

SOUTH COAST CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 1985

PROGRAM: DATE: SUNDAY
AUGUST 11
1:30 P.M.

South Coast Botanic Gardens
26300 Crenshaw Boulevard
Palos Verdes Peninsula

Leo Pickoff will present his slide program titled "THOSE LITTLE STINKERS" - about the Stapeliads and their highly evolved and curiously shaped and scented "carrion" flowers! The photography is fabulous; the Stapeliad flowers stunning close up! Come, learn and enjoy. Meet fine people and remarkable plants.

REFRESHMENTS:

Joining Verna McCarty
[redacted] will be
Gary Duke, Roz Hancock,
Dorothy Herrera, and
Beatrice Gonzalez.
Thank you!

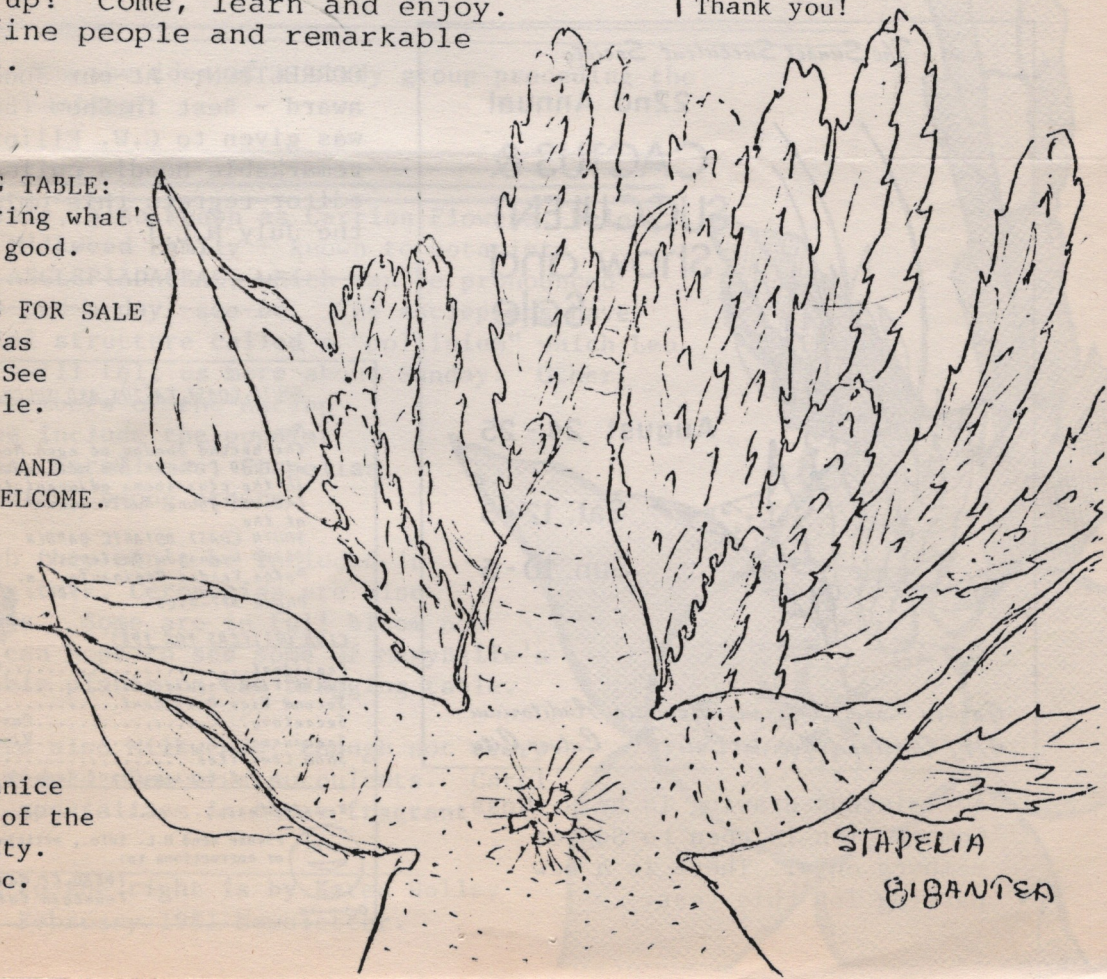
BRAGGING TABLE:

Yes! Bring what's
looking good.

SUPPLIES FOR SALE
BY CLUB as
usual. See
Mary Belle.

VISITORS AND
GUESTS WELCOME.

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is by Eunice
Messner of the
Orange Cty.
C & S Soc.



REBUILDING

Dick Wright, who lost his home, personal belongings, and most of his nursery to fire, needs labeled seed of any c & s, packaged in paper, not plastic, and sent to him at R. 3, Box 21, De Luz Rd., Fallbrook, Ca. 92028. It will be a long haul, but he has already begun work on his nursery (while living in a borrowed trailer).

DUDLEYAS: Last month's program on these relatives of the Echeverias was reportedly one too good to miss. But some of us did, alas. Don't miss out this month!

Coming in September: Henry Varney will speak to us on Adromischus, small, highly colored succulents suitable even for sunny windowsills. He'll show us his exquisite slides, and tell us how to grow these little jewels.

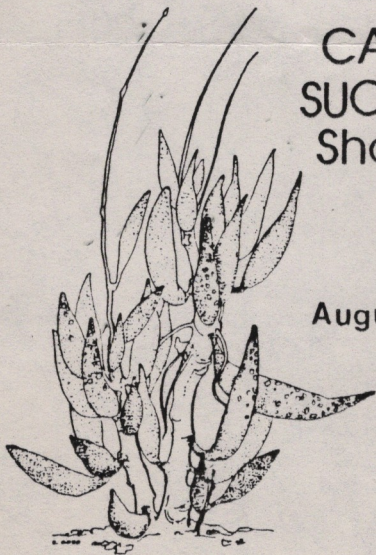
The Sunset Succulent Society

22nd Annual
**CACTUS &
SUCCULENT
Show and
Sale**

August 24 - 25

Sat. 12 - 5

Sun. 10 - 5



Garden Room, Veterans Memorial Auditorium
4777 Overland Ave. (at Culver) - Culver City

Adromischus drawing is by S. Goss.
Competition is open to Sunset
members only. There is a new
parking lot this year.

CORRECTION: At our June show a new award - Best in Show (bar none!) - was given to C.W. Elliott for his remarkable Hoodia collection. The editor regrets this omission from the July N.L.!

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Meets
the second Sunday of each Month
at 1:30 P.M. in the afternoon
in the classrooms adjacent to the
Frances Young Auditorium
at the
SOUTH COAST BOTANIC GARDEN
26300 Crenshaw Boulevard
Palos Verdes Peninsula, Ca. 90274
Phone 377-0468



CLUB OFFICERS FOR 1985

President.....Carol Kennedy
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Bob Causey, Carol Kennedy, Joycelyn Yee

Newsletter.....Carol Wujcik



Please send N.L. info., articles
or corrections to:

Optimistic

Everybody, please "label yourself" with your NAME BADGE. New members, guests, and the hopelessly forgetful will thank you.

Norma Holley reports we have a new member from the north. Please welcome G. Stanley, 6736 Fulton Street, San Francisco, Ca. 94121.

Our show turned a profit! Virginia Russell reports that we are \$2,476.65 richer (and that's after expenses). Thank you again to everybody who worked so hard in both the show and sales areas-especially sales area chrmn. Ed Hancock and Jim Hanna.

At our meeting this month Barbara Allen will report on nurseries she visited this past weekend. We'll need to finalize plans for the October bus trip.

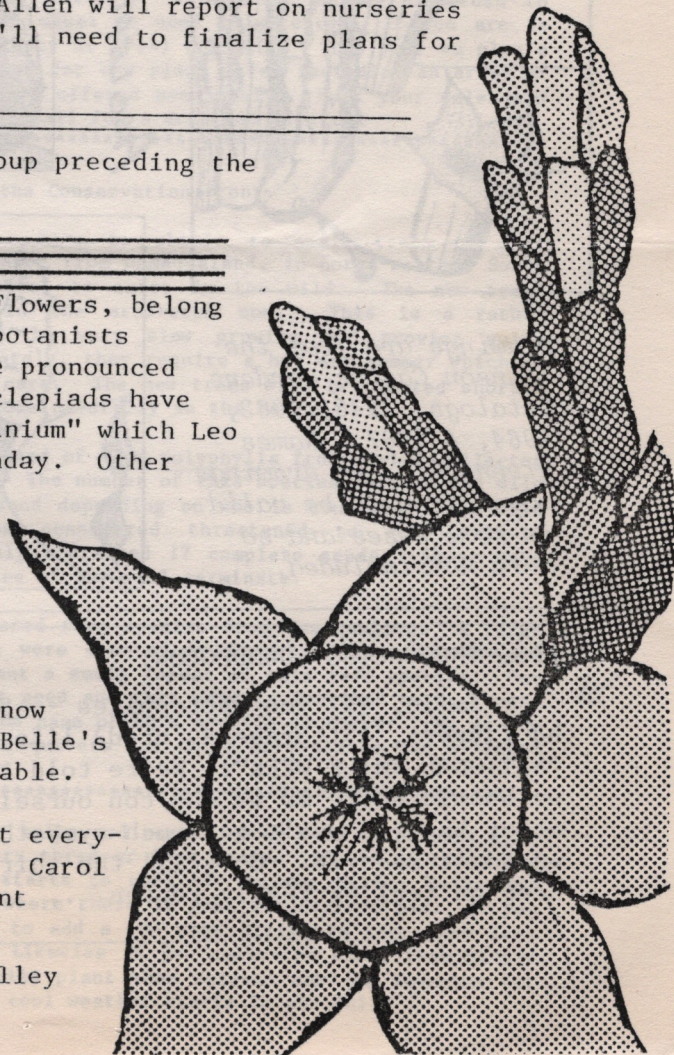
Do you like the idea of a study group preceding the regular meeting?

Stapeliads, also known as Carrion Flowers, belong to the Milkweed Family - known to botanists as the ASCLEPIADACEAE, which can be pronounced as-klee-pee-a-day'-see-ee. The Asclepiads have a special structure called a "pollinium" which Leo Pickoff will tell us more about Sunday. Other family members of the Asclepiadaceae include the popular Huernias, Carallumas, Stapelias, and Hoodias, among others.

Although they won't be included in Sunday's talk, Ceropegias are also Milkweeds. Some are in full bloom now and we can hope to see some of MaryBelle's remarkable plants on the bragging table.

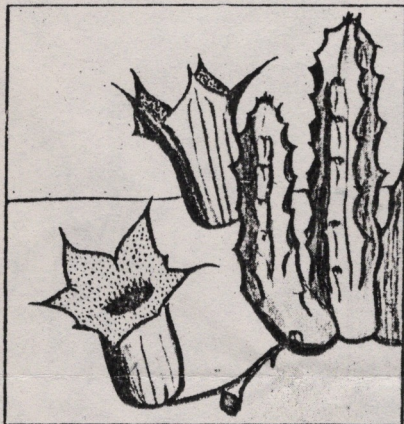
Hoyas are also Milkweeds, though not everyone considers them true succulents. Carol Kennedy specializes in these fragrant bloomers.

Drawing to the right is by Karen Holley for our February 1981 Newsletter.

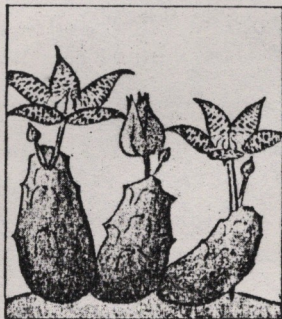


Sorry not to see more South Coasters in San Diego. Perhaps it was partly a case of so near yet so far. In 1987 the Convention will be in Tempe, Arizona, which is far, but not too far. So save your pennies.

And for a report on the San Diego Convention just past, look for it in Eleanor's National Newsletter - the next two issues. You say you're not yet a subscriber? See Eleanor pronto!

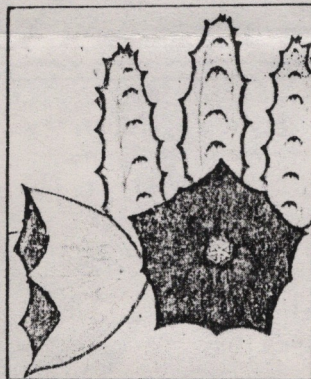


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Drawings are from the Johnson Cactus Gardens Catalogs, 1948, 1962, 1964, & 1967. Names given with the drawings may no longer be valid in some cases and so were not included.



from THE CACTUS CURMUDGEON:

Smile, all you cactophiles -- Smile, even though your a) hand, b) fingers, c) forehead, or d) life may be full of glochids. It's "NATIONAL SMILE WEEK"! We're told that even if we feel really rotten we should smile so we can con ourselves into feeling better. On the other hand we won't get much sympathy that way. On yet the other hand we won't need it. On still the third hand it may be more fun just to keep on feeling really rotten....



UCI ARBORETUM BULB SALE: AUGUST 17th at 10:00 AM at the Arboretum near cnr. Jamboree and Campus in Irvine, 714-856-5833. Last month our N.L. discussed what this Arboretum is trying to do to preserve Aloes as well as bulbs and corms. Those of you interested in the latter will want to check out this sale. Also there will be some plants offered including Lantana 'Kriedler's Gold', Brighamia citrina, 12 dif. Iris species, Cyrtanthus. I'll bring my preview listing to the meeting for anyone interested in bulbs to see. - C.W.

UCI Newsletter

Summer 1985

ANNUAL BULB AND PLANT SALE
SATURDAY AUGUST 17, 1985
10:00 A.M. GATES OPEN

Yes, its getting to be that time of the year again. The bulbs are going dormant and we are getting a few weeks of a breather before the rush to prepare for the annual sale. As usual we need volunteers. If you are to volunteer please contact Bill Fogarty at (714) 856-5833. This year we plan a series of new surprises and goodies for the plant sale, including an array of Iris species and other monocots not offered previously. Mark your calendars and tell your friends. Watch your mail for a detailed listing.

News from the Conservation Front.

We were fortunate enough to be able to obtain to small trees of Aloe pillansii. This is a rare tree Aloe from Namaqualand, in north-western South Africa. Only 30 trees are reputed to exist in the wild. The new trees augment the one tree growing in the arboretum now. This is a rather beautiful, slender species that is very slow growing and proving quite difficult to keep going. Fortunately, they require a hot dry summer which we can provide without any special care. The new trees will be planted shortly but not watered until the rains come naturally in the Fall.

Another rare aquisition has been seed of Aloe polyphylla from a wild collected source in the country of Lesotho. The number of this species left in the wild varies from 200 to several thousand depending on who is counting. Any wild population under 5,000 can be considered threatened to some extent. Unfortunately our seed sample only contained 12 complete seeds. These have been planted and we now wait to see if any will germinate.

Aloe dichotoma is another endangered tree species from Namaqualand. A large number of trees of this species were donated by Grigsby Cactus Gardens of Vista, California and we will plant a small forest of this rare species. Our own plant of A. dichotoma has set seed and that seed is destined to be frozen for future generations. The common name of this species is Quiver Tree as the bushmen of that area used to make quivers for their arrows from the hollowed out branches.

This is a good time to repot your bulbs and corms. They seem to benefit from being separated and replanted every three or four years. If you do repot now do not water until the weather starts to cool off in the Fall. Bulbs and corms can also be stored cleaned where there is good air circulation. If you keep them in a box you may want to add a "No pest Strip" to keep them free from mealy-bug and other pests. Likewise if you collected seed, from winter blooming bulbous and cormous species plant them between now and November but once again do not water until the cool weather starts in the Fall.

CACTUS ART REPORT

The Art-A-Fair Festival in Laguna Beach includes both fine arts and crafts, and this year cactus-as-subject shows up several times in the work of various artists. Not all the renderings are botanically accurate nor are they necessarily meant to be. Still, discrepancies can be disturbing to the cactophile unless the changes are obviously design related (or dictated).

My favorite work at the 1985 Art-A-Fair is a pencil drawing by Patti Smith titled "Where the Desert Breaks." Divided into three diagonal sections, the bottom right features an (emerging? overwhelmed?) Agave; the midsection on the diagonal, pictures what may be dunes; and the upper left may depict rocks - maybe. Whatever the interpretation, it's a gorgeous thing. So why didn't I buy it?...It costs \$900. (Generally, the best is the most expensive. Prices start at \$12).

Other works of interest were by Mark Blake (purple-\$aguaro), Mark Wening (watercolor and acrylic), B. Costello (watercolor), and Andrew Shumaker with photos of desert dunes, rocks, and other natural subjects with their textures splendidly reproduced. And for feline fanciers, cat-as-subject (sometimes gaggingly cute) is even more popular this year at Art-A-Fair.

Down the road at the Sawdust Festival, I recall only one artist, Kate Weiss, using cacti - specifically, small Opuntia pads juxtaposed with a planet or spaceship, all pictured on funky type ceramics (including jewelry). Since I like the cactus-outer space connection, I bought a footed vase. It would make a neat trophy for "Weirdest Cactus in Show".

As for the Festival of the Arts even farther down Laguna Canyon Road, I can't report as I haven't been. Yet.

Is it worth the drive? I doubt it - unless you live relatively close by. But if you do go on a weekend, go early! Be there by 10AM, or regret it! Once you find a parking space stay put and travel by tram to the various festivals. Wear comfortable shoes. The three festivals run through August. The following info is from Art-A-Fair. ♡ - Carol

DATES: July 6 through September 1

ADMISSION: General \$2.00, Family \$10.00, Season Pass, \$20.00, Senior Citizens \$1.00, children under 12 FREE.

HOURS: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., Sun. through Thurs.
10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Fri. and Sat.

VISA and MASTERCARD welcome



For More Information Call:
(714) 494-4514

THE SECOND HUNTINGTON SYMPOSIUM ON SUCCULENT PLANTS

Saturday, September 28, 1985

Friends Hall, Huntington Botanical Gardens

1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA 91108

SCHEDULE

- 8:00 - 8:55 Registration
- 8:55 - 9:00 INTRODUCTION - Myron Kinnach, Huntington Botanical Gardens.
- 9:00 - 9:50 SYSTEMATICS OF THE GENUS CORYPHANTHA (CACTACEAE) - Allan Zimmerman, University of Texas.
- 9:50 - 10:40 EVOLUTION AND SYSTEMATICS OF NEOTROPICAL JATROPHA AND CNIDOSCOLUS (EUPHORBACEAE) - Grady Webster, University of California, Davis.
- 10:40 - 11:00 Coffee Break
- 11:00 - 11:50 THE ORIGINS OF EPIPHYTIC CACTI - Myron Kinnach.
- 11:50 - 1:00 Box lunch (included in the registration fee) in the Palm Garden.
- 12:30 - 1:30 Tours of the Desert Garden and the Desert Garden Conservatory (Optional)
- 1:30 - 2:20 ENVIRONMENTAL INFLUENCES ON AGAVES - IMPLICATIONS FOR ESTABLISHMENT, TOLERANCES, AND PRODUCTIVITY - Park Nobel, University of California, Los Angeles.
- 2:20 - 3:10 POLYPLOIDY IN ECHEVERIA (CRASSULACEAE) - Charles Uhl, Cornell University.
- 3:10 - 4:10 Refreshments on the Garden Terrace. The Conservatory will be open.
- 4:10 - 5:00 THE CLASSIFICATION OF CACTI ABOVE THE SPECIES LEVEL - Arthur Gibson, University of California, Los Angeles.
- 5:00 - 6:00 Free time. Plant sale will be in the Arcade and the Desert Garden will be open.
- 6:00 - 6:30 Wine/Cheese social on the Garden Terrace.
- 6:30 - 7:30 Optional Banquet.
- 7:30 - 8:30 Panel Discussion: SPECIES CRITERIA FOR THE CACTACEAE.
- 8:30 - 9:45 Rare Plant Auction (Credit cards not accepted).

Deadline for advance registration is September 15, 1985. Receipt of registration forms and checks will be acknowledged by mail.

Please note: The registration fee includes the box lunch. You may register for the optional banquet or dine in Pasadena. A list of hotel/motel accommodations and restaurants will be provided on request.

For further information please telephone or write: James Folsom, Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA 91108 - (818) 405-2162.

REGISTRATION FORM
(Please Print)

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

ADVANCE REGISTRATION FEE	\$30.00
(\$35.00 after September 15, 1985)	
OPTIONAL BANQUET AT THE HUNTINGTON	\$20.00
(\$25.00 after September 15, 1985)	

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____

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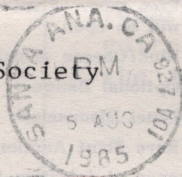


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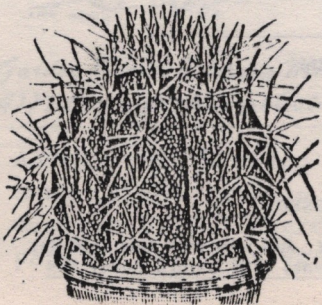
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