

SOUTH COAST CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY
REGULAR MEETING, AUGUST 8, 1976; 1:30 P. M.

South Coast Botanic Gardens
26300 Crenshaw Blvd
Palos Verdes Peninsula

President,
Eleanor Barker

PROGRAM: Charles Allen will discuss desert conservation - an update of his presentation to us last year. Ecology and Conservation are of increasing interest to everyone, and the preservation of the desert ecology is of particular concern to us. We want the desert preserved, but we find it a bitter pill to swallow when judges give short shrift to our legally collected plants, come by quite honestly - an almost inevitable outcome of the necessity of conservation. And, really, do you know that collected plant you bought was collected legally? (It is difficult to put a new consciousness ahead of an old passion!)

PLANT OF THE MONTH: Copiapos are not too common, although some are increasingly easy to get. So this month we will learn more about them from Bob, and we will be able to give them more of what they like.

WHITE ELEPHANT TABLE: CUSTOMERS NEEDED OR BERYL AND GREG WILL NEED AN ELEPHANT TO CARRY IT!!

BRING YOUR BRAGGING PLANTS AND BRAG!!

PLANTS FOR FIESTA AND OUR SHOW NEXT YEAR: It is not too soon to start rooting plants, especially cactus, which take a little longer. Each member should start six plants for the Fiesta and six for our show -- or more! A half dozen plants do not take much room and little time, but when all are added up, they make a nice donation from our club for a good cause. And we can use all the plants we can get for our show.

WELCOME: It is during the time right after our show that we get most of our new members. Unfortunately, we later lose some of these lovely people. Some drop out because the interest is short lived. However, others leave because they feel we are unfriendly and they are not welcome. All are very welcome!

This is a problem common to nearly all organizations. It is really a people problem, and it relates to the fact that most people are basically shy - "older" members as well as new! The first word is the hardest - try a comment or a question about a plant. It is also easier to talk to someone if you know a name. So name tags are great. We have plastic holders (with a pin on the back) that a membership card will fit in quite nicely. Also, it is possible to order nice plastic name tags at a reasonable price.

Please, new members - stay with us. We aren't unfriendly. We are just like you!

LAST MONTH: Eleanor Barker showed slides of a trip to Australia, giving a glimpse of a glimpse of Austria - and a glimpse is all one gets of a country nearly the size of the U. S. in three weeks!

NEW MEMBERS:

Norma L. & Karen L. Holley

Jerrold Grieve

Torrance, Ca, 90502

Redondo Beach, Ca, 90277

Roberta Anderson

CORRECTION:

Harry G. Wurmbrand

San Pedro, Ca, 90732

Rancho Palos Verdes, Ca,
90274



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