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thanks*

south coast Cactus &  
Succulent Society

NOVEMBER 1985 NEWSLETTER

## 1986 DUES!!!!

It would be a tremendous help to our Membership Chairman Norma Holley if everyone would pay their 1986 dues before the end of the year, and for sure before January 15 to be included in the 1986 Roster. Dues are still a bargain at \$5 per member plus \$1 for each additional household member (12 years old and over). Please make checks payable to South Coast Cactus & Succulent Society. Norma will be at Sunday's meeting, or mail the dues to her at:

Norma Holley  
[Redacted]

THANK YOU EVERYONE!

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## 1986 OFFICERS SLATE

During last month's bus trip, the nominating committee announced the following slate of officers for 1986: Ed Hancock for President, Sean Fleming for 1st VP, Jim Hanna for 2nd VP (Programs), Dorothy McArthur for Secretary, and Virginia Russell for Treasurer. Regretably Ed Hancock has asked to be withdrawn from the slate. So the official slate is technically without a nominee for President. However, the committee has obtained Eleanor Barker's approval to be nominated as President from the floor. Any other nominations from the floor for any office will be welcomed -- but be sure you have the nominee's approval! We vote this Sunday.

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ARTWORK on the cover of this newsletter is by the talented Michon Witters and is from the banquet brochure from the 1985 CSSA Convention. Michon designed the brochure - from which we've also borrowed the line of Saguaros and the Saguaro stamp... with permission. Thanks Michon!

### SOUTH COAST CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY

South Coast Botanic Garden (excepting field trips)  
26300 Crenshaw Boulevard  
Palos Verdes Peninsula, Ca. 90274  
Phone 377-0468

Second Sunday of each month, 1:30 PM



#### CLUB OFFICERS FOR 1985

Area Code 213 except where noted

President.....Carol Kennedy,  
First VP.....Ed Hancock,  
Second VP (Programs) .....Jim Hanna,  
Secretary.....Dorothy McArthur,  
Treasurer.....Virginia Russell,  
Show Committee.....Norma Holley, Bob Causey, Carol Kennedy, Joycelyn Yee

NEWSLETTER Editor.....Carol Wujcik, [Redacted]

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

## COME TO THE NOVEMBER MEETING

DATE: Sunday, November 10 at 1:30 PM (no study group this month)

PROGRAM: The ebullient Victor Turecek will show us more of his beloved Argentinian cacti, people, and places. Don't miss it!

WHERE: South Coast Botanic Gardens, 26300 Crenshaw Boulevard, Palos Verdes Peninsula

REFRESHMENTS: Norma Holley, Carol Kennedy, Dorothy McArthur, and MaryBelle Wallenhorst will join Verna McCarty ( ).  
THANK YOU!

PLANT SALES: We expect Victor to bring plants for sale.

BRAGGING TABLE: Bring what looks good or what's interesting. Quite a few c & s are blooming: Ariocarpus, some Mams, some Astrophytums, even the occasional Coryphantha and Fero., also some Euphorbias, Echeverias, Senecios, Mesems, & others.

NO STUDY GROUP THIS MONTH: Although Ed Hancock didn't contact the N.L., presumably there will be no study group in Nov. as Ed won't be able to be at the meeting.

HOWEVER! We hope Bob Causey will resolve last September's cliffhanger:  
Do cacti have spines, prickles or thorns?!

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THE OCTOBER BUS TRIP: We had a good turnout for our enjoyable October trip to Altman's Nursery and Tropic World in the San Marcos area. But it's not too soon to think about the April trip next spring. One suggestion given to Carol Kennedy is to visit the Desert Nursery in Riverside.

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Pictured to the right is Dorothy McArthur clutching her pocketbook at Altman's - probably to no avail. Most wallets & pocket-books were considerably lighter by trip's end!



Pictured to the left is Carol Kennedy our 1985 President and Ed Hancock, '85 1st VP. It looks like Ed has chosen a Sansevieria, perhaps Bantel's Sensation. Most of the Sansevierias, especially the variegates, like to winter indoors where it's warm. Now is the time to bring in all those plants you want to overwinter in this way.



Verna McCarty has found something good - caudex-forming Ficus.



OCTOBER

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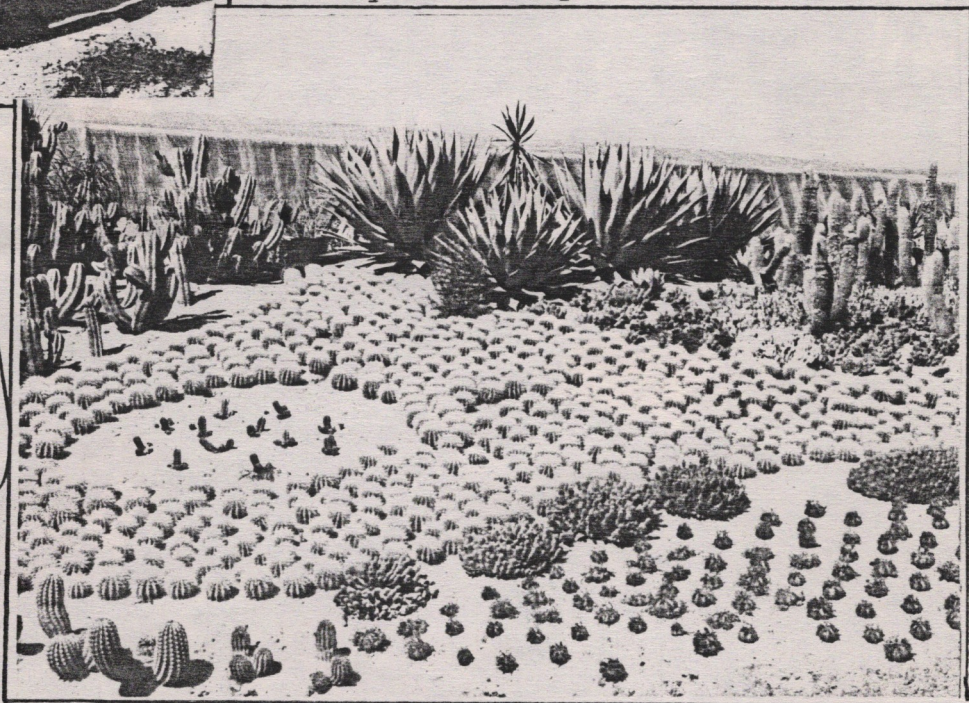


Paul Hutchinson of Tropic World points to large clusters of Dudleya pachyphytum growing on sloping well-drained ground right out in the open. They like our weather and prefer not to be stuck in a stuffy greenhouse.

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The picture below shows Paul Hutchinson's interest in using cacti and the other succulents in the landscape in the same way a painter uses color and texture on canvas. The plants are grouped for effect, not for any botanical purpose.

However, think about replanting every other golden barrel in a few years! Maybe sooner...



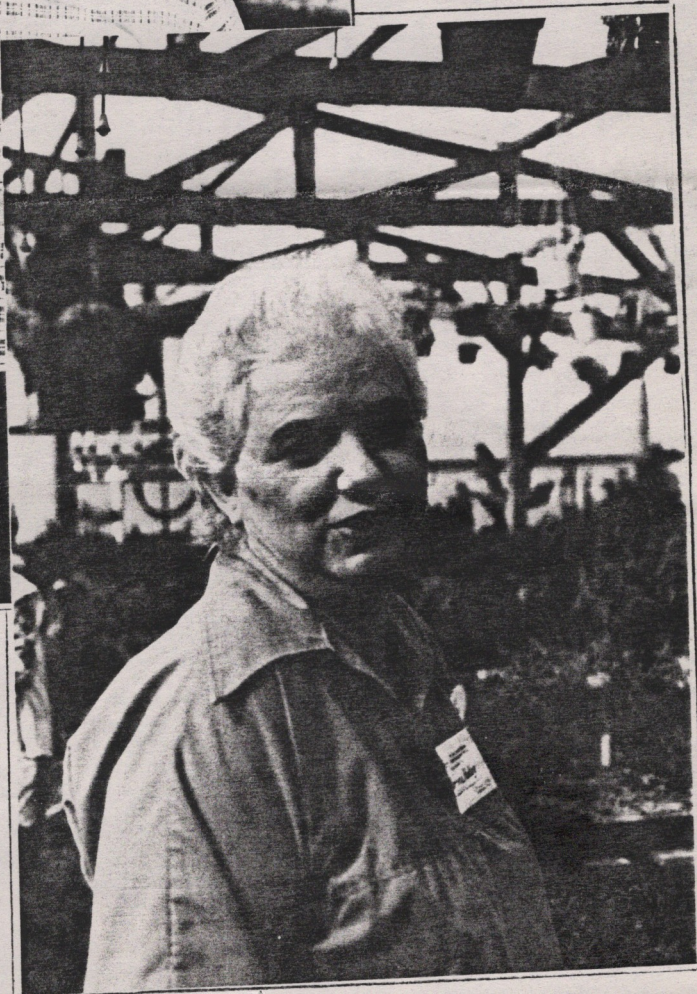
Happy  
Thanksgiving



To the left is  
Jack Wadleigh,  
enjoying this  
day --




Norma Holley  
says,  
"Remember  
those dues!"

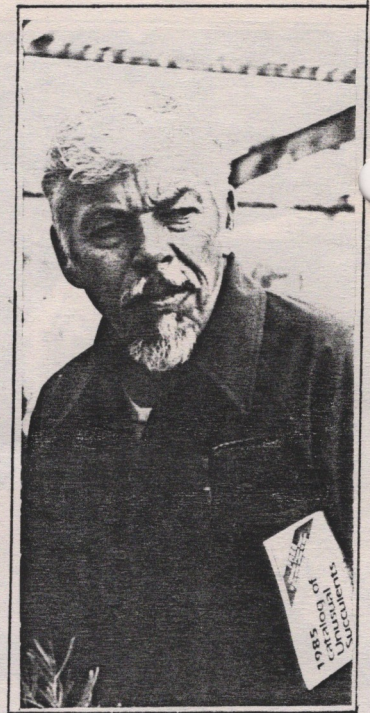




To the left, Norma Holley is shown with her long-lost friend - a former co-worker in the vineyards of the young. (They taught in the same school).



And Sean Fleming, botany bound, and just-getting started...



Above is Stu Bedwell, who looks like he hasn't yet found what he's looking for...

And to the left, Harry Geiger looks for a picture at Altman's.

Pictured to the right is Virginia Russell in the sunshine - and backed by a most cereus contingent.





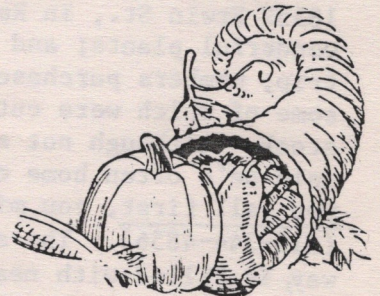


Above is our youngest  
cactus-bus-tripper, Corey!



Above is Tom Rische at  
Altman's.

And to the left is  
Dorothy Yakoubian -  
searching for the  
perfect plant.

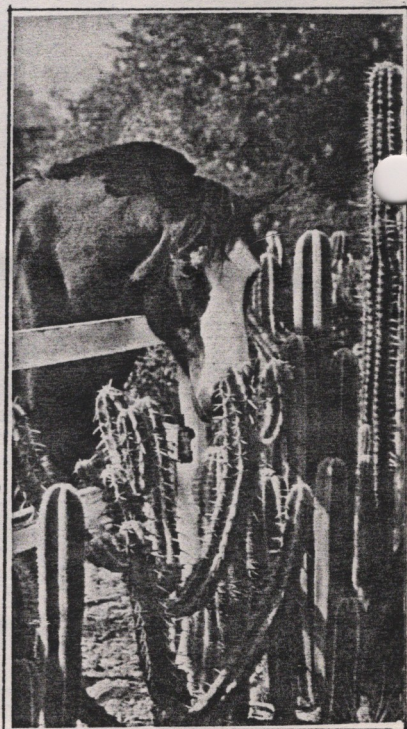




Lithops connoisseur Mike Brenna and friendly Trachycarpus fortunei, or Windmill Palm. Florida Landscape Plants ( 1975 Watkins & Sheehan, U. of Fla.) says that this relatively small, slow-growing palm is tolerant of shade but likes full sun too. It'll tolerate salt air behind front-line dunes, but needs an acid soil prep. and then "faithful watering". Tropic World has them for sale and can give cultural advice for our area. An interesting feature is the fiber on the trunk. Do you suppose tillandsias would find this a good home?

On the subject of palms, Stu Bedwell says that when palms try to crest at S. Coast they die!"They never *did* learn how!"

Pictured to the right are cacti and one of the two horses at Bill Baker's California Gardens, \_\_\_\_\_ in Reseda. Bill has some wonderful plants; and during the OCCSS bus trip, members purchased some quite rare plants, some of which were cuttings from Bill's own stock. Although not a retail nursery, Bill said he's often home on Saturdays, so if you call first, you might be able to visit ( \_\_\_\_\_ ). The surrounding garden, by the way, is filled with neat things - from manhole covers to skulls to lanterns to horses! Oh yes, and man-eating dogs as well!





November 10 - our regular meeting.

November 17 - Sunday - Orange Cty.  
Cactus & S. Soc. field  
trip to the Huntington  
Conservatory & Desert  
Garden - Be there by 10  
AM - Tell guard you're  
with the OCCSS group -  
Bag lunch - Questions?  
call Carol

November 20 - 7:30 PM - San Gabriel Study Group - see last month's  
N.L. for details.

December 4 - 7:00 - 9:00 - Members' Night at the Arboretum (on Baldwin  
Ave. in Arcadia) talk: "In Search of Cycads" - The Living  
Fossils of Australia - by Mr. Loran Whitelock, Wed. night -  
CALL TO MAKE RESERVATION: - \$3.00.

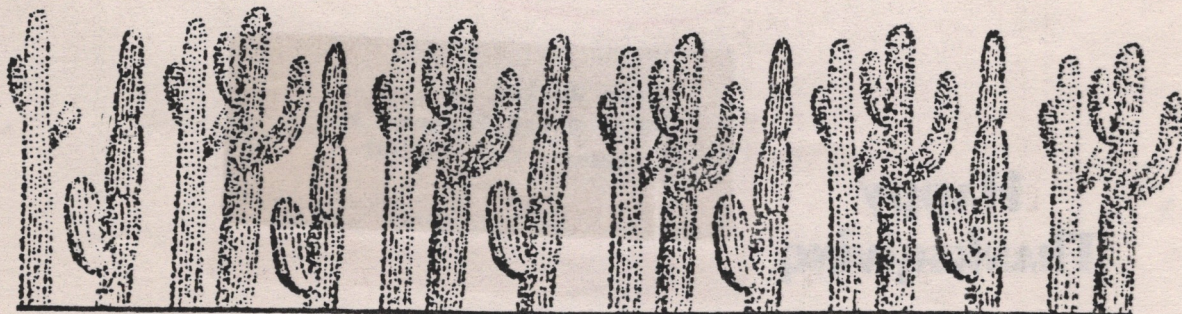
December 8 - Sunday - OUR HOLIDAY PARTY

January 15, 1986 - .....

## DUES ARE DUE

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OUR CACTUS GARDEN AT SOUTH COAST - Carol Kennedy reports it's looking  
good thanks to the workers who helped the weekend after the bus trip  
and the weekend following. But since new weeds are always sprouting,  
please keep a lookout and do whatever needs to be done on your mound,  
or in the garden generally. Thanks to all!



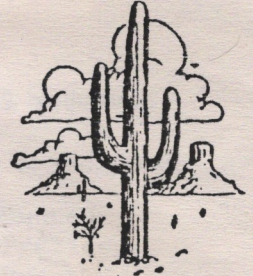
CSSA NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS FUND

Our President Lloyd Brinson has appointed Board Member Vince Lopresti Chairman of a CSSA National Headquarters Fund Drive. It has been the dream of CSSA members for more than 50 years, but achieving this objective will require a cooperative effort on the part of all CSSA members and clubs. While an initial plan and concept were presented by Vince at the convention Affiliate Meeting, it is vital to the success of this effort that inputs be received expressing the ideas and desires so that a final plan can be presented to the Board for approval in January. Mail comments direct to Vince at [redacted] Vista, AZ 85635.

CSSA Director Vincent Lopresti, National Chairman of Fund Raising for National Headquarters was asked to talk on the subject. Vince asked for input from the membership and the affiliates and requested that clubs and members consider donations to the fund. He pointed out that the headquarters could be used for shows, it would give a home to our library, and could be used for training programs. He had a proposed model with botanical garden outside the meeting room for everyone to look at. Vince reminded people that funds could be left in wills and suggested affiliates could appoint committees to raise funds for this project. There was a summary to pick up and take back to clubs.

Seymour enumerated some of the things CSSA does for and with the affiliated clubs: Puts on Conventions, publish the Journal, publish the Newsletter, provide speakers, money for research, provide the slide program, provides a voice for CSSA to work with Fish & Wildlife Service Aphis and customs--the Conservation committee, provides publications such as the Show Booklet and Cactus Cookbook, and help new clubs get started (seven new clubs this year). He noted that a seed program was a good suggestion.

To the left - reprint from the CSSA N.L. re: Headquarters proposal & Delegates Mtg. at '85 Conv.



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FIRST CLASS

Norma Holley

**HAPPY  
THANKSGIVING**