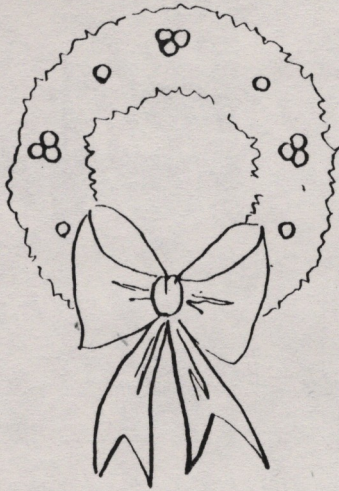


Newsletter



*South Coast Cactus
and Succulent Society*

DECEMBER 1985



MESSAGE FROM SCC&SS PRESIDENT CAROL KENNEDY

It's been a pleasure and a privilege to serve as your president. I've learned a lot, and it's personally helped me grow in confidence. Thank you to all who helped our Society these past years -- the officers, committee members, and everyone who worked so hard on the show and sale, the cactus garden, and the meetings.

And I'd like to send best wishes to Eleanor who'll be your 1986 president, and the officers and members who'll support her as you have me.

Have a happy holiday season everyone!

Carol

YOUR 1986 OFFICERS

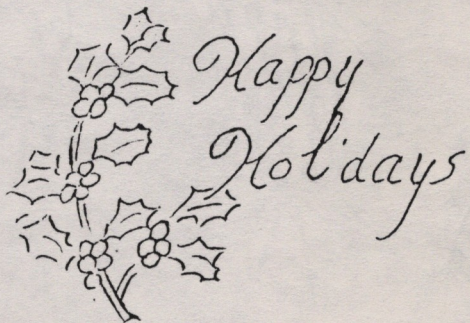
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(programs)
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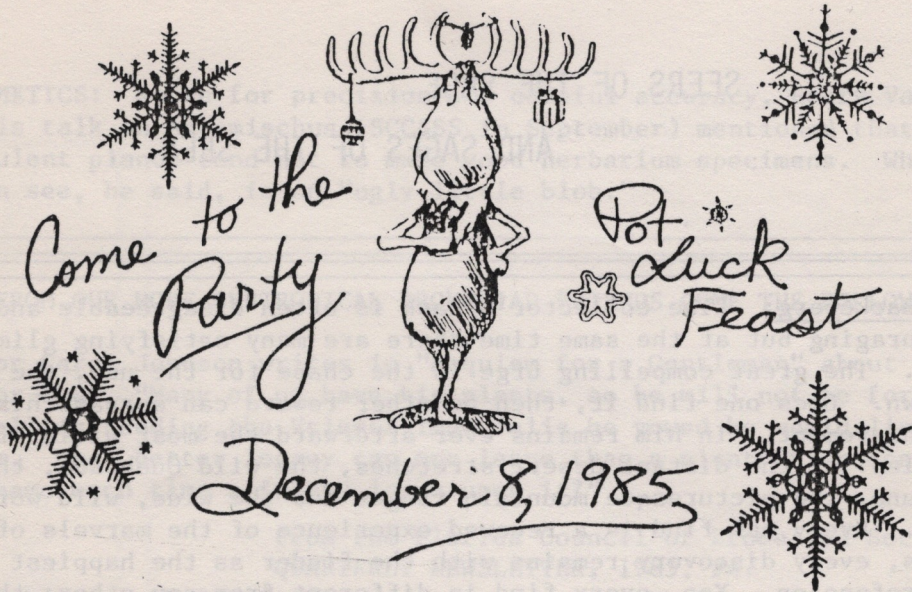
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January 2 (at the latest)
for the January N.L.
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NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Carol Wujcik,

Contributions or corrections
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
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THE CACTUS AND SUCCULENT JOURNAL OF
GREAT BRITAIN, V. 42, Number 3.





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

WHERE: In the CONFERENCE ROOM, not the classrooms, at South Coast Botanic Garden, 26300 Crenshaw Boulevard in Palos Verdes.

WHAT TO BRING: YOURSELF! and 

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. Questions? Call Verna McCarty at

Plant or plant-related gift exchange (optional), wrapped and ready. Bring one -- get one!

Decorated plant or super-bloomer to show off and decorate the halls. But no formal bragging table will be held this month.

Name Tag -- a big help when socializing.

BE THERE!

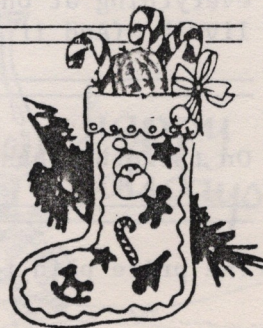
Hello to our NEW MEMBERS:

Donnis Greene

Cheryl Henry
Elbie Wade (Mom to Cheryl)

Gen. Cacti & Succulents

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SEERS OF THE SAGE...

AND SAGES OF THE SEER...

Curt Backeberg: "The collector's task is often disagreeable and discouraging but at the same time there are many satisfying glimpses of light. The great compelling urge is the chase for the new, the unknown. Does one find it, then no other reward can surpass his feeling of achievement. In him remains ever afterward the most vivid of memories: of the distant desert stretches, the wild Quebrada, the icy Puna, the picturesque mountain ranges and the wide, wild world of cacti. Every new find is a renewed experience of the marvels of these plants, every discovery remains with the finder as the happiest memory of his profession. Yes, every find is different from any other; the more fascinating it is the more one realizes behind it all the astonishing workings of creation; the clearer he sees the deep harmony of it all."

- from Desert Plant Life, June 1948

(Who says cactophiles aren't romantics at heart?)

SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST, PICKOFF-STYLE! Leo Pickoff in his talk on Stapeliads was heard to say that the terrible thing about raising plants from seed is that an enormous number germinate and you then wonder what to do with all those seedlings. Luckily, he says, most die. And that leaves you with just the right number of strong little plants to grow on to maturity.

MORE SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST: Victor Turecek, answering questions after a presentation on Argentina to SCC&SS, revealed that he waters everything at once, all on the same schedule. "If they live, they live!" (And if they die, they die!)

On the other hand, perhaps all cactophiles aren't romantics at heart!

The price paid for horticultural success is repotting.

AESTHETICS: Known for precision and careful accuracy, Henry Varney in his talk on Adromischus (SCC&SS in September) mentioned that succulent plants tend not to make good herbarium specimens. What you often see, he said, is an "ugly little blob."

AND FROM OUR MORE SUBTROPICAL BROMELIAD FRIENDS COME THE FOLLOWING:

Editor Carol Johnson writes in "Requiem for a Gentleman" about Roger Taylor that, "Many of us have his plants, so he will not be forgotten. Ed Hall is tending the Vriesea imperialis he vowed he would live to see bloom. What better legacy can one leave than a plant which speaks our name each time a friend looks upon it?"

- from the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies
QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER, 1985, #4.

From the same NL Carol also writes:

A Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry (warm) Christmas to all. If you make a trip north, be sure to close the doors behind you when you come back home.

(AMEN)

And...

KILLING TURKEYS
CAUSES WINTER!

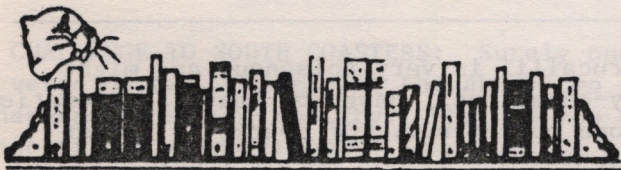


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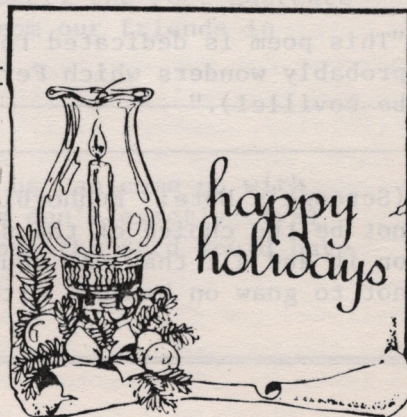
From Stan & Val Oleson's INFLORESCENCE, NL for the South Bay Bromeliad Associates who also meet at South Coast, comes the following quote:

"CHRISTMAS CALORIES DON'T COUNT!"

Do you believe this?



Books are calorie-free



The following is from the November-December issue of Kaktos Komments, Newsletter of the Houston Cactus and Succulent Society. Oh yes, the year was 1966. (Thanks to Bob Causey for sharing his copies of this NL with us.)

SANTA'S REACTION ON SEEING
A EUPHORBIA TIRUCALLII
CHRISTMAS TREE

Old Santa Claus has seen them all,
Bushy pine and hemlock tall;
Fir and spruce, even hickory,
But never a Euphorbia Christmas tree!

Now Santa's very versatile;
He's been around a long, long while.
And a Euphorbia all alit
Didn't startle him a bit.

He took a Sedum from his sack
And calmly put the slippers back;
Took back the toaster, and made room
For a Ferocactus in full bloom.

Then Santa got back in his sleigh
And shouted as he rode away
In that inimitable Saint Nick style,
MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU, CACTOPHILE!

By Glenn Spraker

"This poem is dedicated to Sue Coville of Colorado Cactophiles, who probably wonders which Ferocactus blooms at Christmas. (It could be covillei)."

(Scrooge's Note: Euphorbia tirucallii is very poisonous and might not be the choice of the safety-conscious. Hang too heavy a decoration on it and all that sap would come oozing out. Of course it's best not to gnaw on hemlock either.)



And now we have another poem, this time from
the January 1966 KAKTOS KOMMENTS.

TEXAS, NO: COLORADO, SI!

"I think that I will never see a Cactus as a
Christmas Tree!"

CHRISTMAS TREE SPECTACULAR

You thought that you would never see
A Cactus as a Christmas tree?
A Cactus, mealy bug infested,
You thought would never be suggested?

Sir: there's both delight and pleasure
In decorating a stickery treasure
That stands so stately and serene;
Most spectacular sight e're to be seen.

The spines reach out like lovely arms
To hold many dazzling Christmas charms.
The grandure of such Yule decor
Is beautiful; brings joys galore!

Yes, Sir, 'tis really a sight to see;
MY lovely Cactus Christmas Tree!

By Sue Coville of
Colorado Cactophiles

"An answer to Glen Spraker, the Poet Laureate
of Kaktos Komments, from our friends in
Colorado."

A CHALLENGE TO SOUTH COASTERS: Surely one of us can come up with
a verse or two. After all the above two poems don't exactly rival
Shakespeare so why not try? What do you suppose the Bard would have
made of our spiny friends?



MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR

editorial

SOUTH COAST BOTANIC GARDEN

HOME?

Our club was founded in 1972 at South Coast and it has been home ever since. We have prospered in part due to our location, and in turn we assist South Coast by construction and maintenance of our cactus garden plus part of our show sales profits.

Our current meeting room is off the large hall in two classrooms which once could be opened to make one large room. But because of the unique composition of the "soil" beneath, the entire structure is in difficulty. The divider no longer hangs properly and South Coast plans to make the divider permanently fixed in place.

For us this means logistical problems and claustrophobia at meetings, plus more logistical miseries at show and sale time. So a letter was sent off on behalf of SCC&SS as were other letters from other societies - with cc's all around.

The resulting answer wasn't unexpected (see next page). Nevertheless our side has expressed itself and perhaps our needs will be addressed in "future" plans. For now though, the annoying divider remains in place apparently.

We could find another location for meetings, but South Coast is our home -- it's where our garden is -- and your editor thinks we should stay. But we'd better make sure we reserve both classrooms for our meetings, and perhaps we should have a liaison with the Garden. Unofficially, members like Stu, Ed, Roz, and Carol Kennedy have been very helpful, but perhaps an official rep. would facilitate communication on both sides.

The South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation publishes a Newsletter, which (I believe) our Club receives. It's called the Compost, and in the Nov.-Dec. 1985 issue is a Foundation financial statement which will shed light on why weddings etc. are so important!

**SOUTH COAST BOTANIC GARDEN
FOUNDATION, INC. STATEMENT OF
SUPPORT AND REVENUE AND EXPENSES
FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS
ENDED JUNE 30, 1985**

	Total All Funds
SUPPORT AND REVENUE:	
Membership dues	\$ 39,200
Donations	15,287
Donations greenhouse	24,583
Donations sign	5,000
Dinner income	648
Fiesta de Flores	55,520
Holidays in the Garden	
Building rental	6,098
Gift and Craft shop sales	37,810
Wedding and reception fees	25,242
Interest	12,054
Education	
Special event	3,000
Total support and revenue	\$224,686

EXPENSES:	
Program Services -	
Fiesta de Flores	24,949
Building rental	
Holidays in the Garden	117
Craft shop	2,709
Gift shop	17,016
Wedding and reception costs	5,062
Education	364
Special events	847
Youth education	316
Total program services	\$ 51,380

Support and services -	
Foundation operating funds, including financial support to Garden	80,028
Garden expenses	22,426
Other administrative expenses	660
Total support services	\$103,114

Restricted funds -	
Greenhouse	24,583
Sign	5,000
Miscellaneous	6,677
Total restricted funds	\$ 36,260

Upcoming services -	
Teahouse, Bandshell, kitchen remodeling, garden improvements	33,932
Total Expenses	\$224,686



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



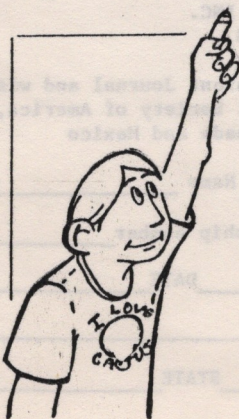
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Director

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November 22, 1985

Carol Wujcik
South Coast Cactus & Succulent Society
10860 El Mar Avenue
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

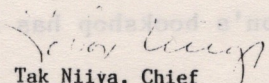
Dear Ms. Wujcik:

Several societies and organizations have expressed their desire to have us open up the two classrooms into one large permanent room. Consideration was given to your problem, as well as to the overall safety factor and to the scheduling of the use of the facility, before a decision was made to keep the two classrooms intact.

The decision to keep the moveable walls in place is reflected in the structural problem of the building. Until such time as a recommended solution related to the hall, classrooms, restrooms, and all exterior walkways and entryway is provided to the Department, the walls will be left in place.

We regret the inconvenience caused by the building problem in which you may have to change your meeting to another day of the week or find an alternative meeting place suitable to your needs.

Sincerely,


Tak Niiya, Chief
Educ./Public Services Div.

TN:lh

Welcome NEW Members

NOT-YET-FLAT-BROKE SHOPPING IDEAS:

Grigsby Cactus Gardens in Vista is having a 30% off pre-Christmas sale Nov. 4 thru Dec. 28. "The sale is only at the nursery." Can you resist? Questions? Call

ALSO

Rainbow Gardens has a huge listing of cactus books plus a sales listing as well. For the lists write Rainbow Gardens, PO Box 721, La Habra, Ca. 90633-0721. If you call first to make an appt., you can go in person to 1574 E. Dorothea Rd., La Habra (213-697-1488). It's a neat place to visit.....the books are irresistible. Bring money.

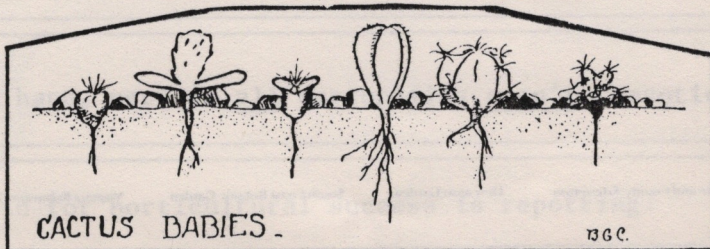
ALSO

1986 KAKTEEN calendar with text in English is available from Marin Cactus Patch, 61 Granada Dr., Corte Madera, Ca. 94925. One calendar is \$6.50 + 6% Calif. tax of .39 which = \$6.89. Two calendars would be 12.50 + .75 tax = \$13.25. For larger orders, please contact Marin's.

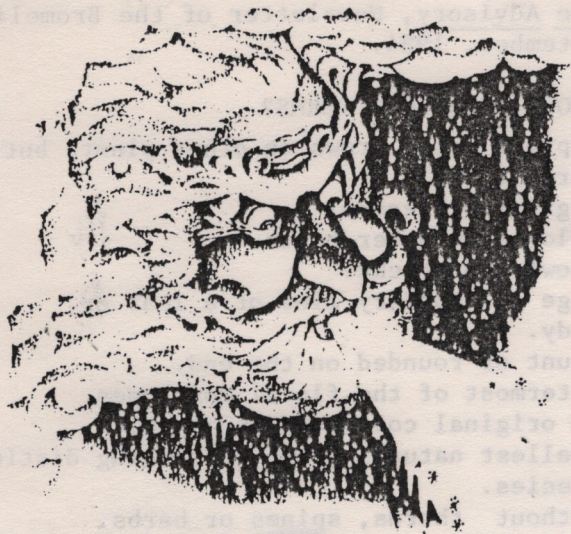
ALSO

The Huntington's bookshop has a cactus calendar - about \$9.00.

AND Abbey Garden Nursery has a 15% discount. Please see Jim Hanna for details.



from Desert
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Party!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND ETC.

January 15, 1986 -- Dues must be paid if you are to be included in the 1986 Roster.

January 18, Sat. -- Dr. Lau will speak on "New Discoveries of the Last 20 Years" at 7:00 PM at the LA Arboretum on Baldwin Ave. in Arcadia.

April 18, 19 & 20 -- The San Gabriel C & S Society will hold their show and sale, at the LA Arboretum.

June 7 & 8, 1986 -- OUR SOUTH COAST CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE at South Coast Botanic Gardens.

July 20, Sun. -- Long Beach Cactus Club Show & Sale (competition last year open to non-members.)



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DUES ARE DUE

The following quiz is from The Advisory, Newsletter of the Bromeliad Society of South Florida, September, 1984.

DO YOU KNOW YOUR BOTANICAL TERMS?

- | | |
|----------------|---|
| 1. acantha | a. A plant which grows on other plants but not parasitically. |
| 2. bract | b. A group of genera. |
| 3. calyx | c. Below some other organ. |
| 4. dehiscent | d. Growing on rocks. |
| 5. epiphyte | e. Edge or boundary line of a leaf or body. |
| 6. family | f. Blunt or rounded on the end. |
| 7. genus | g. Outermost of the floral envelopes. |
| 8. inferior | h. An original collected specimen. |
| 9. margin | i. Smallest natural group containing distinct species. |
| 10. obtuse | j. Without thorns, spines or barbs. |
| 11. pendent | k. Spine, thorn. |
| 12. saxicolous | l. Growing in a dry situation. |
| 13. type | m. A modified leaf between the flower and normal leaves. |
| 14. unarmed | n. Hanging down from its support. |
| 15. xerophytic | o. Opening spontaneously when ripe. |

SOUTH COAST CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY
NEWSLETTER



FIRST CLASS



Norma Holley

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ANSWERS: 1-k, 2-m, 3-g, 4-o, 5-a, 6-b, 7-l, 8-c, 9-e, 10-f, 11-n, 12-d, 13-h, 14-j, 15-l