

SOUTH COAST CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY  
meeting at the  
SOUTH COAST BOTANIC GARDENS  
26300 CRENSHAW BLVD.  
PALOS VERDES PENINSULA

NOVEMBER 11, 1979; 1:30 P.M.

\*\*\* SPECIAL NOTE \*\*\*

ATTENTION all CLUB MEMBERS, CLUB OFFICERS and COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN. There will be a BOARD MEETING preceeding our regularly scheduled November meeting. It is important that all officers and committee members attend to discuss important upcoming club business. All club members are welcome as interested observers. The board meeting will start promptly at 12:30 P.M..

PROGRAM: Ed and Betty Gay will share their adventuresome trip to the exotic Galapagos Islands with us at our November meeting. The Galapagos Islands, located on the equator 600 miles West of Ecuador in the Pacific, are comprised of many small islands. Interesting specimens of wild life peculiar to the islands, including the largest living form of giant tortoise, abound. The sight of these islands greatly influenced the scientific thinking of one particular passenger, Charles Darwin, aboard the HMS Beagle as she put into port there during the early 1830's.

NOTE: For those members who were fortunate enough to hear the Gays presentation at the August CSSA Annual Meeting. The program they are presenting for us is of a different format and features different slides.

PLANT OF THE MONTH: A member of the Cactaceae family, ARIOCARPUS plants sprout from beet-like taproots, and with age will often form groups of low, fleshy rosettes. These natives of Mexico have often been dubbed "living rock cactus" or "living stars". The name of the genus is derived from the ovoid shape of the fruit borne on these plants; it is the same shape as the fruit of the whitebeam tree (aria, whitebeam, and carpos, fruit).

BRING BRAGGING PLANTS TO SHARE  
This is the season ... and some of your  
Cyclocactus (and close relations)  
should be in bloom.

VISIT the CLUB'S LIBRARY  
Check out a book after browsing.

November's REFRESHMENTS will be provided by Bert Muensterman, Anne Marie Goodwin, Verna McCarty, and C. Guzman-Hoffman.

Refreshment Chairmen Anne Marie Goodwin and Verna McCarty want to thank all the members who have assisted in our enjoyment of our monthly meeting by bringing refreshments during this past year. They will again be circulating a refreshment sign-up list for this upcoming year and wish to encourage more of our membership to sign-up to bring and share refreshments. This is an easy and thoughtful way that all members can and should take advantage of. You may not be able to lug heavy potted plants about or properly identify plants with their full Latin names, but you can be an active club member by signing up to bring refreshments. Take advantage of this great opportunity to actively participate.

Election of club officers will be conducted at our November meeting. Installation of elected officers will take place during our December -- Holiday Party -- meeting.

LAST MONTH: The club visited Ed and Betty Gay's "Cactus Ranchito" in Tarzana, and The Greenberg's in Northridge on our annual bus -- plant buying -- trip. Beyond the opportunity to make some exciting plants buys we enjoyed browsing among the Greenberg's exotic Euphorbias and Cycads; and the landscaping and excellent greenhouse facilities at the Gays.

At a brief business meeting an audit committee was appointed by 1st Vice President, Ed Hancock. The serving members are: Pat Hughes, Phyllis Brunelle, and Margaret Brennan.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: "Holidays at the Gardens" has been scheduled for December 2nd thru December 9th. Your contributions for our club's display featuring festive decorations using cactus and succulents are to be featured. More information regarding where and when to bring your plant/holiday creations will be available at our meeting.

