

South Coast Cactus and Succulent Society
presents it's
8th Annual Show and Sale
at the
South Coast Botanic Gardens
26300 Crenshaw Blvd.
Palos Verdes Peninsula

IMPORTANT:
There will be a BOARD MEET-
ING preceding our regularly
scheduled July meeting, at
12:30 P.M.

ATTEND and ENTER your own prized plants! Your participation is vital.
*Entries accepted Friday, June 6 from 3:00 to 10:00 P.M.. All entries must be brought to the main exhibit hall on Friday. No entries can be accepted after 10:00 P.M. Friday. Entry forms (enclosed) must be filled out completely. Additional forms will be available for your use at the gardens on Friday. (See following newsletter for corrections in Plant Classifications for show entries.)

*Don't forget your plants that you have been nurturing for the club's plant sale. These should also be brought to the gardens on Friday. Those hard working individuals manning the sale room need time to price and arrange the sale tables. So, tidy up those plant donations -- check for pests, stray leaves, visiting weeds; and, label them (genus and species names, if you can). Remember, no one wants to buy a ragged looking plant; so, spruce them up!
*The show will be judged Saturday morning and will open its' doors for the public at 12:00 Noon. The plant sale, however, will be open for business at 9:00 A.M..

Show open Saturday, June 7, 12:00 Noon to 4:30 P.M.
Sunday, June 8, 9:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.
Sale open Saturday, June 7, 9:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.
Sunday, June 8, 9:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

SHOWING PLANTS is for fun and for sharing, first and above all. Trophies and ribbons add to the fun! So a bit about how to increase your chances to collect awards for members of your collection.

CLEAN is #1. No bugs, no weeds, no dirt where it shouldn't be. The pots should also be clean and free of salts. One way to remove salts from clay pots is to soak them in a solution of TSP. Do not wash pots with TSP solution while a plant is in it! If spines are dirty looking, gently washing with mild soap suds may help. (If you feel a hairy cactus needs combed, be careful. Such spines often come loose very easily.)

NEAT is #2. A plant should be centered in the pot, straight, and not planted too deep or too shallow. Depending on the pot size, 1/2" or 3/4" from top of the top dressing, to the top of the pot looks good. The larger the pot, the deeper and for very large pots greater than 3/4" may be better. Do not use too large or too small a pot. For example, a globular type cactus in a 6" pot should be somewhere in the vicinity of 1/2" from cactus to the side of the pot all the way around. Label the plant. The label should be legible. Judges find ice cream stick label offensive, so use plastic and preferably white. A top dressing, such as decomposed granite, pebbles, small lava rock, or gravel improves the appearance of the entry. White or brightly colored rock often looks garish in the judges' eyes and since staging is 5%, it could make a difference in a tight decision.

What to show? Any plant that is appealing to you. So called "common plants" can be as show worthy as the most rare. Don't feel your plants just aren't nice enough! "Common plants" have won trophies.

Judging a show isn't easy. The judges do their best to judge on merits of the entries but they sometimes find decisions very difficult. A ribbon or no ribbon does not change the beauty of the plant or the pleasure it gives to its owner and the other people who look at it.

ATTENTION: Five hanging plant stands will be available for our use in displaying entries in this year's show. So enter all those lovely blooming Epi cacti, Hoyas, Ceropegias, and draping Crassulas that you've never entered in our past shows because you couldn't easily hang them up. Now you can!

-- We also encourage you to enter your needlepoint, drawings, and photographs under Division 6. For those who may be confused: Div. 6 Sec. B. Two dimensional arts would include needlepoint, drawings/paintings, and photographs., Div. 6 Sec. C, Three dimensional arts, would include any sculpture in any media. (See enclosed show flyer)

-- Any clean wooden blocks or boxes, empty pots, bricks or decorative cinder blocks are needed for displaying entries. Bring these with you on Friday. We'll put them to good use and they will be returned to you safely at the close of the show on Sunday.

-- Grocery bags and shallow boxes are needed as carriers for our customer's purchased plants. Bring in all that you can round up.

-- Books checked out of the library should be brought to the gardens Friday afternoon to help in the identification of show plants.

-- There will be a special buffet luncheon prepared and served by Virginia McNeel and Frances Bruce on Saturday for show judges, show clerks assisting the judges, and club officers.

-- Cold cuts and fixings for all club workers on Saturday and Sunday will be provided. Anyone wanting to bring goodies to share with fellow workers will be welcomed!

*CHANGES in the SHOW PROGRAM regarding "Plant Classifications" of entries, and "Judging Scale" are as follows (see enclosed show flyer). Under "Plant Classifications", Divisions 3 and 4 are changing.

Division 3

Section A. Planters/Arrangements

A group of assorted plants in a container, rooted or unrooted, accessories permitted.

Section B. Dish Gardens

A miniature scene using plants and accessories; and, must show a means of entry.

Division 4 Miniatures

Plant not over 2 inches in any dimension not including container, flower, or stock.

Section A. Cacti

Class 1. Individual plant

Class 2. Collections of up to 10 plants

Section B. Other succulents

Class 1. Individual plant

Class 2. Collections of up to 10 plants

The "Judging Scale" should read:

Divisions 1 through 4

Condition.....70

Staging.....15

Size, Degree of Maturity.....10

Nomenclature.....5

NEW MEMBERS

Marianne Hillman

Jane A. Brubaker

Division 5

Educational Value.....80

Staging, Originality.....20

Division 6

Cultural, Artistic Values...100

Returning Member--

Nancy Birnbaum

** Bert Muensterman's husband has suffered another heart attack. He is now out of intensive care but still hospitalized. Our prayers and thoughts are with her.

Correction--

Barbara Allen's complete phone number is 1 [redacted]

** A message to the membership from Gladys Axcell.

of love and sympathy. In time I'm sure I'll be able to go out. It's not going to be easy. Thanks again and love to all."

Timmie's Sister, Gladys