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## JUNE MEETING

Saturday June 9, 1990

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DEADLINE FOR THE JULY ISSUE OF E y F -- June 30, 1990

Thanks Mary



WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER ----- Sonia Garza - Vista

SHOW SCHEDULE FOR JUNE AND JULY

June 2 & 3	San Diego Cactus & Succulent Show	Sat: 1pm-5:00pm	Sun:10am-5:00pm
June 10	Southwest Hemerocallis Society 17th Show		Sun:Noon-5:00pm
June 16 & 17	Sun Harbor Fuchsia Society Show	Sat:11am-4:00pm	Sun:10am-4:00pm
June 23 & 24	San Diego Fuchsia & Shade Plant Show	Sat:12pm-5:00pm	Sun:10am-5:00pm
June 30 & July 1	National Fuchsia Society Show	Sat:10am-4:30pm	Sun:10am-4:30pm
July 8	San Diego Dahlia Society Specimen Show		Sun: 1pm-4:30pm
July 15	Convair Garden Club 40th Summer Show		Sun: 1pm-4:30pm
July 21 & 22	San Diego Co. Orchid Soc. 4th Summer Show	Sat:12pm-4:30pm	Sun:10am-4:30pm
July 28 & 29	San Diego Gesneriad 14th Annual Show	Sat:12pm-5:00pm	Sun:10am-4:00pm



\* LAKE PLEASANT IN ARIZONA Northwest of Phoenix  
 Information to get permits to collect cactii in the area ----



Call: Bureau of Reclamation - (602) 870-6718  
 You will be put on a list for mailing to get the permit for the next collecting period.  
 You will receive this mailing about August-September.

750 people will be allowed to collect at the same time - will be monitored.

Cost: \$3.00 for Saguaro - 2 per family - 10' no arms.

- 2.00 prickley pear - 1
- barrel - 4
- hedgehogs -..2
- unlimited chollas

750 acres will be  
open next year

1992 will be the final collecting year.

ENDANGERED STATUS PROPOSED FOR THE BAKERSFIELD CACTUS

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has proposed that *Opuntia basilaris* v. *treleasei*, commonly called the Bakersfield cactus or Kern cactus, be listed as an endangered species. The plant, native to the Sand Ridge area of Kern County, is the only cactus other than *O. basilaris* v. *basilaris* which occurs west of the Sierra Nevada crest in central or northern California. It is a low-growing, spreading plant with magenta flowers and the attractive bluish pads of all the *basilaris* varieties.

To quote Endangered species technical bulletin (August 1989): "Approximately 96 percent of the native grassland and scrub habitat once occupied by [this] species has been lost. Most was converted to agricultural uses or destroyed by urbanization. Livestock grazing, water development, oil and gas exploration and development, off-road vehicle use, mining and use of low-lying areas for aquifer recharge basins or agricultural runoff collection have contributed to the modification or loss of habitat in the San Joaquin Valley. Many of these habitat changes create conditions that favor the invasion of exotic plants, which compete with native species for living space, nutrients and water. Even air quality may be influencing plant composition; non-native species that are tolerant of air pollution have an edge over native plants that require cleaner air. The remaining native habitat in the San Joaquin Valley is highly fragmented and some parcels may not be large enough to sustain colonies of the rare plants indefinitely. Most of the factors that led to the decline of suitable habitat continue to pose threats. The lands occupied by the proposed species are in federal, state and private ownership. Potential federal activities that may affect the [Bakersfield cactus] include flood control and water development projects, new allocations of water from existing federal projects, and federal loans and subsidies that promote urbanization and agricultural expansion. If the plants become federally listed as Endangered or Threatened, federal agencies will be required to ensure that their actions will not jeopardize the survival of the species."

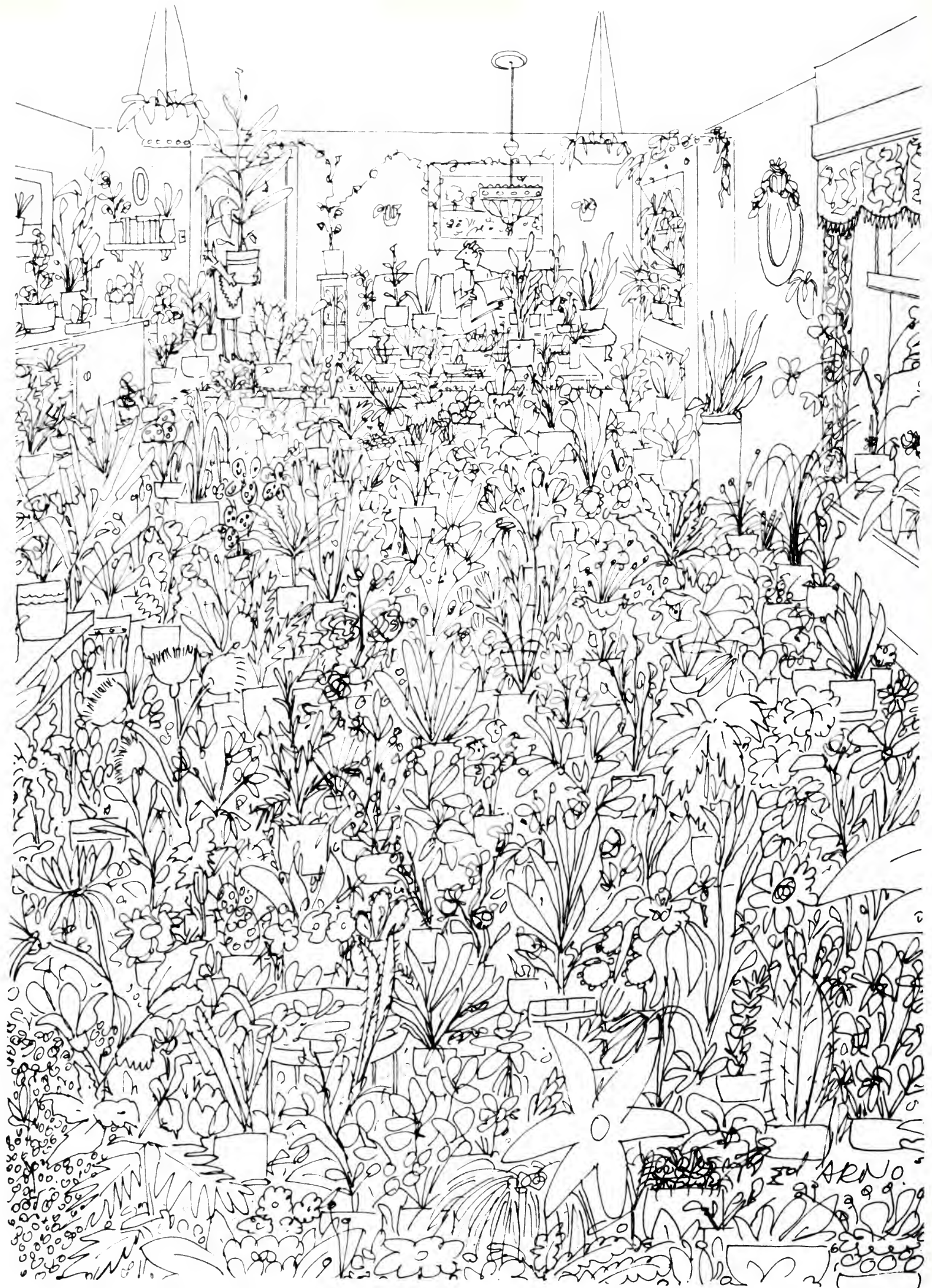
The amazing photo below, from Benson's "Cacti of the United States and Canada", shows a field of

horizon-to-horizon cacti.

A few years ago, our club was contacted by the Nature Conservancy to write letters in support of the preservation of the Sand Ridge habitat of this species. We understood that the owners had agreed to transplant the cacti, with the assistance of the Kern County chapter of the Calif. Native Plant Society.

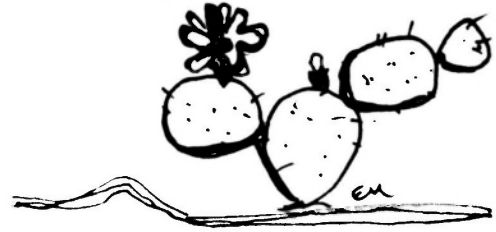


Fig. 424. Plain dominated by Kern cactus, *Opuntia basilaris* var. *treleasei*, about 1910; since 1931, and perhaps longer, such extensive fields of this species have not been seen. (David Griffiths)



Well, I guess it's finally time for you to move out!

MAY BRAGGING TABLE



- First place Mitch Bahr for his NOTOCACTUS HERTERI
- Second place Beverly Kirkegaard for her HOODIA BAINII
- Third place Mark St. Clair for his EUPHORBIA FRANKOSII

PICNIC AND PLANT AUCTION

COME TO THE ANNUAL SDC&SS PICNIC !

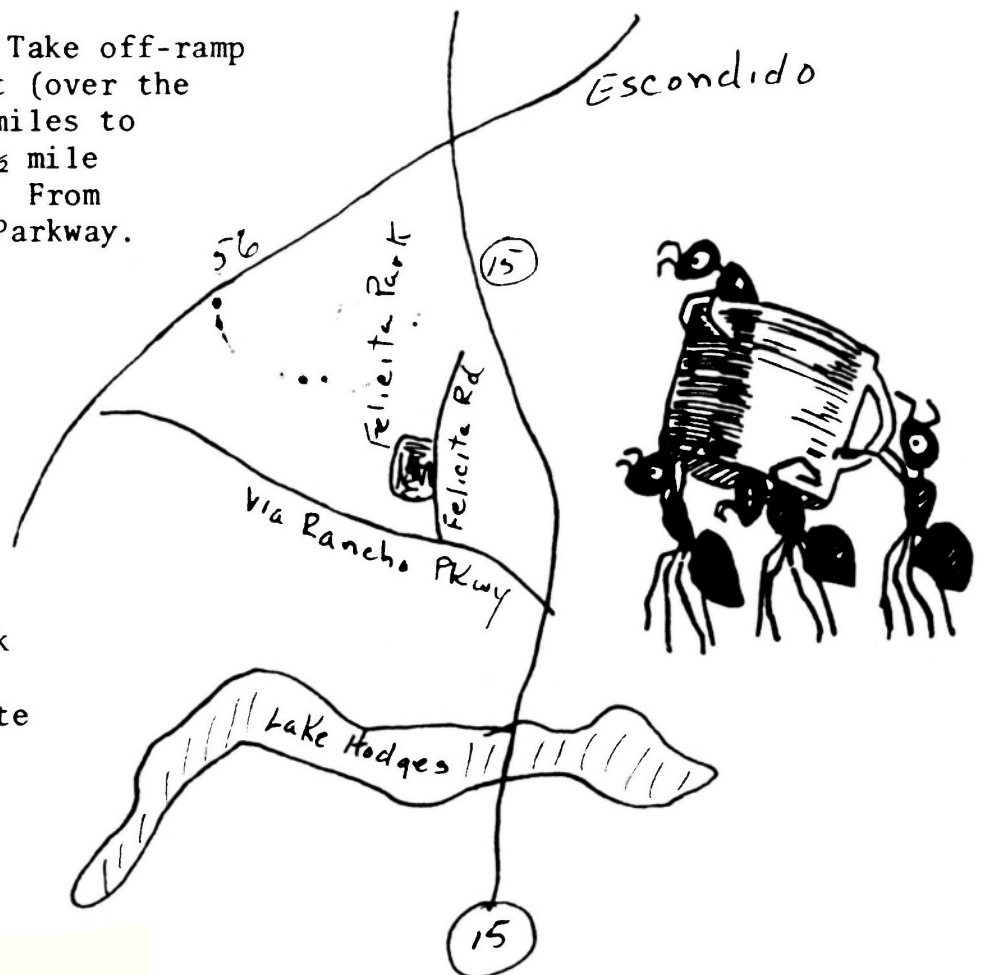
- Day: Saturday June 9, 1990
- Time: 10:30 to 11:00 am - Eat at 12:00 NOON TILL -----
- Place: Felicita Park - Map at right

From San Diego - North on I-15. Take off-ramp at Via Rancho Parkway and go west (over the highway I-15) Approximately 1½ miles to Felicita Road, Turn RIGHT. Go ½ mile to entrance of park on the LEFT. From the North - turn off Via Rancho Parkway. Area #4 will have the San Diego Cactus and Succulent sign in View.

NOTE: There will be "Door" Prizes and an Auction.  
Auctioneer - Lee Phelps

Please Bring - A Pot luck dish enough for eight (8). Your favorite beach chair (or use park benches)  
Casual clothes and a good appetite

Plan for a day of good food and fun.



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