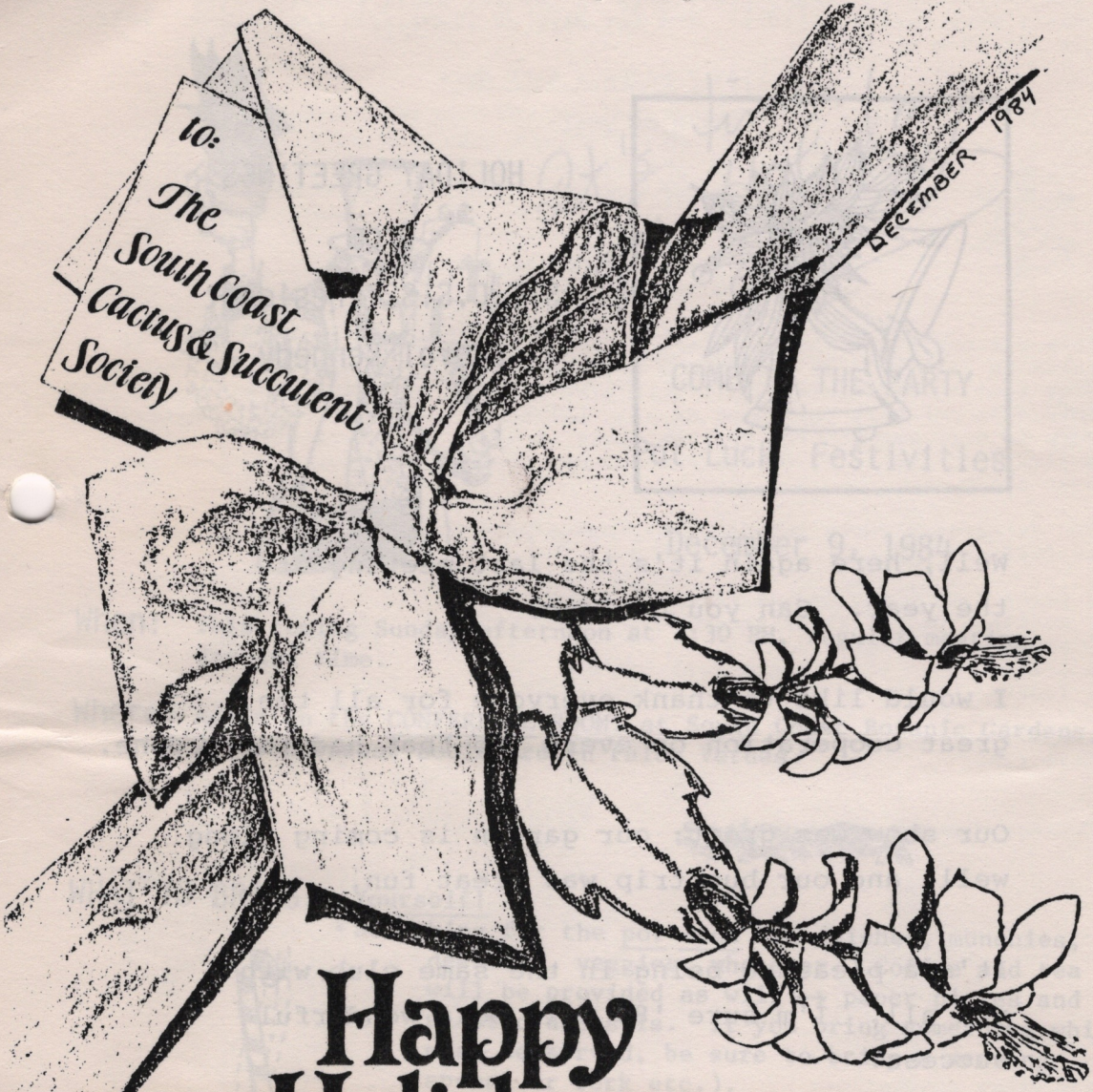


DECEMBER 1984

To:  
The  
South Coast  
Cactus & Succulent  
Society



# Happy Holidays

"MAY THE WARM WINDS OF HEAVEN BLOW SOFTLY ON YOUR HOUSE,  
AND MAY THE GREAT SPIRIT BLESS ALL WHO ENTER THERE."

- CHEROKEE INDIAN BLESSING



HOLIDAY GREETINGS  
from  
S.C.C.S.S. President  
Carol Kennedy

Well, here again it's the last meeting of the year. Can you believe?

I would like to thank everyone for all the great cooperation on every job that had to be done.

Our show was great; our garden is coming along well; and our bus trip was great fun.

It's a pleasure being in the same club with you all. I'm sure '85 will be a wonderful success.

Sincere thanks and HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!

Carol Kennedy, Pres.





*It's time  
for Holiday  
fun*

COME TO THE PARTY

Pot Luck Festivities

December 9, 1984

**When:** This coming Sunday afternoon at 1:30 PM, regular meeting day and time.

**Where:** Again in the CONFERENCE ROOM. at South Coast Botanic Gardens, 26300 Crenshaw Boulevard in Palos Verdes.



**WHAT TO BRING:** • Yourself!

- Something for the pot luck (sandwiches, munchies, desserts, veggies, whatever. Coffee and tea will be provided as will → paper plates and plastic utensils. If you bring something which must be served, be sure to bring a serving spoon, or fork etc.).
- Optional plant related gift (low-cost) wrapped and ready for the exchange. Bring one - get one!
- Decorated plant or super-bloomer, if you wish, to decorate the halls! But no formal bragging table will be held this month.
- Name tag - a big help when socializing!



**B E . T H E R E ! ! !**

The following is from the bulletin of the St. Louis society: the Henry Shaw Cactus Society. I'm not sure of the date - sometime in the 50's or 60's. Ed.

SO LITTLE MAKES A NICE ONE!

A NICE WHAT?

## CORSAGE

by

MR. FRANK W. MUCHOW JR.  
Overland, Missouri

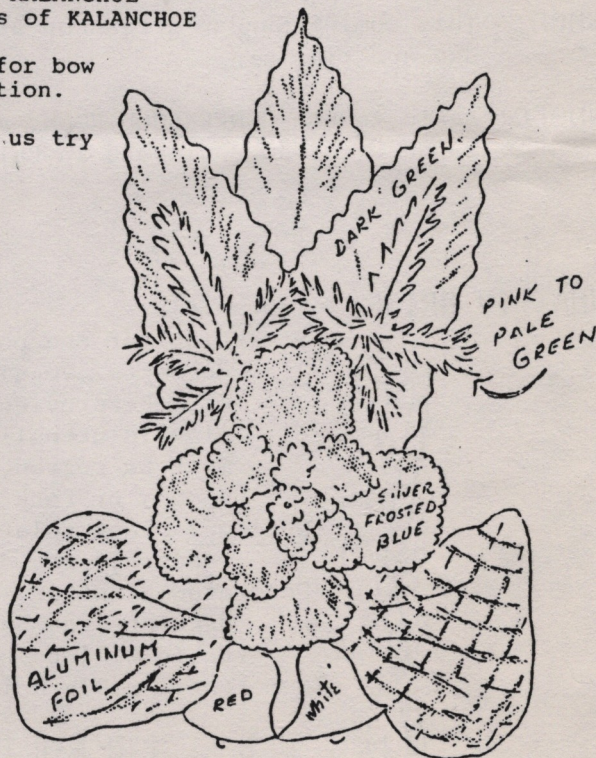
This was our plant for the month of December - a Succulent Corsage. It takes so little, 2 or 3 cuttings or even a few leaves make a good corsage. Some seem to exclaim: "What, take a cutting off of my plant and spoil it?" This does not hurt the plant at all, but helps it to get bushy. After you have no more use for the Corsage, take it apart and reroot the cuttings. I always do that. By doing this you can use the same cuttings over and over again.

The cuttings, leaves and material that I used to make the corsage were as follows:

- 3 large dark green leaves of the KALANCHOE
- 2 cuttings of different varieties of KALANCHOE
- 1 rosette of ECHEVERIA
- 1 8-inch piece of aluminum foil for bow
- 2 frosted bells for added attraction.

Simple, isn't it? Let's more of us try next time.

Corsage drawn by the writer.



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(The same principles hold true for wreaths and other decorations made of succulents. Also, these leaf succulents can make good package decorations.....also centerpieces, place setting decorations, not to mention conversation pieces.... Be sure to use non-poisonous, non-spiny lea succulents. ed.)

FROM DESERT PLANT LIFE, Nov. 1940:

Small plants do better when kept in a little nursery of their own, like a flat or box where many other plantlets may grow with them and keep them company. When seedlings are transplanted for the first time into tiny pots they should still be set in a flat with soil surrounding them to keep conditions uniform.



Euphorbias suffer from dryness of the tip if they are kept too dry. This makes its appearance preferably on slender stems. Usually they recover at the advent of spring, but a bare, unsightly, unattractive area remains.



AND FROM DEC. 1947:

FASHION NOTE: new-season dresses, suits and coats . . . to choose in California-desert colors: clay shades from sand beige to adobe brown, glowing-sunset purple, red or pink, boulder grey and cactus mutation greens.

ADV. FROM L.A. TIMES



There is an old desert legend that cacti around you bring sunshine and happiness into your life, and if you make a wish for health and happiness when they bloom, your wish will come true.

## Cactus and Succulent Garden Progress Report

This report will set forth the general determinations and recommendations derived from the special C&S Garden meeting held in November 1984. The specific objectives of this meeting were to elicit recommendations and suggestions as to the best plant dispositions relative to the present garden configuration. Such recommendations were to be based on the map and dissertation attached to the October 1984 newsletter. In addition volunteers were requested to head up a specific mound (1) or become affiliated with one and become a "Moundperson".

The meeting was considered constructive in that some good recommendations and responses were received from those in attendance. We would like to get responses and commitments from those who were unable to attend before all final determinations are concluded. So let's hear from you!!

### November Recommendations and Volunteers are: (Please refer to your area map)

<u>Mound One</u>	<u>Genera</u>	<u>Volunteer(s)</u>
Caudiciforms/ Xerophytes	Fouquieria - Idria - Calibanus Bofane - Alluaudia - Dioscorea - Beaucarnea, etc.	Sean Fleming
<u>Mound Two</u> Tall Cactus & Succulents	Rebutia - Echeveria - Mesembryanthemum - Lobivia, etc.	Jim Hanna
<u>Mound Three</u> Small Barrel Cactus	Mammillaria - Notocactus - Gymnocalycium - Discocactus - Echinopsis, etc.	Ed Hancock
<u>Mound Four</u> Shade Succulents and Speciality Plants	Haworthia - Gasteria - Dudleya Cleistocactus - Lange Echeverias, etc.	Mary Belle Wallenhorst, Harry Geiger, Donothy Yakovbi
<u>Mound Five &amp; Six</u> African Succulents	Large & Small Euphorbias - Aloes - Pachypodium, etc.	Carol Kennedy Bert Muensterma Virginia Russel Virginia O'Neil
<u>Mound Seven</u> All Types of -	Opuntias	Doug Rawcliffe
<u>Mound Eight</u> Large Barrel Tall Cereus	Echinocactus - Echinocereus Cereus (tall) - Ferrocactus	Vacant

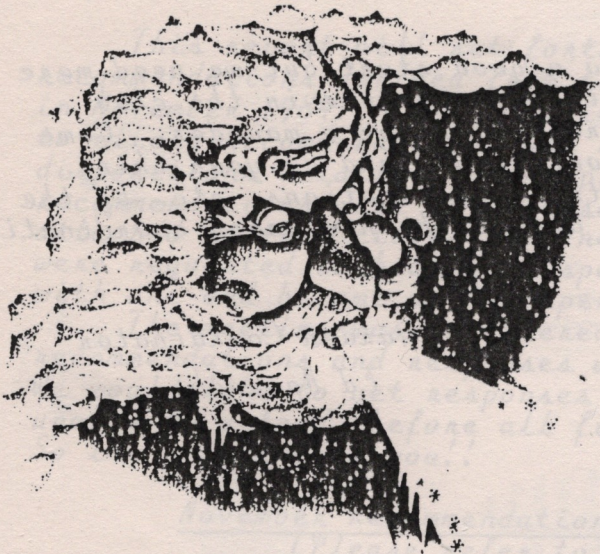
As you can see we are off to a good start but we need more suggestions and volunteers. Reminders, everyone in the club should be a part of the Garden Project and be a mounder. Come to the Botanic Garden a couple hours early and do your thing. If we can finalize all assignments, determinations, etc. by the January 1985 meeting we than can affect the necessary coordination to be ready for Spring planting.

Garden Coordinator  
Ed Hancock



the Happiest of Holidays!

FROM THE LONG BEACH CACTUS  
CLUB NEWSLETTER FOR NOV.  
1984, COMES THE FOLLOWING:



You say you need to buy another  
cactus like you need a another  
hole in the head - ah but can you  
resist!?

DEPARTMENT OF JUST-ONE-MORE!  
(OR TWO, OR THREE...)

Cactus Hunting Safari  
to the Wilds of the  
San Gabriel Valley

There are some fine plants for sale  
from private collections available  
now; and if you plan and call ahead  
you should be able to visit all in  
one day - and see parts of the San  
Gabriel Valley at the same time.  
Remember, you must call first!

1. John Trager (818-799-2318, South Pasadena area) is selling extra plants from his collection to get more of that valuable commodity - room! There are many unusual cacti including many for the intermediate and advanced collector especially. Matucanas, interesting Neoporterias, Parodias, Copiapoas, Mamms - different forms of the same species etc. found by John in seed batches at Abbey Garden. There is also (or was as of last weekend) a nice Pachycaul about to bloom - it may have been a Pachypodium - I don't recall. Also there's a Sedum sieboldii variegata and others potted and ready to go!

2. Virginia and LaVere Shambeau (818-286-6583, San Gabriel area) are selling most of their beautiful collection of cacti and succulents including gorgeous leaf succulents of various hues and shapes. These are excellent for the beginner and advanced growers alike, and as of last weekend there were also specimen Burseras, a specimen Tylecodon dinteri, specimen Agaves, some Pachypodiums, Caralluma nebrownii, a greenhouse full of cactus and Aloes - including minis - also large clusters of Echinopsis and Lobivia, and medium and huge specimens in the ground you can dig up. I brought home several of these and was amazed at the gorgeous roots - no visible root mealties and no visible root knot nematodes. (Of course any plant growing in the ground won't be sterile and so shouldn't share bench or drip space with those in sterile soil) And when I say specimen size I mean biggies but at excellent prices. These aren't discounted and shouldn't be, but most in pots are. So the value is great.



3. Reba and Al Smith (818-332-7741, Covina area) have both cactus and succulents for sale in a special area in their yard. There are Euphorbias and Aloes and even some terrestrial bromeliads and as well as cactus - plants for the beginner as well as intermediate and advanced.

4. Chet Jelly (818-448-3745, El Monte area) is in the process of moving and so has extras for sale. Many need to be restarted - as leaf succulents often eventually must be - but these are tough plants for the beginner especially. But some of these plants need work. There are Euphorbias, cactus, succulents, and bromeliads.

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Plants for the specialist are almost impossible to buy for someone else or to put on a Santa Wish List, but books are a little easier.

1. The 1985 Kakteen Calendar, beautifully photographed with text in English is available from Marin Cactus Patch, 61 Granada Dr., Corte Madera, Ca. 94925. \$6.50 + 6% tax for one, multiples are less. (3 calendars \$18.50 + tax = 19.61).

If you order from Mrs. Lois Glass, 26 Thakeham Dr., Worthing BN 12 5 BB England (slow boat mail) you can skip the 6% but your postal stamp to her is a bit more. 1 calendar is \$6.50, 3 calendars are \$11.50 and 10 calendars is \$46.35.

2. Rainbow Gardens Bookshop has a fine selection of books new and used - also photocopy reprints of interesting things like a 59 page work called "Monstrosity and Crystation in Succulent Plants." Also stationaery, also Bromeliad books. Special sale list thru 1-15-85. Their catalog costs 25¢ and can easily be marked for Santa! They also grow and sell epiphytes. So if you can't wait for Santa you may wish to actually visit - it's fun - but call first as their nursery-bookshop is also home! 213-697-1488, PO Box 721, 1574 E. Dorothea Rd, La Habra, Ca. 90633-0721.

It won't be on their list, but Rainbow has a new children's book on cactus and succulents which is a visual delight for adult cactophiles. It's The Prickly Plant Book, for \$3.95 and I suspect some of you would like it a lot.



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THE ALWAYS VIGILANT  
CACTOPHILE SNUFFS THE  
AIR AND OTHERWISE CHECKS  
OUT THE FICKLE FALL  
WEATHER.....AND PROVIDES  
HIS PLANTS THE NECESSARY  
PROTECTION!

THE FOLLOWING IS REPRINTED FROM THE HENRY SHAW CACTUS DIGEST,  
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CASTOR OIL SEEMS JUST WHAT CACTUS ORDERED - From Rockford Register Star, Rockford,  
Ill, Feb. 5 (year not shown)

Remember those days when castor oil was the answer for everything?

You felt a little under the weather - when your pick up and go picked up and went? A little castor oil mixed in orange juice to kill the taste was just what the doctor ordered.

A whole generation of Americans was raised on castor oil, but who ever heard of feeding a Christmas cactus a bottle of castor oil?

Irene Bunde, Evansville (Wisc.), said her mother-in-law did it for years.

"She claimed it made the leaves nice and shiny," Bunde explained.

It must have been just what the plant needed. The cactus is now more than 75 years old, has a leaf extension of 76 inches and it takes two men to move it to its summer location out on the front porch.

It spends winters in a cool room with a southern exposure in Irene Bunde's house, and shows its appreciation by presenting as many as 300 bright pink, lantern-like blossoms from Christmas to Easter.

Irene Bunde inherited the cactus from her mother and father-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Bunde, 15 years ago.

"It's the largest and healthiest I've ever seen," said Irene Bunde. "In my opinion, it thrives on neglect. I water it every 10 days and less than that when it rests."

About eight years ago, the plant was repotted from an old dish pan into a large clay pot about 10 inches in diameter. It took two years to bloom again after the shock of transplanting. When the roots are cramped, it seems to enhance the flower production.

Bunde said it is recommended that a Christmas cactus be kept outdoors from spring to fall where it will get some sunlight, shade and rain.

The botanical name for the plant is *Zygocactus truncatus* and the plants are indigenous to the mountain forests of Brazil where they grow in the crotches of tree

"I've stopped feeding it castor oil or plant food," Bunde said. "It's already like a tree. I'd rather it wouldn't grow any bigger."

(Botanical name now *Schlumbergera* - Ed.)

[I am trying this - we shall see]

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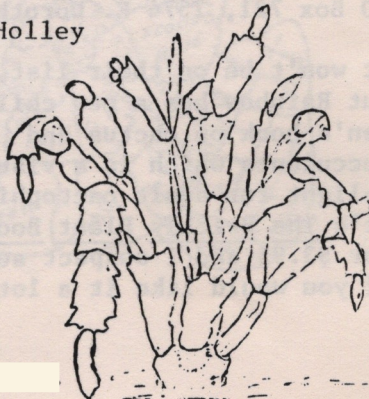
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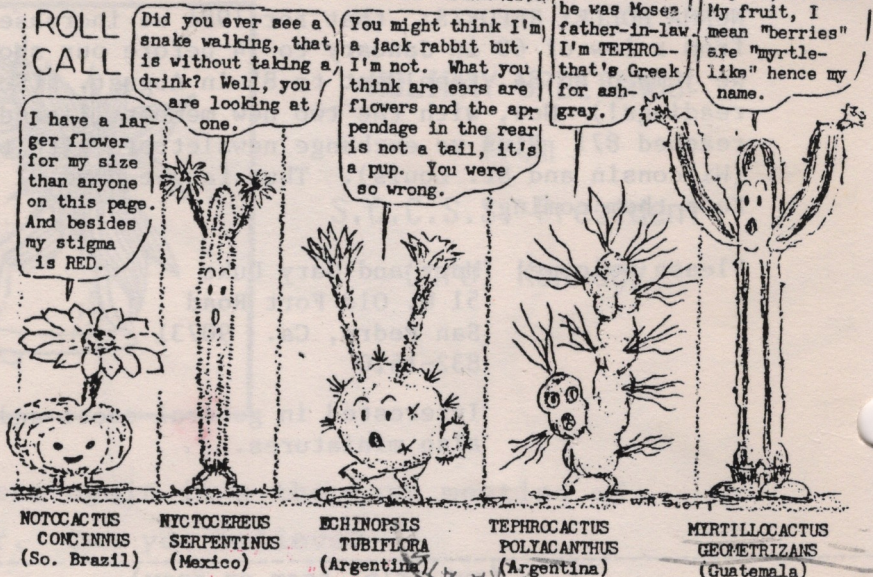
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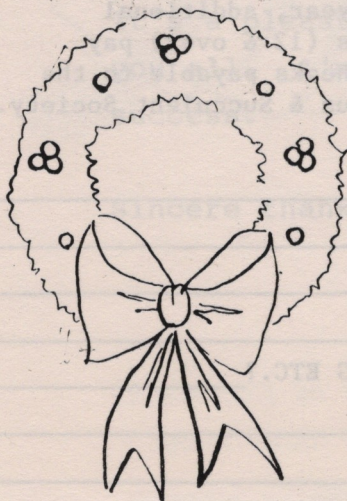
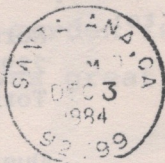


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It takes the sum of each of us formed in the mass of our aggregate thoughts to produce the great mosaic of life. --- is.



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