

SOUTH COAST CACTUS and SUCCULENT SOCIETY meeting March 8, 1981; at 1:30 P.M. at the South Coast Botanic Gardens - 26300 Crenshaw Blvd. Palos Verdes Peninsula

There will be a SPECIAL PROGRAM this month. Member and past President, Eleanor Barker is giving a program on dividing and repotting cactus and succulents. At 2:00 P.M. in the Frances Young Auditorium. We will be starting our regular meeting promptly at 1:30 P.M. covering our regular attendance, promptness prize and bragging plant table before moving into the main auditorium to hear Eleanor speak at 2:00 P.M. Please be attentive and on-time, so that we won't be delayed in moving into the auditorium and securing good seats.

Following Eleanor's presentation we will break for our usual refreshments. The following members will be providing our March meeting goodies: Ellen Christian-sen, Virginia McNeel, Virginia Russel, and Mary Belle Wallenhorst.

A vital business meeting will be held after our refreshment break. The categories of entry and judging for our up coming June show will be discussed. It is very important that each and every Club member read and reread the attached 2nd sheet of this newsletter and bring it with you to the March meeting. The proposed categories for entering your plants in our June Show are presented here. You should read, familiarize yourself with these proposed rules and note down any improvements that you might have to suggest at the business meeting. This is your chance to participate and express your views. We would like to come to a firm decision regarding these rules and entry categories at our March meeting with the hope of providing publicity flyers on the show to you in April.

#### LAST MONTH

Those who braved the rain were treated to a further view of the unique and haunting landscape of the Atacama Desert, presented by Ed and Betty Gay. We are always delighted to have the opportunity to share in the travels, and experiences of the Gays. We were also very pleased to have guests, Virginia and Lillian Martin at the February meeting.

THE FIRST 1981 BOARD MEETING was held. Many items of importance were discussed. The focus was on speakers fees and reorganizing our general monthly meetings. Of particular interest to our Club membership should be the boards decision to substantially raise the amount that will be paid to members who present a monthly program. Consider presenting a program yourself. This is fine way to share your own particular plant interest, your knowledge, your travels, and plant photography with other Club members. We have a vast resource of knowledge and experience in our individual members and more of that resource should and can be tapped. Don't be inhibited! Contact Program Chairman Bert Muensterman and talk to her about what kind of program you can present. Share with other Club members. Knowledge not shared is knowledge wasted.

PLANT of the MONTH Chairman Eve Workman is diligently scheduling club members to present short talks for featured, up coming "Plant of the Month" segments of our regular meetings. We'd like to advance schedule these brief (5 - 10 min) presentations so that club members could have more time to prepare using the Club's library, and encourage more members to participate by bringing in more species of the plant featured for discussion. This is an excellent way to share your enthusiasm for a particular genera or your expertise in raising certain species. Plant grooming, culture, soil, experiences with pesticides, potting, repotting, grafting, virtually anything connected with your plant interest can be discussed. If you wish to learn about a particular plant this is a wonderful way to do research and share the information you've found with others. Support the Club & actively contribute to the success of our monthly meetings by contacting Eve and telling her what interest you have that you'd like to share. Eve will be calling on members individually in the up coming weeks to seek your support.

LIBRARY - Our excellent Club library goes back into operation this month under the direction of our new librarians, Richard and Rafi Poedtker. The library has been inventoried and reorganized; and we hope will prove to be more useful to Club members. It's usefulness depends upon the members themselves. The library will only stay in good order if rules for checking out books are followed and if books are returned on time and in good condition. REMOVE Book Card, PRINT YOUR NAME, list telephone #, and Out Date. File card under the first initial of your

