



South Coast

Cactus &  
Succulent  
Society

meeting MARCH 9, 1980; at 1:30 P.M.  
at the South Coast Botanic Gardens  
26300 Crenshaw Blvd.  
Palos Verdes Peninsula

MARCH PROGRAM: Dr. V. Tuli, a microbiologist who is the developer of "Green-leaves -- The Complete Plant Growth Nutrient" a product of Natural Science Research, will present a lecture on his research into plant nutrition.

MARCH PLANT OF THE MONTH: Rhipsalis, a member of the Cactaceae family and a close relative of Rhipsalidopsis and Epiphyllic cactus, will be discussed by Stan Oleson. Members, bring in your Rhipsalis plants to share.

MARCH REFRESHMENTS: Are being provided by Fred Rouillon, Ruth Lunder, Carol Kennedy and Rowena Thompson.

LAST MONTH: Member Henk Worries presented slides of the natural vegetation along with the spectacular coral reefs and shoals taken during his many trips to the Caribbean. Lying in the Tropic of Cancer surrounded by exceptionally clear waters the region actually consists of four distinct island chains: the very mountainous Greater Antilles (Cuba, Jamaica, Haiti/Dominican Republic, and Puerto Rico); the volcanic Lesser Antilles; the low, tropical Bahama Islands; and the more arid islands located off the coast of Venezuela (Dutch ABC Islands extending east to Trinidad and Tobago) where many cactus and bromeliads can be found.

Thanks goes to member Robert Greenberg for donating the plants that we raffled at our last meeting.

Pick-up your 1980 membership rosters at our March meeting. New Members and returning members, look for your new name tag when you sign in, and wear them during our monthly meeting. It's a simple and effective way to become better acquainted with everyone.

Bring Bragging Plants to share with all the members.

About our up coming show and plant sale, to be held JUNE 7th and 8th:

If you haven't already, start planting cactus and succulents (aim for 12 plants) to donate to the club's plant sale. In order for our plant sale to be a success we rely on these plants donated by members. If every member (there are now 57 of us) donates 12 rooted cuttings, and the plants sell for as little as 50¢ a piece the club can make a handsome profit. That profit will go toward payment of speakers, fulfilling our obligations to the Gardens, planning/improvement and further development of a permanent cactus garden, along with paying for our yearly October bus/plant buying trip for show workers.

Sign-up to lend a hand! Your individual participation is vital in staging a successful show. A sign-up sheet will be circulated at our up coming meeting, so be thinking about when you will volunteer your time and energy. Workers are needed for:  
Show preparation on Friday (June 6th) during the afternoon and evening.  
Show preparation and assisting judges the morning of Saturday (June 7th), and in the afternoon on the show floor and in the plant sale room.  
Again on Sunday (June 8th).

Another very important matter, do we want to hold an open (where anyone can enter and compete for prizes) or a closed (where only our own SCC&SS members can enter and compete for prizes) show? A vote on this issue will be taken at our March meeting.