

SOUTH COAST CACTUS and SUCCULENT SOCIETY  
meeting

February 11, 1979 at 1:30 p.m.  
at the  
South Coast Botanic Gardens  
26300 Crenshaw Blvd.  
Los Verdes Peninsula

PROGRAM: "Flora Sites from "Down Under"--  
South Australia and New Zealand"

Virginia Martin will share with us her pictures on Australia and New Zealand where she attended the Australasian CSS Convention in Adelaide, South Australia this past Easter, 1978.

PLANT OF THE MONTH: A mystery presentation!

Social time with cookies, tea, and coffee is one of the most rewarding parts of our club meeting. Time to socialize, view plants, look over any materials our speaker has on display, and see the bragging plants closer. It even allows time to check in and out library books along with purchasing an unusual item from the white elephant corner. But all this is not as enjoyable if by chance someone forgot their donation of cookies. Our debt to our society has been dutifully fulfilled by the following volunteers Bert Muensterman, Norma and Karen Holley, Stella Stubbe, Chris Pickeet, and Ellen Christiansen for this months meeting. If you are unable to attend PLEASE call Anne Marie Goodwin [redacted] or Verna McCarty [redacted]. When you pick up your refreshments don't forget to pay your debt to the society by signing your name under one of the 10 months we have left in 1979. THANKS A MILLION!

We missed Barbara Allen last month and thank Ed Hancock for filling in at the Bragging Plant Table.

Dues -- it is now or never! All dues must be paid by the 11th of February. See Membership Chairman, Rowena Thompson at Sunday's meeting.

Member Eve Workman can use our old Christmas/Holiday greeting cards and would appreciate receiving as many as you can round up.

LAST MONTH: Catsy Schafer shared with us her trip to Egypt and the tombs and temples of that ancient culture.

The membership voted, due to conflicts with the National Show in Pasadena, to hold a non-competative show the Memorial Weekend. More details about when to bring in plants in upcoming newsletters.

UPCOMING CSSA CONVENTION WEEK:

Friday---following an afternoon bus trip to Desert Nursery there will be a "Cactus Hunt" for all, after which - whole beuf bar-b-queing for a fine dinner with the most unusual entertainment afterwards.

NEW MEMBERS:

Joseph L Seals

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Los Angeles, Ca. 90010

Phone: [redacted]

Lea. Walter. & Steve Bien

[redacted]  
Tarzana, Ca. 91356

Phone: [redacted]

Note:

\*Personnel at the Gardens requests that all individuals attending our monthly meetings enter and exit through the main gate. So be sure to have your membership card with you so that you will not have to pay to enter.

Steve Vogel

[redacted]  
Seal Beach, Ca. 90740

Phone: [redacted]

What happened to all the pound and ½ pound margarine tubs and lids that Stan Oleson needs for seed planting? Yep! You forgot, so go right now and put your donations for the cause in a place where you can not leave with out them Sunday.



If you have not read the purpose of the club lately, PLEASE DO. It has words of wisdom for plenty of thought. Understnading is one and propagation is another. Cacti and other succulents may be propagated from seed. Perhaps even more compensative than acquiring plants, offsets, cuttings or pups for oneself. Seed culture is our new undertaking. The main things to remember are a bit foreign to some, but very familiar to others. Learning how to bring in your seeds for use will become more familair to each of us if we can remember the steps below.

1. Place ripe seed pods in an envelope that has your first and last name, plus the correct plant name and any other pertinent information with the date you gathered the seed pods.

2. Give your prize collections to Stan Oleson. He has an ingenious method of separation removing the tiny seeds from their pods.

3. There are a few cautions we must remember about nature's pollination process which Eleanor Barker, Stan Oleson or Henk Worries shall be glad to discuss with those individuals that need some added information.

Pollination of plants among the club members calls for some needed information from each of you. It would be very helpful if each of us would share our particular plant interests with one another. This would also be an excellent way to meet others in the club who have similiar plants that could share accomplishments and problems with one another, along with creating good fellowship among all. Please fill out the following tear off and bring it to the meeting or mail it to Karen & Norma Holley, Torrance, Ca. 90502. Do this IMMEDIATELY. This information will be included in the club's roster which is being prepared to give out at our March meeting.

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

MY SPECIAL INTERESTS ARE:

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JANUARY PLANT OF THE MONTH-- MELOCACTUS, "Turks Cap"

Plants solitary or clustered, globular to short cylindric, sometimes depressed, at least when young, 1 -- jointed, bearing clusters of spines on the ribs; ribs 9 to 20, mostly straight. A compact mass of hairs and bristles forming a cephalium borne at the top of the plant, this often very large and elongated; flowers small, pinkish, from the top of the cephalium. Stamens attached near the top of the slender flower-tube. Fruit is clavate, naked, red or rarely white and seeds are black.

From Britton & Rose book "The Cactaceae".