



Our April meeting is cancelled. Not only is the Spring Easter bunny making his yearly appearance on our April meeting date but he is also disrupting our 10 th year anniversary plans. Because so many of us have obligations to close family and friends on this holiday it was decided that we should cancel our regularly scheduled meeting and postpone the marking of our 10 th anniversary until next month. Unfortunately our May meeting date falls on Mother's Day. But it is hoped that despite that

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holiday more members will be able to attend in May. After all we don't want our delicious Ramona's cake in honor of our anniversary to be missed by the majority of our members. So, see you all in May! (More details about our meeting in our May newsletter)

Last Month: Stan Oleson and Tom Rische shared the program spotlight. Permanent garden chairman Stan Oleson brought us up to date on our garden plans and development. While 2nd Vice President Tom Rische amused and amazed us with a thought provoking cactus and succulent quiz. Plant of the Month presented by Norma Holley dealt with wounded Echeverias.

Last chance for rooting plants! Yes our June Show & Sale are fast approaching and if you haven't potted your dozen plants to be donated to our plant sale you are going to have to act quickly in order to give them time to establish themselves. The club values your clean, rooted, donated plants because they are so very important to the success of our plant sale. Obviously they provide us with our largest profit and by donating it is an excellent way in which you can make a valuable contribution to the club's monthly activities as well as to our permanent garden project.

Start collecting small boxes. These are needed for carrying sale plants. Grocery sacks are useful, but NOT unless they are cut and folded, and ready to grab and use as plant carriers. Anyone who has forgotten or needs a sample on how to prepare a grocery sack, please attend the May meeting. A brief demonstration will be given then.

Very important -- Enclosed are the show and sale work schedules. These are to assign jobs to club members so that our show and sale will be better organized, run more smoothly and that more of the work load will be shared by more club members. We need the active participation of all our members. Read over the lists. A great deal of thought has gone into preparing them. If you find that you have been placed in a time slot that is not convenient, please bring this to Norma Holley's attention as soon as possible for adjustments. We need the cooperation of everyone for a successful show.

Nice but over grown? Too big for it's pot or any pot (for that matter)? What plants in your garden will you donate to be planted in our permanent cactus and succulent garden? Think about it and carefully list the plants and their sizes and present your list to Permanent Garden Chairman Stan Oleson. The permanent garden committee will use your list along with their knowledge of the plants already donated to draw up an inventory of plants; so, that they may plan the landscape lay-out of the garden.

The club still has pots for your use. For donated plants we have two sizes: 2 3/4 X 2 3/4 as well as 3 3/4 X 3 3/4 inches square. Individual labels for your plants are also available.

PLANT SALE PROCEDURES for the South Coast Cactus and Succulent Society

Donated plants bring the Club the most profit; therefore, each club member is expected to donate twelve (12) or more if possible. (Ordinary plants that most people have are not good for donation; neither are new pups, offsets or leaf cuttings which are not well rooted) 6" to 8" Epiphyllum cuttings are acceptable. The Club supplies the 2 3/4" sq. pots, and a few 3 3/4" sq. pots for donated plants ONLY. Three inch white labels accompany these pots for marking the plant genus and species (if possible) plus price. C. & S. Club is already written on the back side of these labels. All donated plants will be tagged with a sticky lime green price label. Bring donated plants to the class room area June 11th 12:00 noon to 10:00 P.M.

Plants purchased by the Club for resale shall carry a white 3" label with plant name and price on front side. Reverse side C. & S. Club. These potted plants will also be tagged with sticky white price labels.

Consignment plants will carry the white plant label with name, price; C. & S. Club, but shall have orange price labels.

Plants may be sold by active club members. An active club member is one who has paid his/her 1982 dues, attended three club meetings prior to our yearly June Show/Sale. These members should attend the May board meeting for final instructions on plant sale procedures.

All active club members wanting to sell their plants must follow the following rules or their plants will not be accepted for selling, and they shall not be allowed to sell.

1. A written inventory of all the plants with genus, species (if possible) approx. size of pot and number of each.

2. Each potted plant must be doubled tagged. One tag will state the sellers name and price. Another tag stating the plant name. (3" plant labels are good for these) Both shall be placed in the pot. A sticky price label (colored signal dots of your choice, be sure not to choose the same colors mentioned above) with sellers name and price must be attached to the pot.

3. The tag with the sellers name and plant price will be removed when the plant is sold. These shall be used to check against the written inventory to verify the amount of money the seller will receive back from the Club as their profit (50% of sale price). The seller shall only receive profit money that can be accounted to them by using the above method.

4. At the close of the plant sale, (June 13th at 4:30 P.M.) individuals selling plants must pick-up their remaining plants that did not sell. No plants will be cared for by other club members. Clean up of the tables and floor is the responsibility of each person.

No plants purchased by club members or by anyone shall be held behind on the counters in the plant sale room. All plants purchased by club members must be removed immediately to their cars or set on the table behind the reception desk area with the buyers name on each purchased plant.

Another area for use by the general public who have purchased plants and wish to return to the show or the gardens shall be provided. Their name and number of purchased plants must be noted on a sales slip. The carbon copy will be placed with the plants. The original goes with the customer and acts as a claim check for their plants.