



SOUTH COAST CACTUS
AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY

October 1984, NEWSLETTER

BUS TRIP

Sunday, October 14, 1984

TO: Jim, Ilsa & Barry PECK'S Cactus and Succulent Nursery, and
Woody & Tandra Minnich's CACTUS DATA PLANTS!

TIME: The bus leaves at 8 AM!!!!!!!and is due back at or before 5 PM.
Be at the South Coast Botanic Gardens, 26300 Crenshaw Boulevard,
Palos Verdes Peninsula BEFORE 8 AM. Gates will open about 7:45 AM.

BRING SACK LUNCH AND WEAR COMFORTABLE CLOTHES & SHOES ETC.

Proposed Schedule: 8 - 9 Travel to Peck's in Sylmar.
9 - 10 Look, see, and buy!
10 - 12 Travel thru scenic mountains to Woody's in
Littlerock.
12 - +2 Look, choose, buy!
+2 - 5 Return home. (Collect leftover change -
hah! - for bus driver's tip).
5 at latest Return home broke but happy.

IF YOU HAVE NOT SIGNED UP BUT WANT TO GO (OR HAVE A FRIEND WHO WANTS
TO GO) OR IF YOU DID SIGN UP BUT NOW CAN'T GO, CALL CAROL
KENNEDY AT 679-6021. She must have an accurate list. As of this
writing, between 25 and 30 persons are signed up for a bus which has
a capacity of 46. So there's still plenty of room.

*(Testimonial: Your editor hasn't been to Peck's yet, but
she has some fine plants from them - through local show
sales - including a fine Cycad. But she has been to
Woody's, where she went a little crazy and had to be
forcibly restrained from buying every cactus in sight!
There's also a remarkable Mammillaria reference collection.)*

Plant pictured above is *Melocactus erythracanthus* by James D. McMannis III of Ohio Univ-
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ELECTIONS IN NOVEMBER - 1985 Slate: President.....Carol Kennedy
First V P.....Ed Hancock
Second V P.....Jim Hanna
Secretary.....Bert Muensterman
Treasurer.....Virginia Russell

WE STILL NEED A 1985 SHOW CHAIRPERSON FOR THE SLATE! HOW 'BOUT IT?!

ADOPT-A-MOUND PROGRAM: Six people have signed up, but we need more people to mother-a-mound. Also, Ed's map and discussion of our South Coast Cactus Garden are separate from the October Newsletter, so they can be easily brought to the special Nov. meeting. Since we'll have time on the bus, perhaps we can informally discuss this and other matters like.....



THE NEW SHOW SCHEDULE FOR 1985: Bob Causey is putting a revised schedule together and wants your input. Bring any ideas you have about this or send them to Bob if you haven't already done so.

SHOW DATE: will be the 2nd weekend in June - which will correspond with our regular meeting time.

ROSTER - ADDRESS CHANGE: Please change new member Victor H. Rosario's address to

A PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION of West Texas Cacti and Succulents will be on display at the Natural History Museum (ground floor) from Nov. 6 to Feb. 4. This series of color photographs of the Franklin Mtns. near El Paso is by Clark Champie who has been studying and photographing cacti and succulents for about 20 years. Most of the photographs were taken in habitat.

The Natural History Museum is located at 900 Exposition Blvd. (Exposition Park) south of the Santa Monica Freeway. Hours are Tue.- Sun. 10 - 5 and cost is \$1.50 for adults and 75¢ for sr. cit.'s - this includes the Champie exhibit. Questions? Call Laura Boucher at

And while you're at the museum, you'll want to check out the roaring dinosaurs and other exhibits.

COMING SOON - A GARDENING EXTRAVAGANZA

Oct. 19 - 28 GARDEN SHOW '84
10 AM - 6 PM at the LA State and County Arboretum on Baldwin in Arcadia. All kinds of plants and supplies will be offered for sale. Last year they even had "killer snails" available.

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Drawing to the right is by Eleanor Barker and is from our Newsletter of April 1976.



I hope it will help and encourage you in identifying your plants. This month I will begin with body forms. In the following months I will cover such topics as flower forms, flower parts, petal (leaf) shape, and spines.

GLOSSARY - Body Forms

1. Arborescent - becoming tree-like
2. Bushy - bush shaped
3. Caespitose - forming tufted growth (growing in clusters)
4. Candelabra - branched
5. Columnar - column shaped (tall and thin)
6. Creeping - grows close to the surface, sometimes rooting at intervals
7. Cylindric - cylinder shaped (shorter and fatter)
8. Decumbent - growing with the base flat on the ground but the tip ascending (prostrate)
9. Diffuse - spreading away from one another
10. Flat jointed - ie. flat-padded Opuntias
11. Globose - spherical
12. Globose caespitose - globe shaped clusters
13. Repand - having wavy or uneven outline, tending to become sinuate (that is, winding in and out as a margin) as in *Opuntia dillenii*
14. Elliptical - long, oval, and equally rounded at both ends, as in *Opuntia ficus-indica*
15. Elongated - very slender in proportion to length, as in *Opuntia elata* v. *elongata*
16. Oblong - elliptical, the length being twice or thrice the width, as in *Opuntia maxima*
17. Orbicular - perfectly or very nearly circular, said of a flat body like a leaf, petal or pad, as in *Opuntia setispina*
18. Obovate - inversely ovate; egg shaped with the point of attachment at the narrow end, as in *Opuntia affina*

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