



SOUTH COAST CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

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CHRISTMAS POT LUCK Sunday, December 12, 12:00 P.M., at the South Coast Botanical Gardens classroom with the Long Beach C&CS. Let's turn out and give them a big welcome.

If you'd like to come early about 11:30 am and help set up, that would be appreciated.

Dinner served about 12:15 - 12:45 PM

Provided by the SC C&SS

Prime Rib and Turkey

Rolls and butter

Paper plates and plastic utensils (bring your own if you like)

If your last name begins with;

A-L bring a casserole or main dish for about 8 people

M-Z bring a salad or dessert for about 8 people

GENERAL MEETING

Joint meeting to start about 1:00 PM

Announcement of new officers

Mini-show winners

Annual Plant winners

Optional plant & garden gift exchange (wrapped, no tags, under \$10)

Plant Auction (hosted by the Long Beach C&SS)

CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY OF AMERICA

If you aren't already a member of the CSSA, now would be a good time to consider joining. Dues are \$35 per year which entitles to not only support the worthy activities of the society, but you will receive the CSSA Journal (usually about 50 pages) and the newsletter. Other benefits include access to the "Seed Depot" where seeds for rare plants can be obtained at reasonable prices. More info at the CSSA website at www.cssainc.org

Now would be a good time to consider joining the CSSA, as you would be eligible to attend the **biennial convention** scheduled for August 5-10 in **Scottsdale, AZ**. Held in the heart of cactus country, this convention promises to be one of best ever. The **Scottsdale Plaza Resort** will be the most luxurious venue a CSSA convention has ever experienced. It's admittedly hot there in August which is why room rates are lower than normal at \$89 per night (normally going for \$500 or more). But everything inside is air-conditioned, and you won't have to travel outside from location to location as in previous years. Several outstanding speakers are lined up including: **Sheila Collenette, Chuej Hanson, John Lavranos, Len Newton, and the Fitz-Maurices**. Plant vendors and the traditional rare plant auction will offer a tempting array of plants and plant related items. On "Field day" trips will be offered to the **Desert Botanical Gardens, the Boyce Thompson Arboretum, the Arizona Sonora Desert Museum,** and trip out into the desert to see **plants in habitat**. You'll be wishing you could clone yourself. Throughout the convention there will be plenty of activities scheduled for non-cactophile spouses and children. Finally there will be a week long pre-convention tour to the Four Corners area, a region of spectacular scenic beauty and home to some of our choicest North American cacti.

MORE NEWS

For those who attended the last meeting and heard that Martha Ponce had lost a son in a tragic event, you can send a card or your condolences to her at 782 West 29th St., San Pedro, CA 90731.

PLANT OF THE MONTH TOTALS

<u>Cactus Advanced</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Total</u>
Duke	13	77
Fletcher	11	64
Hulett	6	23
Hanna	10	10

<u>Cactus Novice</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Total</u>
Capaldo	0	14
Crowley	2	8
LaForest	0	13
Ponce	6	23

<u>Succulent Advanced</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Total</u>
Duke	2	13
Fletcher	13	66
Hanna	6	43
Hulett	14	17

<u>Succulent Novice</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Total</u>
Capaldo	0	18
Crowley	9	16
Gardner	0	48
Hemingway	0	8
Hutchison	4	12
LaForest	1	38
Ponce	0	14

MOST POINTS ADVANCED

Fletcher	130
Gary Duke	90
Jim Hanna	53
Dick Hulett	40

MOST POINTS NOVICE

Dale La Forest	51
Jim Gardner	48
Martha Ponce	37
Maria Capaldo	32
Gloria Crowley	24
Van Hutchison	12

PLANT OF THE YEAR CONTEST

Without a doubt, the "Plant of the Year" contest is one of the most enjoyable aspects of the Christmas Pot Luck. Each member in attendance is given a plant. At each Christmas Pot Luck these plants are brought back (living or dead) for comparison with those of other members. The tallest, fattest, most lopsided, etc are judged. Usually this contest brings much laughter. Recent plants of the year have been;

- 1999 - euphorbia obesa
- 2000 - fockia edulis
- 2001 - mestoklema macrorrhizum
- 2002 - Obregonia denegrii
- 2003 - dyckia 'Brittle Star'
- 2004 - discocactus buenekeri



**DON'T
MISS
IT !!!**

Happy Holidays To You!

Already the festive decorations and joyful music
Of the holiday season brighten the days.

This year, all of us

Wish you a very special holiday!

We wish you abundant happiness, friendship and love,

Health and good fortune, and most of all

Peace and many glad tidings.

Happy Holidays!

