

South Coast Cactus and Succulent Society
meeting May 13, 1979; at 1:30 P.M.
at the South Coast Botanic Gardens
26300 Crenshaw Blvd.
Palos Verdes Peninsula

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.

PROGRAM: "Hawaiian Horticulture Trek" presented by Stan and Val Oleson. Many people may not realize that although cacti are only native to the Americas or the New World, a vast range of other succulent plants are to be found in almost every country of the world including many islands in the Pacific Ocean. Val and Stan will share their adventure of searching for succulents in the Hawaiian islands, along with a display of nature's handiwork -- sea shells and corals -- at our May meeting.

REFRESHMENTS for the May meeting will graciously be provided by Eve Workman, Joyce Dews, and Edith Payne.

PLANT OF THE MONTH: Monadenium will be presented by Eleanor Barker. Monadenium is a Euphorbiaceae.

President, Mary Belle Wallenhorst, is visiting in New York state and will be returning on the 14th of May. We wish her a safe return trip home.

And, a warm wish from all the membership for a speedy recovery, goes out to 1st Vice-President, Ed Hancock, who recently underwent surgery.

Bring BRAGGING PLANTS and share a little beauty! April's display of member's plants was spectacular. Bring in your "bloomers"!

Visit our new portable library under the auspices of John and Joyce Dews.

Fiesta de Flores is coming-up. Plan on attending for some great plant buys.

Remember -- THERE WILL NOT BE A JUNE MEETING OF THE CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY, due to a conflict with the scheduled Bromeliad Society Show.

Start preparing your plants for the upcoming show, May 26, 27, 28. Last month Eleanor Barker gave us some valuable tips on getting our plants "in-shape" for showing. "In-condition" plants displayed by ALL our members are the key to a successful, impressive exhibition. Remember, many of the delegates attending the CSSA Convention will still be in town that weekend and will be visiting the Gardens to see our show. These guests will have come from all over the United States and many from other countries. We want these visitors to leave feeling as if they have experienced our avid interest and nearly ideal California growing climate. To accomplish this we need to have full participation from all of us. This means each member selecting and showing 12 of his or her's most prized plants. So bring in your "beauties" -- the doors will be open to receive them on Friday, May 25th after 4:30 P.M.; and, on Saturday, May 26th from 8:00 til 11:00 A.M.. The show and sale doors will open to the general public at noon. More information about this show and sale will be available at the May meeting.

LAST MONTH: Members Jack and Pat Hughes shared their trips to Guatemala, Surinam, and the West Antilles with us. Their program featured slides of the various locales visited, a lovely and clever display of collected bromeliads, and bright and beautiful weavings and native embroidery.

Regarding the Membership Roster: A question has arisen about the listing of charter members and life members. Life members, as stated in the club's constitution are, active members with dues paid for life (see Article III, Sec. 2b of the constitution and by-laws). Traditionally, charter members are founding members who attend and pay club dues at the first, initial meeting. Any who attend any early but subsequent meetings are not usually regarded as charter member despite their first years interest and involvement. The listing of charter and life members in the roster was not done intending to exclude or alienate anyone.

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On the contrary, it was done in an effort to make our roster more informative and more personal in reflecting the individuality of our membership. If the records of charter members or life members are incorrect then they should be corrected. Or if the membership wishes to expand the traditional concept of charter members then possibly the records should be expanded.



NEW MEMBERS: Welcome!
See Rowena Thompson, Membership
Chairman, to pick up your member-
ship roster.

Pete and Jurhee Blagaich

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PLANT OF THE MONTH

SHOWING PLANTS

CLEAN is #1. No bugs no weeds, no dirt where it shouldn't be. The pots should also be clean and free of salts. One way to remove salts from clay pots is to soak the pot in a solution of TSP. Do not was pots with TSP solution while a plant is in it! If spines are dirty looking gently washing with mild soap suds helps. (If you feel a "hairy" cactus needs combed, be careful. Such spines often come loose very easily.)

NEAT is a must. A plant should be centered in the pot, straight, and not planted too deep or too shallow. Depending on pot size, 1/2" or 3/4" from the top of the top dressing, to the top of the pot looks good. The larger the pot the deeper and for very large pots greater than 3/4" may be better. Do not use too large or too small a pot. For example, a globular type cactus in a 6" pot should be somewhere in the vicinity of 1/2" from cactus to the side of the pot all the way around.

LABEL the plant. But don't guess at the name. You can probably give the genus name but if the species name is unknown to you leave it blank. The label should be legible. Judges often find ice cream stick or printed nursery labels very offensive. So use plastic, preferably white.

TOP DRESSING such as decomposed granite, pebbles, small lava rock, or gravel improves the appearance of the entry. Don't use white or blue rocks, natural/neutral tones are more complementary to the plant.

DISH GARDENS, traditionally, must have a path which begins at an edge of the container.

Consider bringing arrangements of cuttings from flowering plants and novelty arrangements in baskets to show to our visiting show guests. Members that have decorations from previous Christmas at the Gardens Shows may want to consider exhibiting them. Our overseas guests may not have seen a succulent wreath.