

OUR 30TH YEAR

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A Wonderful Mexican Dinner

will be served

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US

WHAT: 30TH BIRTHDAY PARTY BUFFET FIESTA
WHEN: MAY 11, SATURDAY @ 12:30 PM
ONE HOUR EARLIER THAN OUR REGULAR MEETING.

PROGRAM: SLIDE SHOW RETROSPECTIVE OF OUR THIRTY YEAR HISTORY BY RICK LATIMER, HISTORIAN AND HISTORICAL DISPLAY TABLE OF OUR SCRAPBOOKS, MEMORABILIA INTRODUCTION OF LIFE MEMBERS AND OLD FRIENDS.



CARNE ASADA (SIX OUNCE PORTION)
CHEESE ENCHILADA
REFRIED BEANS AND SPANISH RICE
WARM FLOUR TORTILLAS
FRESH TORTILLA CHIPS AND SALSA
JICAMA MEXICAN SALAD
BREWED COFFEE, FRUIT PUNCH, BEER
OR WINE.
BLACKFOREST EUROPEAN BIRTHDAY CAKE



MAMILLARIA THORNERI

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A REMINDER --- Please start saving sturdy boxes for the show - We need LOTS

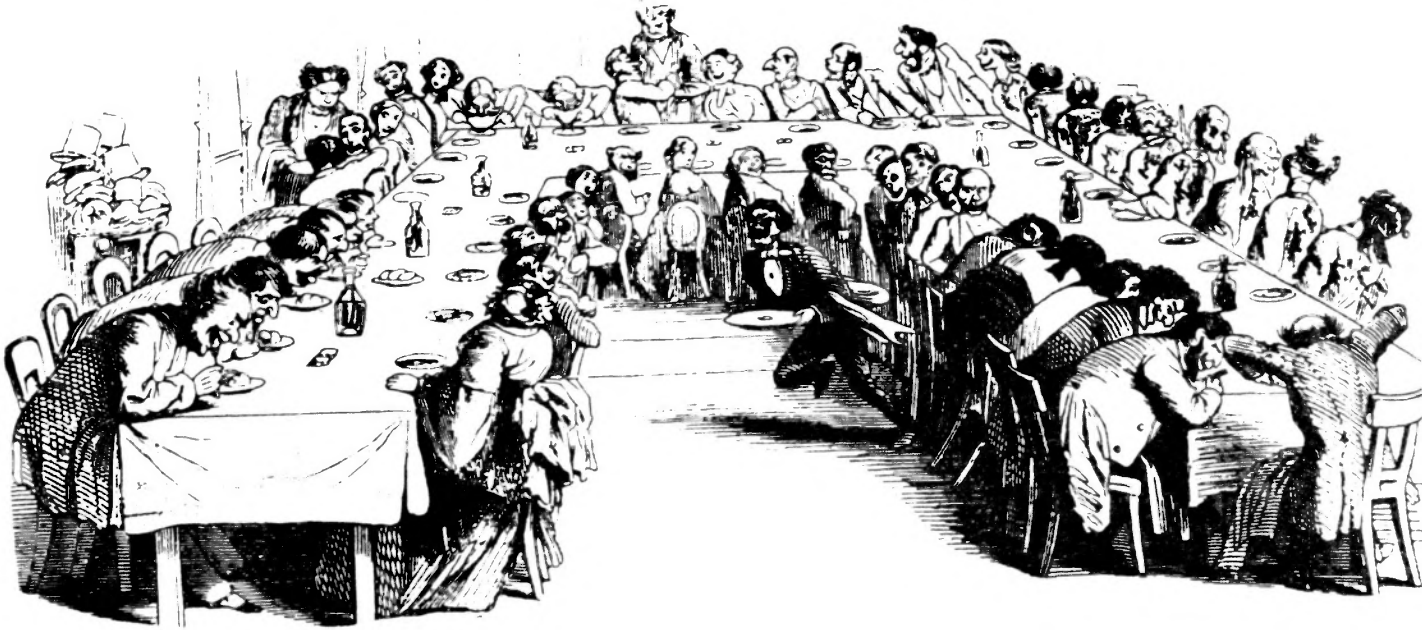
SHOW SCHEDULE FOR MAY

May 4 & 5	Heartland African Violet Society 10th Show	Sat: 1pm-5:pm	Sun:11am-5pm
May 12	S D Epiphyllum Society 21st Mother's Day Show		Sun:11am-5pm
May 18 & 19	S D Geranium Society 19th Show	Sat:1pm - 5pm	Sun: 10am-5pm
May 25 & 26	Bromeliad Study Group of Balboa Park Show	Sat:11am-4:30pm	Sun:11am-4:30pm
June 1 & 2	S D Cactus & Succulent 23rd Show	Sat: 1;m-5 pm	Sun: 10am - 5 pm
June 16	Southwest Hemerocallis Society 18th Show		Sun: 1pm - 5 pm

DEADLINE FOR THE JUNE ISSUE -----June 25

Thanks Mary

PROGRAM FOR MAY



OVER ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY MEMBERS HAVE RESPONDED FAVORABLY TO OUR BIRTHDAY PARTY LUNCH AND RETROSPECTIVE. IT'S NOT TOO LATE (WE HAVE A LITTLE LEEWAY) TO CALL LAURA DE MERRITT @ 571-5127 (DON'T MAIL CHECK!) AND PARTICIPATE. MEMBERS \$5.00 EACH; GUEST \$12.00. PAY AT THE DOOR, BUT YOU MUST CALL TO RESERVE. ANY INDIVIDUAL MAY COME TO THE PARTY FOR THE SLIDE SHOW WITHOUT EATING LUNCH, IF THEY SO WISH, WELCOME!! WE WILL HAVE A PLANT EXCHANGE TABLE AT END OF MEETING, SO BRING IN A GORGEOUS PLANT TO BE HIGH UP IN THE HIERARCHY OF SELECTION. REMEMBER THE BEAUTIFUL CRASSULA SUSANNAH THAT BEVERLY KIRKEGAARD BROUGHT IN LAST CHRISTMAS - FIRST PICKED (GIVING BEVERLY FIRST CHOICE) AND LATTER AUCTIONED OFF TO MS. BETTY GOMES. SO, BRING YOUR PLANT IF YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE!!!

BIRTHDAY PLANT EXCHANGE: Any member may participate; all you do is bring a cactus or other succulent plant. It should be in good condition and nicely potted. Include a label that identifies the plant on one side, with your name on the other side. The best plant is selected to be auctioned off at the end of the meeting. The person who brought that plant gets first choice of all the remaining plants. Whenever a plant is selected, the person who brought it gets the next choice, so the better the plant you bring the earlier you will get your chance. Sorry, only one plant per person.

RICK LATIMER HAS HAD A NICE RESPONSE FROM MANY OF YOU VOLUNTEERING SLIDES FOR HIS HISTORICAL RETROSPECTIVE DOWN OUR THIRTY YEAR TRAIL. HOW YOUNG WERE YOU THIRTY YEARS AGO???



OUR FOUNDER
CLEOVIS HARDIN
 FOUNDED MAY 6th 1961

LIFE MEMBERS

WILLIAM* AND RUTH NELSON
 PERSO LEWIS
 BOB AND SUZANE* TAYLOR
 WALTER* AND HAZEL SCOTT*
 OLIVER* AND SOPHIE LOYLAND
 TROY SHIPMAN*
 DR REUBEN VAUGHAN*
 WARREN AND VIRGINIA BUCKNER
 MARTIN AND PAT MOONEY
 JOHN PASEK
 RICK LATIMER
 LEROY PHELPS

* signifies deceased

OUR PRESIDENTS

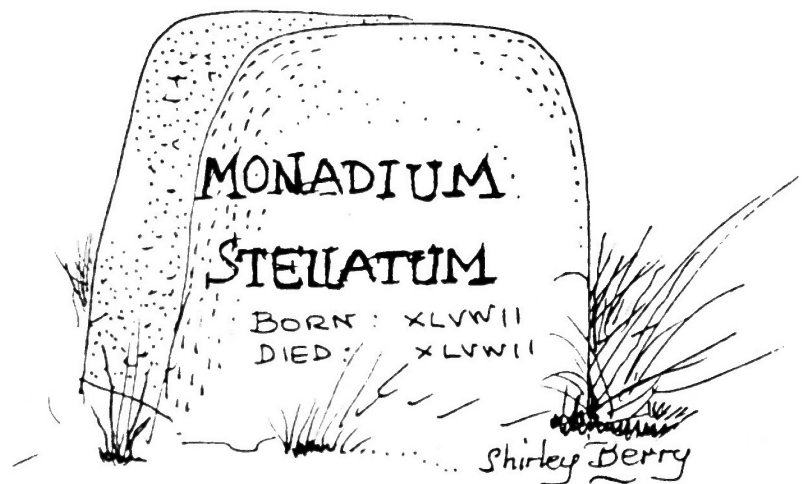
1961-62	CLEOVES HARDIN
1963	HARRY CAULK
1964	WILLIAM HOFFMAN
1965	WILLIAM NELSON
1966-68	DR. R.V. VAUGHAN
1969	WALTER GREENWOOD
1970	JIM STALSONBURG
1971	IONE HUBNER
1972	AUGIE PFEIFFER
1973	WILLIAM NELSON
1974	LOYAL J. BIBBEY
1975-76	MARTIN MOONEY
1977-78	WARREN BUCKNER
1979-80	TOM HAMECHER
1981-82	RICK LATIMER
1983-84	FRANK THOMBLEY
1985-86	DR. LEROY PHELPS
1987-88	MARTIN MOONEY
1989-90	CHUCK ADAMS
1991-92	MICHAEL BUCKNER



OUR EDITORS

CACTOS y SUCCULENTES:	
1965-66	SHIRLEY & JACK WARD
ESPINAS y FLORES:	
1967	JIM STALSONBURG
1968-69	MICHAEL BUCKNER
1969-70	NIBBEY KLEINFELTER
1971-74	WALTER SCOTT
1975-77	AUGIE PFEIFFER
1977-78	AUDREY JOHNSON
1979	JIM DICE
1980	MARSHA MONROE
1981	RICK LATIMER
1981-91	MARY AUBUCHON

GARDENER'S REQUIEM



Here, --- Monadenium stellatum
 In spite of scientific datum,
 Much prefers the Old World hot-um,
 Than Southern Cal's restrictive pot-um...
 (Hence, no longer do we got-um !)

From the Show Chairman
 Please remember to bring all
 the trophies from last
 year's show to the May
 meeting.

ODDS AND EVENS TO BEGINNINGS AND ENDS

by Michael Buckner

TALK ABOUT EXPANDING HORIZONS AND SERVICE BEYOND EXPECTATION, WE ARE STUPENDOUSLY LUCKY IN THIS CLUB TO HAVE REAL WINNERS! (YES, I WAS IMPRESSED WITH OUR APRIL MEETING.) BILL AND DIANE CROWLEY BACK THERE IN THE KITCHEN RATTLING THEM POTS & PANS (REGALEMENT COMMITTEE: TWO PEOPLE THAT DO THE WORK OF TEN, SOMEHOW!!) WHO DONATED A FLAT OF 6"+ SUCCULENTS TO OUR DOOR PRIZE TABLE (ALL CHOICE GENERA, WELL GROWN, AND VERY DESIRABLE!). THANK YOU!!! EVEN CAROL WUJCIK OF LONG BEACH WAS IMPRESSED AS IMPRESSED AS WE ALL WERE WITH JOE WUJCIK'S EXCELLENT PROGRAM. THANKS TO NEW MEMBER (LONG-TIME PLANT COLLECTOR), ED NOLEN, FOR INTRODUCING JOE WUJCIK. I HEAR ED IS AN EXCELLENT PHOTOGRAPHER.



NEXT, HAROLD RICHTER DONATING DOZENS OF PLANTS FROM HIS PRIVATE STASH FOR OUR PLANT EXCHANGE TABLE. WHAT A GENTLEMAN, THANK YOU AND HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS MONTH HAROLD - EARTHQUAKE SCALE - RICHTER.

NEXT, ALAN WEISE, GRACIAS, FOR SHARING YOUR EXPERTLY GROWN RARE ODDITIES FOR OUR EDUCATION AND ENJOYMENT! WE ARE ALL LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOUR GREAT PLANTS IN THE JUNE SHOW. AND PHYLLIS FLECHSIG, WOW, WHAT AN EXCITING TABLE OF REBUTIAS, CACTUS OF THE MONTH, AND HER EVEN MORE EXUBERANT PRESENTATION OF THESE SUPER COLLECTABLE LITTLE BEASTS. WE CAN TELL SHE REALLY HAS A LOVE FOR THEM - IT CAME THROUGH! DID YOU HEAR ALL THE APPLAUSE!



RICK LATIMER GAVE US A TERRIFIC OVERVIEW OF THE GENUS CONVOLVULACEAE INCLUDING IPOMOEA (PRONOUNCED CORRECTLY EITHER ip'-ō-mēā or i'-pō-mēā). SORRY ABOUT THE MISUNDERSTANDING ON GASTERIA - I THOUGHT SINCE "CONVOLVES" WERE FEW, WE COULD EASILY DO BOTH.... MAYBE WE'LL DO GASTERIAS IN THE NEAR FUTURE SINCE DOROTHY DUNN DID • SUCH A GOOD WRITE-UP. HATE TO DISAPPOINT ANYONE. WE HAD EXCELLENT BRAG TABLE PLANTS FOR MADELYN LEE, SUPPLIED BY DOROTHY DUNN, MARILYN HENDERSON, MITCH BAHR, RUDY LIME, MARIE PIERCE, JOEY BETZLER.

ODDS AND EVENS TO BEGINNINGS AND ENDS

NOW LOOK BACK ... BEHIND YOU! IN THE WAY BACK AT THOSE PEOPLE WORKING AWAY, WHILE WE GET TO CHATTER WITH EACH OTHER AND PURSUE THE LIBRARY, BRAG TABLE, REFRESHMENTS, ETC. BOB AND SUE MARDER WITH CHAIRMAN MIKE CULLEN ARRANGING, EXPLAINING, COMPUTING AND PROVIDING BOXES, WITH GREAT GENTILITY AT OUR SALES TABLE. THANK YOU THREE!!!!

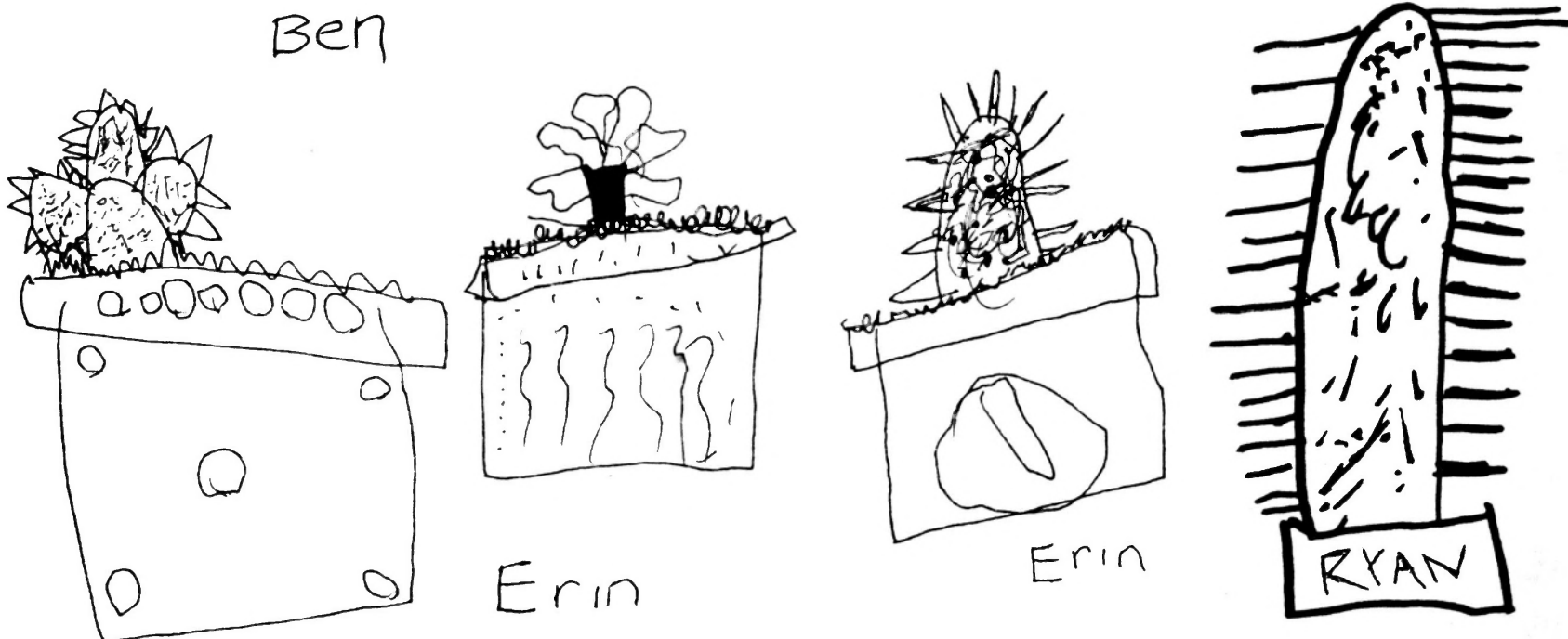
OVER THERE ON THE SOUTH WALL, RICK LATIMER, ELIZABETH GOMES, AND ELEANOR LATIMER, YOUR HARD WORKING AND INFORMATIVE LIBRARIANS AND HISTORIAN. COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU ALL. KUDOS!

NOW SAME WALL, MARILYN LEMROW AND DOROTHY LARBURG, WORKING DILIGENTLY TO KEEP FROM GETTING GARDNER'S HANDS & NAILS WHILE CLEANING UP, DISPLAYING, AND DISPENSING OUR EXCHANGE TABLE PLANTS. LET'S HELP THEM OUT BY BRINGING IN CLEAN INSECT FREE QUALITY PLANTS AND PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR MANNERS: DON'T RUSH THE TABLE - GIVE EVERYONE THEIR FAIR TURN!!! THANKS TO ALL OF YOU WHO GENEROUSLY BRING IN THESE PLANTS. ONE MORE, THANK YOU JOYCE FOR WORD PROCESSING THIS AND PUTTING UP WITH ME - LOVE. (NO EASY FEAT I MIGHT ADD!!). ALL KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!

PHYLLIS FLECHSIG, OUR QUAIL BOTANICAL GARDEN ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE, RELATES THAT THERE WILL BE NO SPRING SALE THIS YEAR AT QUAIL.

GOOD LUCK TO CHUCK DRESSER GOING IN FOR SURGERY ON MAY 7th. CHUCK, WHO IS LEGALLY BLIND, HAS BROUGHT IN TWO PLANTS THIS YEAR FOR OUR BRAG TABLE. WHEN MADELYN ASKED "WHOSE PLANT IS THIS ONE?" HOLDING UP THE NICELY POTTED AEONIUM ARBORESCENS "SWARTZKOPH", CHUCK REPLIED, "I THINK IT'S MINE, I CAN'T SEE THAT FAR!" WHAT A WONDERFUL LOVE FOR SUCCULENTS.

REMEMBER, START PREPARING YOUR ENTRIES FOR OUR ANNUAL SHOW AND FOR THE DEL MAR FAIR. BEST TO EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU, AND THANKS'



Thanks Lois Zaranka "These drawings are from my kindergarten class."

THE SAN DIEGO CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY

30, 25, 20, 15, 10, & 5

YEARS AGO

On May 6, 1961, the San Diego Cactus and Succulent Society held its first meeting. The Charter Members listed for that day are: Mr. & Mrs. H. B. Caulk, Mrs. J. G. Fuller, Mr. & Mrs. C. Hardin, Mrs. H. L. Jenkins, Mrs. Libby Penn, Mrs. Flora Schuneman, Mr. & Mrs. R. J. Taylor, and Mrs. H. L. Vernier. (Listed as joining June 3, 1961 were Mr. & Mrs. D. R. Hardt and Mrs. Maria Reeder. The Charter Members who joined on July 1 were Mrs. Vine C. Bowers, Mr. & Mrs. E. W. Haddas, Mrs. Earl Knight, Mrs. J. R. Leadaman, Mrs. A. A. Lewis, Mrs. Eunice Merritt, Mr. B. A. Shaw, Mr. & Mrs. Troy Shipman, Mr. & Mrs. Roy Toth, Mrs. Lea Warner, and Mr. & Mrs. W. H. Wier.)

On May 7, 1966 the Society met in the "old" Floral Building at 2:00 p. m. Mrs. Joyce Tate spoke on "Uses of Cacti and the Other Succulents Around the World". Mr. Jack Ward spoke on the possibility of combining the Cactus Garden (behind the Children's Theater building) with the Kate Sessions Aloe-Agave Garden. Perlso Lewis agreed that moving the garden was the best idea, if at all possible. Mr. Wm. Hoffman added that this plan would solve the problem of theft and mutilation of the plants. President Reuben Vaughan volunteered to go to the City Government and the Park Superintendant to do everything in his power to bring this about. Mrs. Day supplied the name of the Director of Parks, Pauline Des Ganges, City Administration Building, 9th floor. Mr. Ward also reported that the Society had been asked to put in a display at the Mission Valley Flower Show. Mr. Stevenson reported that he found a solution for darkening the room for movies and slide programs. A large shade roller is available and he was authorized by the President to buy it as a gift to the Floral Association. Very special refreshments were served by Miss Kathy Kennett and her mother Nellie in honor of President Vaughan's eightieth birthday. The May 1966 issue of Cactus y Succulentas (2:5) included an article on the above mentioned cactus garden. Also there was a note that part of the Aloe-Agave Garden was bulldozed for more parking.

The May 1, 1971 meeting was devoted to the Open House. The theme that year for the Plant Show was "Year of the Wood". All plants had to be grown in wood containers. There were seven classes. Class 1 was for single cacti and Class 2 was for single succulents. Class 3 included a minimum of three cacti per pot, while Class 4 had a minimum of 3 succulents per pot. Class 5 combined cacti and succulents. Class 6 were to be "bonsai" style. Class 7 was strictly for miniatures. The Show Chairman was Wilson Wells. The Show closed at 5:00 p. m. on May 2. There were over 250 entries. Winners were Frances Richardson, Dr. Philip Corliss, Ruth Nelson, Alice Wells, Oliver Loyland, Perlso Lewis, Julianne Rice, Nellie Kennett, Rick Latimer, Ruth Richardson, H. W. Harrison, Doc Vaughan, Walter Scott, N. P. Steveson, Nibby Klinefelter (Editor), and Ed Miller. The Cactus-of-the-Month was Cleistocactus hyalacanthus and the Succulent-of-the-Month was Pachyphytum oviferum (both articles were written by Floyd Gable). Also in Espinas y Flores (6:5)

were other articles, such as a three page article on Gymnocalyciums by Billie Lucas, Dr. Corliss wrote about plant sources local, domestic, and foreign, and Hazel Scott wrote about 2 more acres that had been returned to the Anza-Borrego State Park. The President that year was Ione Hubner, our only "Madam President" to date.

The May 10, 1976 meeting was held at the Quail Botanical Gardens. Gill Voss lead a walking tour through the gardens. The Cacti-of-the-Month were the members of the genus Echinocereus written by Dr. George Radwin. The Succulents-of-the-Month were members of the daisy family written by Madelyn Lee. Dr. Phillip Corliss died earlier in the month. Espinas y Flores Editor Augie Pfeiffer (and past President) announced that he was retiring from this job. President Martin Mooney took over until September when Audrey Johnson was scheduled to become the new Editor.

The May 9, 1981 meeting had Mark Donnell, M.D. as our speaker. The program was entitled "Cacti in Color". The Cacti-of-the-Month were members of the genus Loxanthocereus written by Frank Thrombly. The Succulents-of-the-Month were the members of the Didiereaceae written by Madelyn Lee. Espinas y Flores Editor Marcia Monroe announced that the coming June issue will be her last. President Rick Latimer took up the task until the present Editor Mary Aubuchon started with the October issue. Dr. Ronald Monroe wrote two articles - "Safer Agro-Chem's Insecticidal Soap -- A New Product" and "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants: Review of Plant Taxa for Listing as Endangered or Threatened Species". For the 20th Anniversary of the Society, Rick Latimer brought in a cake with cacti on it made by Agnes Passino.

The May 10, 1986 meeting included a program on preparing plants for the upcoming Plant Show and Sale given by the President Dr. Leroy Phelps. He also covered the genera Sinningia and Begonia for the Succulents-of-the-Month. Dorothy Dunn did the Cacti-of-the-Month on the genus Notocactus. The Show Program came with the May issue and Helen Barkdoll did her first cover (Shirley Berry having done the 1981-85 versions).

REFERENCES:

SDCSS's #1 Receipt book (Jan 6, 1962-Jan. 2, 1965)
relevant newsletters

---Rick Latimer, SDCSS Historian

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SAN DIEGO CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY:

This is a difficult letter to write. I have chosen this medium so there are no misunderstandings or re-interpretations of what is said and to silence the viper-tongued persons who live to spread gossip, rumor and innuendo.

First, I'm going to answer some of this gossip.

A year ago a vicious letter was printed in this newsletter. Gossip said I was guilty "because I didn't answer it". Wrong. I didn't answer because I was asked not to for the good of the Society. It was thought the matter would die a natural death as all half truths do.

Gossip said I "make a lot of money from the society". Wrong. In 20 years of membership I have never asked or received any payment for programs, time or expenses. I donate 10 to 15 plants from my collection to the Picnic auction and donate a few flats of plants propagated from my collection every year. The Society gets all funds received for their sale.

Gossip said my employer "makes lots of money from the Society". Wrong. Plants ordered by the Plant Sales Chairman are sold to the Society for less than our wholesale price. This is because I use my own time to gather, hand label, and prepare them for the Show Sale and the Christmas Party. I earn nothing from the sale.

Gossip says I sit at the side table "because I think I'm better than others". Wrong. When we could smoke in meetings, smokers sat there so they wouldn't bother non-smokers. It was a good way for me to hide the fact I'm claustrophobic in a crowd. I continue to sit there because I'm very uncomfortable when surrounded by a group of people.

So much for gossip. Now lets get on to the reason I'm resigning from the board and from this Society.

This used to be a democratic body. The members communicated with the board and the board listened to and acted on the wishes of the Society. You now have autocratic leadership. Money is spent and activities voted by the membership are cancelled without discussion or vote by the board or the membership. I strongly disagree with the way the officers are running the Society. The board is repeatedly told the membership doesn't want to be "bothered". I believe members should be "bothered" when large donations of club funds are made (You voted to limit this.), when the Christmas Party and the preferred ticket for working members is scrapped (You asked for and voted for it.), and when your dues are raised (even though the bylaws state a vote of the members is required.) I'm sure you will get an explanation for these and other things after the fact, but you should be asked first.

I am willing and able to fight for accountability if the membership cares about it's Society, but I cannot work for people who don't care. At the April meeting when a few members tried to question the cost of the Birthday Party, a few other members shouted "I'm here to have fun" "We don't want to be involved", "let the board do it." The rest of you just sat there. It is your right to ask questions, insist on direct answers and demand accountability from your officers. It's Your society and it will exist only if you care!

Good-buy San Diego. I wish you well.

Madelyn Lee

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



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.

WISE AND OTHERWISE

by Michael Buckner



"HOW TIME FLIES WHEN YOU'RE HAVING FUN, AND HAVING FUN WE ARE!! HOW MANY PEOPLE IN THIS WORLD DO YOU SUPPOSE HAVE THE JOY OF WATCHING ULTRA RARE SPECIES SUCH AS EUPHORBIA GYMNOCALYCIOIDES, E. COLUMNARIS, E. HORWOODI, PACHYPODIUM DECARYI, WHITESLOANEA CRASSA, ETC., FLOWER AND PRODUCE SEED, FOLLOWED BY THE REAL JOY OF SEEING THOUSANDS OF LITTLE SEEDLINGS LIFT THEIR HEADS ABOVE THE SOIL. NOW, THAT'S LIVING"...(continuing his letter with acknowledgements) "...AND THANKS TO ... POSTHUMOUSLY, FRANK HORWOOD, THE BEST GROWER OF SUCCULENT PLANTS TO GRACE OUR CENTURY." Referring to Euphorbia Milanjeana: "THESE ARE SEEDLINGS FROM THE GREATEST IN THE BUSINESS TODAY, DAVE GRIGSBY." And two more with tongue firmly implanted in cheek: "I REFUSE TO WASTE TIME COMMENTING ON CACTUS!" and when listing Uebelmania Pectinifera of Brazil, "... ONE OF THE FEW GENERA OF CACTI WORTHY OF ATTENTION!" These last (humorous) comments are meant to rib-bristle Dave and a few others. Well bristled!

taken from CHUCK HANSON in his Plant List #8,
ARID LANDS GREENHOUSES, TUCSON, ARIZONA.

"Man is an imitative animal. This quality is the germ of all education in him. From his cradle to his grave he is learning to do what he sees others do."
Thomas Jefferson from "Writings"

"A permit for foreigners to see and collect in habitats will cost 600.00 U.S. Dollars, and the person or party has to be accompanied by a Mexican botanist who will determine what habitats to see. It is good that the stripping of cactus populations has been barred once and for all, but I cannot even send to the Zurich Cactus gardens the holotype of a plant that I recently described. In the same week we were visited by eight Mexican officials of the plant conservation department, SEDUE, who declared our collection illegal and belonging to the State, threatening with stiff fines, I had to observe to my great regret that all of the mountains to the West of Ciudad Victoria had been burned systematically which one can translate into thousands of acres. One reason is to make room for the mining operations of serpentine, and the other is the interest of cattle ranchers who need more grazing land. All habitats of Mammillaria rubrograndis, carmenae, laui and its forms, the still undescribed newest form and an undescribed Echinofossulocactus, Dolichothele spherica, fell victim to the flames. One cannot dare to denounce these facts.

WISE AND OTHERWISE

A supporter from Switzerland wrote that my letters are so depressing that she does not want to read them anymore. Of course, I can in the future eliminate such reports, but this would not be reality. At the present population explosion the coming years will present us with many more laws to protect plants, but in fact many of these theories will destroy a species completely, especially if no more seeds can be collected. How can we practice rational propagation?"

taken from Nov 1990 Christmas Letter from ALFRED B. LAU

"BY A GARDEN IS MEANT MYSTICALLY A PLACE OF SPIRITUAL REPOSE, STILLNESS, PEACE, REFRESHMENT, DELIGHT."
Cardinal Newman

O LAND OF THE WEST! I KNOW
HOW THE FIELD-FLOWERS BUD AND BLOW,
AND THE GRASS SPRINGS AND THE GRAIN
TO THE FIRST SOFT TOUCH AND SUMMONS OF THE RAIN!
O, THE MUSIC OF THE RAIN!
O, THE MUSIC OF THE STREAMS!

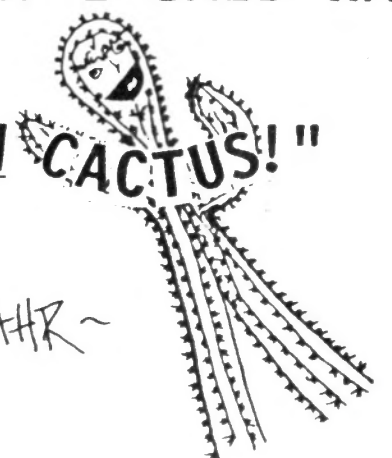
INA COOLBIRTH 1897



"No...WHAT I SAID WAS

NO NEW CACTUS!"

~ Mitch BARR ~



IT'S EASY TO ENTER!.....

From the Show Chairman

I hope you are all getting your plants ready for the show. Last year we had 42 exhibitors. This year I hope we will get to see some entries from more of the other 150+ members.

One thing that has amazed me for several years is the number of really fine plants that members bring in to support the cacti and succulents of the month. When I see these plants I think "Wow, this class will really be tough at the show this year". However, I never seem to see as many entries in the show as I remember from the regular meetings.

Perhaps some of you may think you don't have plants that are good enough to enter in the show. I will admit I was a little worried about this the first times I exhibited. It is also true that some of the more popular classes are extremely competitive, and we all should be very proud of this fact. However, there are quite a few classes that don't get the attention they deserve. The following classes had only a very few entries in 1989 or 1990 (or both years) and could certainly benefit from additional exhibitors:

2 A and B	3A	4A	5A
6 A and B	7A	8A	10 A and B
12 A and B	15B	18 A and B	20 A
21 A	22 A	23 A and B	24 A
25 A	26 A and B	42 A	43 A
47 B	48 A	50 B	51 A
55 A	58 A and B	60 A and B	62 A
63 A	65	66	67

IT'S EASY TO WIN!.....



Prepare your entry for a Blue Ribbon!

JUDGES' LUNCH

Part of our annual show and sale activities is the Judges' Lunch. This is a potluck lunch held on the south balcony of the Casa del Prado, overlooking Laurel Street. It takes place immediately after the judges finish judging, which may be anywhere from 11:00 to 12:00 on Saturday, June 1st. The Society furnishes beverages and the main course, and members bring salads, desserts, or vegetable dishes. This lunch is intended to give members a chance to meet the judges, and it provides a pleasant break for members working in the show or sale area. If you plan to work at the show or sale Saturday morning, please join us for this potluck lunch. If we have any leftovers, we will save them for members working the show and sale area on Sunday. If you have any questions, please call Bill or Diane Crowley (231-7827).

NEW BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY

John Alcock, Sonoran Desert Spring
Dan Barton, The Bonsai Book
Steven Foster & James Duke, A Field Guide to Medicinal Plants of Eastern and Central North America
Clive Innes & Charles Glass, Cacti (2)
Rod & Ken Preston-Mafham, Cacti - The Illustrated Dictionary
Danny Schuster, The World of Cacti (2)
Frank Sueplie, Rhipsalidinae
T. H. Watkins, Time's Island

donated by Frank & Marianne Thrombley:

British Cactus and Succulent Society, Handbook of Shows and Exhibitions
Brooklyn Botanic Gardens, Handbook on Succulent Plants
The Journal of the Mammillaria Society (29 & 30) 1989-90

Rick Latimer, Librarian

DEL MAR FAIR

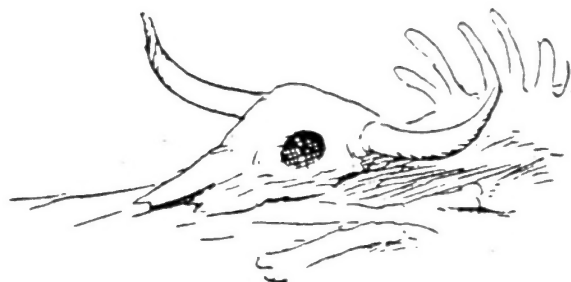
Better get movin'

JUNE 18-JULY 7, 1991



YES WE ARE! SURPRISE. AFTER A TEN YEAR HIATUS. IN THE SPIRIT OF OUR NEW INCORPORATION AND HARD FOUGHT FOR TAX EXEMPT STATUS, AND OUR DUTY AS THE LARGEST CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY IN THE U.S.A. (ME THINKS?!!!) WE, (INCLUSIVE OF YES, YOU TWO TOO!!) SDC&SS OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS HAVE DECIDED TO PUT IN AN EDUCATIONAL DISPLAY IN THE FLOWER SHOW FEATURE EXHIBITS CATEGORY OF THE DEL MAR, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EXPOSITION.

THE CLASSIFICATION IS "PLANT COLLECTION": A UNIQUE ASSORTMENT OF POTTED PLANTS DISPLAYED TO HIGHLIGHT THE COLLECTION'S SPECIAL FEATURES. JUDGED ACCORDING TO QUALITY OF PLANTS AND DISPLAY. PLANTS MUST BE UNUSUAL IN TERMS OF VARIETY, SIZE, CONDITION, GROWTH HABIT OR TREATMENT, COLORS OF BLOOM OR FOLIAGE, DISPLAY VEHICLE OR OTHER SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS. THIS CLASS DOES NOT REQUIRE A LANDSCAPED GARDEN SETTING. MINIMUM 15 PLANTS. APPROXIMATELY 200 SQUARE FEET. ENTRY FEE: \$60. AWARD OF MERIT: \$600. THERE ARE OTHER AWARDS THAT CAN ALSO BE AWARDED i.e. MOST EDUCATIONAL DISPLAY, BEST PLANT SPECIMEN, AND ONE OF THE TEN BEST EXHIBITS; EACH OF THE THESE AWARDS WOULD BRING THE CLUB AN ADDITIONAL \$100 AS WELL AS THE PRESTIGE OF KNOWING WE DID OUR BEST!! YOUR COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN ARE RUDY LIME AND MICHAEL BUCKNER. SO, PLEASE TAKE ONE OR MORE OF THOSE BLUE RIBBON PLANTS FROM OUR JUNE 1 & 2 SHOW AND ARRANGE TO ENTER THEM IN OUR EXHIBIT. EACH MEMBER CONTRIBUTING PLANTS WILL RECEIVE TWO (AT LEAST TWO) COMPLIMENTARY FAIR TICKETS. PLEASE LET RUDY OR MICHAEL KNOW WHAT YOU INTEND TO BRING BY JUNE 7th SO THEY CAN PLAN ROOM AND ARRANGEMENTS (PHONE NUMBERS ON BACK PAGE). WE WILL BEGIN SET-UP FOR DISPLAY ON JUNE 3rd (AFTER OUR SHOW) ANY VOLUNTEERS /HELPERS /PARTICIPANTS /IDEAS AND INCLINATIONS WELCOMED. PLEASE PARTICIPATE AND PLEASE LET US KNOW IN ADVANCE!!



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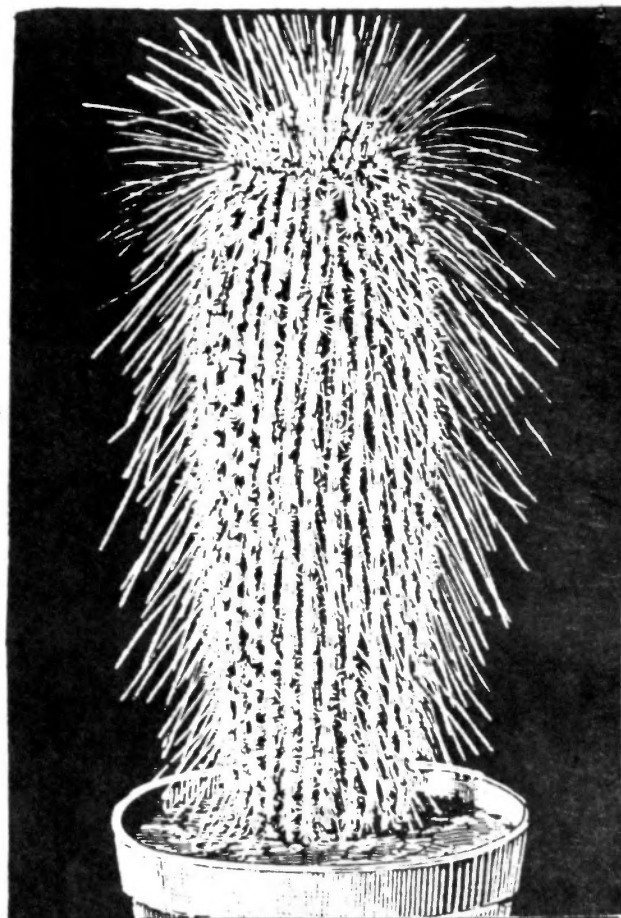
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