

SOUTH COAST CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY

11th Annual Show and Sale

*at the
South Coast Botanic Gardens
26300 Crenshaw Boulevard
Palos Verdes Peninsula*

Entries accepted Friday, June 10, 3:00 to 10:00 PM

Show open Saturday, June 11, 12:00 AM to 4:30 PM

Sunday, June 12, 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT ...

HELP! HELP!! HELP!!!

So, help in any way you can to make this a super-successful show and sale. Some suggestions...Bring your potluck dishes for the Judges' Luncheon Saturday noon. (The more food brought, the more WE get after the luncheon!)...Come Friday afternoon at 3:00, or as soon thereafter as possible - there is tagging of plants to be done, as well as setting up sales and show areas...Bring your groomed show-ready plants and your donation plants with their nice clean faces!...Sales area will need help and show area will need people to watch over our plants...Bring small boxes and prepared grocery sacks for sales-plant carriers...Be there and be available - there are always ways in which you may be helpful.

LAST MONTH...Jim Hanna showed slides of 'how it was done' in previous shows, and Eleanor Barker gave instructions on grooming plants and how to make plant carriers from paper grocery sacks.

WELCOME...to new member Al Dovle

Ph. [redacted]

and, WELCOME BACK...to Patricia and Lezanne Bell

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REMEMBER...there will be a "members only" pre-sale of plants, at a 10% discount Friday night ONLY, from 7 to 8 o'clock.

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DID YOU KNOW...The First Annual Cactus Show was presented by the Cactus and Succulent Society of America August 29, 30, and 31, 1929; however, due to the enthusiasm shown, it spilled over into September 1st. This was "the first exhibition ever held devoted in its entirety to cacti and their kindred succulents" (taken from the October 1929 CSSA Journal), and was held in the greenhouses of Edward H. Rust Nurseries at Pasadena. Dr. Arthur D. Houghton was Show Chairman and J. A. Ekdorf of Pasadena was General Manager. There were 134 entries by 63 exhibitors coming from various California areas, and R. E. Hess clear from San Antonio, Texas!! Cactophiles looked forward with high expectation to seeing some of the most choice cacti from the collection of

William Hertrich, Then General Manager of the Huntington Foundation, who judged the show along with James West and Fritz Berger. Among the 61 categories were some unusual ones such as "Best Comedy Layout," "Best Collection of Freaks," "Best Collection of Plants with Regards to Fancy Pots or Containers," and "Collection of Insect Pests and Parasites, Inimical Moulds and Fungi"!!! There were many varied prizes awarded including cash amounts from \$1 to \$15; Cups; sterling silver cactus spoons; planters, pottery, bowls, and vases; plants such as a large clump of *Trichocereus schickendantzii*, *Lophophora williamsii*, *Pincenectia tuberculata*, and *Doryanthes palmeri* in a tub; and a "handsome garden smoking set." A few of the special awards given were for 'useful and decorative articles of cactus wood,' 'hand-tinted photos,' an educational exhibit entered by the Agricultural Commissioner of L.A. County; and to George Shaeffer who displayed the edible fruit of "Mexican *Opuntia*" with jars of canned "desert apples" and piles of the fresh fruit. Interestingly, "desert apples" were raised and shipped to the eastern markets. The 1st Place Sweepstakes award (a Cup presented by Mrs. Sherman Hoyt) seems to have gone to G. A. Frick for a collection of about 65 varieties of *Euphorbia*. Exhibits of an artistic nature - dish gardens, rockeries, planters, etc. - seemed to be popular. A ban was placed on using glazed pots for desert plants. The prize for the "Best and Rarest Plant Shown" was awarded to W. T. Beecroft for his *Mammillaria hahniana*.

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