENJOY A GOOD PICNIC AND A BEAUTIFUL DAY!

THE CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY OF AMERICA

(INCORPORATED)

June 18, 1976

PLEASE ANNOUNCE AT YOUR
JULY MEETING - - - - -

Martin L. Mooney, President
San Diego Cactus & Succulent Society
97 "K" Street
Chula Vista, Ca 92011

Dear Martin:

Our Annual Meeting will be held Sunday afternoon, August 8, in the Lecture Hall, Los Angeles State & County Arboretum, 301 North Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia, California.

Activities will start at 12:30 PM with a Plant Sale. There will also be a continuation of the Plant Sale after the Meeting. Many of the newer species and varieties of cacti and the other succulents as well as some fine specimens of some of the older popular plants, will be sold.

A short necessary Business Meeting will be called at 1:30 PM. Following at 1:45 PM, our Program promises to be a most interesting and informative panel discussion on the Mesembryanthemaceae, that large family which includes many of the popular mimicry plants. Our panel is headlined by Frank Horwood, explorer, collector and grower, formerly of England but now residing in our own Santa Barbara and Gil Tegelberg, Jr., our superb grower from Lucerne Valley. These two knowledgeable gentlemen will be joined by others - names not presently available.

You will not want to miss this fine afternoon - great plants, an excellent program and a chance to meet and greet old friends and new. So mark your Calendar now - CSSA ANNUAL MEETING, Sunday Afternoon, August 8 with Plant Sale starting at 12:30 PM.

Very truly yours,

Leo J. Pickoff, President

By Virginia F. Martin
Virginia F. Martin, Secretary

"WHAT HAPPENED AT THE FAIR" NOTES

BY: Julianne Rice

To get, immediately, down to the pricked fingers, the aching backs, and the concerned members who actually involved themselves in our endeavor to earn a bit of money for the dear old Society.. Let's see..There was Perlso, who volunteered to assume the responsibility of putting in an exhibit to include cacti, succulents, and grafts....Richard Latimer- you probably remember him as the pleasant young man who frequently mans the Exchange table-, working his heart out performing those innumerable tasks that somehow manage to go undone, and supervising the Succulent part of the combined effort. He was ably assisted by a relative newcomer, Betty Athy, who worked diligently and long. We are, indeed, indebted to ya. kids....If you have never witnessed the Loyland teamwork you have missed a marvelous show. There have been times wehn the old job would never have reached completion if it had not been for their total generosity in sharing plants, know-how, and back-breaking labor. HE does bless you, Sophie and Oliver....And there was Doris Rake handling a shovel with great dexterity. Is she a Ms? I hardly think so. Rather, it would be my guess that she, out of magnificance of heart, puts into practice the full meaning of total membership by sharing her talent....Would any club project be complete without a couple of Buckners Involved? Shur-nuff not. Virginia, with superbly prepared food for the weary worker, and Warren, who took over an unmanned post telling effectively and long, manuevering those spiny little cousins advantageously that they might parade their uniqueness for the duration of the Expo. How about an explosion of special compliments, instead of balloons, from the volcano?...Thanks, Bob Lamp, for designing it. Could we ever forget Nellie Kennett, Patti, and Evelyn Chatham arriving with Harold's Wagon filled to the last wee corner with all kinds of interesting plants. Nellie does other things besides growing plants-- she used to provide a really neat Regalement when she was chairwoman of that dept. By the by, are you a "charter" Nell? Thanks, luvs... The Hapemans, Jean and Leta, working just as competantly as is their "norm" at regular meeting break-time. Great gals who deserve a re-sounding ovation.....Rose and Tony D'Atilio, longtime contributors to any facet of doing, we love ya....Tom and Marcia Hamecher, who almost singlehandedly put in the 1975 exhibit. Marcia, despite 40 days in the old hosp., looking incredibly fit..We're glad.....Verna Pasek, our rep. to Floral, with that lovely serenity, busying herself in much needed enterprise....Floyd Gable, without whose knowledge the labelling would never be completed, joking as oldtimers enjoy doing. Apprexiation, unlimited, old boy...To all those who shared in this effort by furnishing plants, food, moral support, etc., many, many thanks. To those who did not, a proposal with long term interest in the 1977 scheme of things. Would it really be too far out to contemplate the selection of, say, a half-dozen favorite plants, to tend tenderly and well, to groom carefully, and to offer in one great sharing event at this time next year. Certainly, putting in an exhibit is no picnic; however one could be included as an enhancement to those who favor picnics. Along with well grown, judiciously selected, carefully groomed plants, this kind of undertaking needs an individula who by training and/or experience is rather conversant with needs and requirements. Design is extremely important; as is a well regulated flexibility,

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NEWS AND VIEWS

AUGUST OPEN HOUSE

Our annual open house will be held the weekend of August 7th and 8th. As in the past few years, the Bromeliad Society will join us in presenting the show. Because our societies work so well together, our plants complementing each other, it creates a show well worth viewing.

You may use one or more tables for your plant display. If you have only one, or a few plants, there will be facilities for this, as well. We have no space limitations. It is requested that you provide your own table covers.

The open house will be held in Room 101, Casa del Prado. The room will be open Friday night from 5 p.m. till ??? and Saturday morning from 8 a.m. until 11 a.m. for you to bring your plants and set up. The show will be open to the public Saturday from 12 noon until 5 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Our chairman for the open house is Rose D'Attilio. Please contact her at 281-9731 if you are interested in putting in a display or can help by acting as guide or "baby sitter" for the plants.

As always, we need lots of help to make the show a success. Dig out your plants and let's have a memorable open house for the public.

LADIES BOUNTIFUL

Our thanks to the Hapeman ladies and their helpers who provided another bountiful table at the June meeting. Those donating were: Verna Pasek, Sophie Loyland, Ed Miller, Jeannie Merrill, Mr. C. Benbough, Mary Pratt, Dody Gaughen, Jean Hapeman and Leta Hapeman.

EXHIBIT TABLE

The monthly display table seems to get better each month. The June display was created by our own Julianne Rice. Our special thanks to "Granny Annie" for a delightful exhibit. The past 5 months displays are fine examples of the type of tables we need for our open house.

JUNE PROGRAM

Our most sincere thanks to Ed and Betty Gay for an enjoyable program done in their very own inimitable style. Their knowledge of the "Echinocereanae" is, indeed, vast and their pleasant presentation a challenge to all fortunate enough to hear and see.

A CHANGE IN THE MAKING

There is a New Editor in the Making.....Geoff and Audrey Johnson of Escondido have agreed to assume this awesome responsibility in September. Meanwhile.....Your president will continue the publication. Espinas y Flores has built a fine reputation through the efforts of its past editors; Jim Stalsonburg, Michael Buckner, Nibby Klinefelter,

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A CHANGE IN THE MAKING (Con't from page 6)

Walter Scott, and Augie Pfeiffer, to name a few. This has been possible because of their leadership but this "claim to fame" is the result of many who have made contributions through fine articles of interest to all.

WHAT HAPPENED AT THE FAIR NOTES (Con't from page 5)

especially when working with so many amateurs. However, the person in charge might well remain cognizant of the fact that, as a club activity, it is rather more important to be charitable than so all-fired right....After all, as one who has steered us a relatively smooth course these last two years sometimes remarks, "for twenty-five dollars difference, it's hardly worth quarrelling about."

To ALL involved, another round of applause. You earned it, fellow cactophiles.. We must not forget to give our sincerest congratulations to the Palomar Society for their first place gardens. Our hats off to you! Your efforts here made an entry that is memorable.

THE BARTER BOX

Herb and Helen Hewitt - 270-4179. Moving, must sell excess plants. Bargains! Bargains!

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Address correction requested