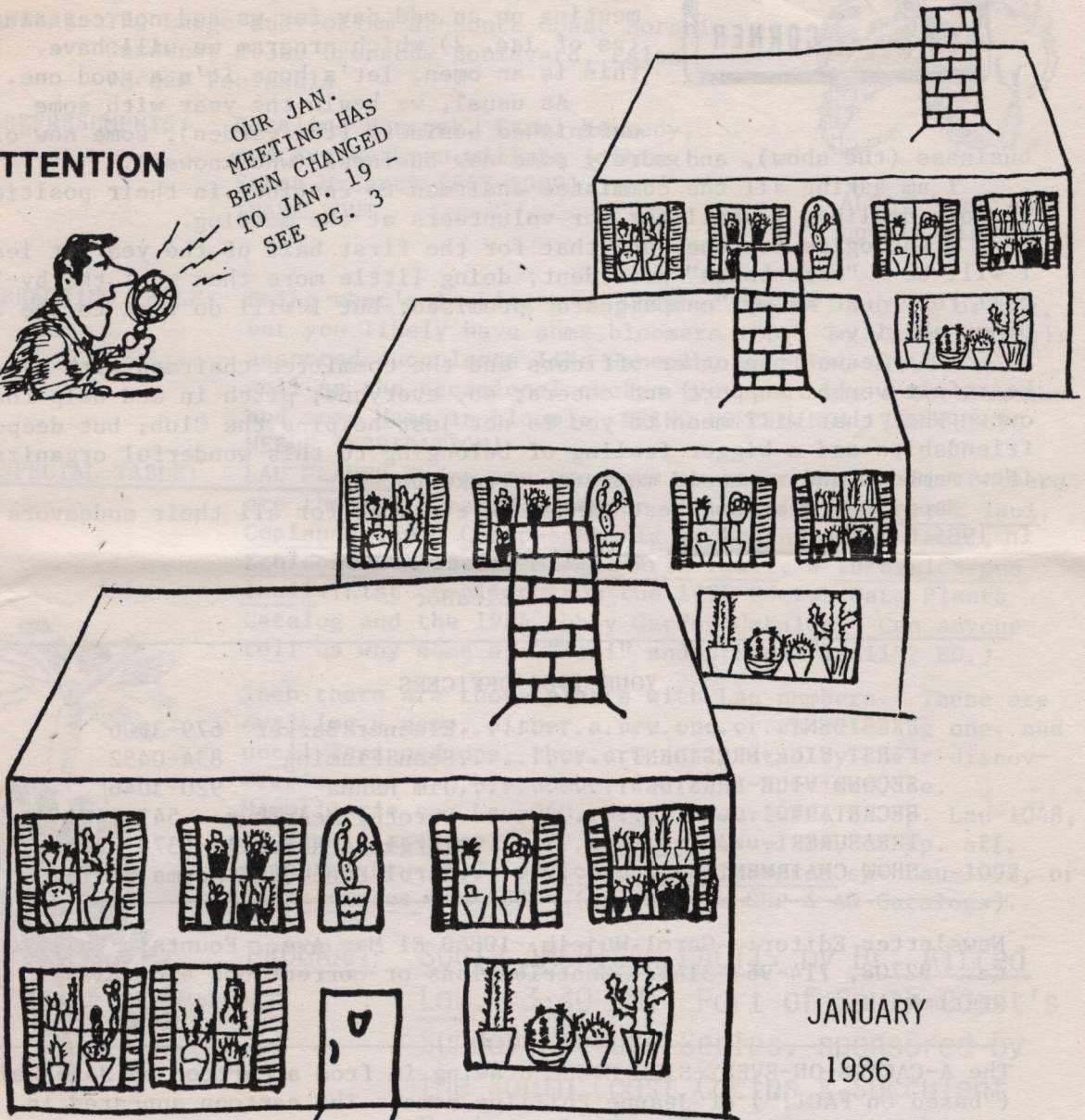


South Coast Cactus and Succulent Society

ATTENTION

OUR JAN.
MEETING HAS
BEEN CHANGED
TO JAN. 19 -
SEE PG. 3



JANUARY
1986

Newsletter

THE
PRESIDENT'S
CORNER

The Club has done well under the leadership of Carol Kennedy and her fellow officers. We thank them all.

We go into this new year with the first meeting on an odd day for us and not certain (as of Jan. 2) which program we will have. If this is an omen, let's hope it's a good one.

As usual, we begin the year with some unfinished business (the garden), some new-old business (the show), and surely some new business (who knows!).

I am asking all the committee chairmen to continue in their positions. If some decline, I shall ask for volunteers at the meeting.

I apologize for the fact that for the first half of the year at least, I will be a "bare bones" president, doing little more than what the by-laws call for, just as my "campaigners" promised; but I will do that to the best of my ability.

This leaves the other officers and the committee chairmen with my heartfelt verbal support and cheers; so, everyone, pitch in and help them out. What that will mean to you is not just helping the Club, but deeper friendships and a bigger feeling of belonging to this wonderful organization. (New members and some old members -- take note).

Happy new year and best wishes to everyone for all their endeavors in 1986.

Eleanor

YOUR 1986 OFFICERS

PRESIDENT.....Eleanor Barker
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The A-CACTUS-ON-EVERY-SILL HOUSE drawing is from a cartoon by Jane Walker ("based on FACT!") of Jeanne Phillips home. The cartoon appeared in the Dec., 1985 CACTUS DIGEST of the Henry Shaw Cactus Soc. (St. Louis). Our societies exchange newsletters (with Wisconsin too) to our mutual benefit. Past issues can be seen at meetings. Jane, keep those drawings coming. They're great!

SPECIAL JANUARY MEETING

WHEN: Sunday, January 19, 1986 at 1:30 PM
(no study group this month).

3rd Sunday
Jan. only

WHERE: The Large Auditorium at South Coast Botanic
Gardens, 26300 Crenshaw Boulevard, Palos
Verdes Peninsula

REFRESHMENTS: Rosalind Hancock, Carol Kennedy,
and Eve Workman will be joining
Verna McCarty (645-5009).
THANK YOU!



ALOE (many are
now in bloom).

BRAGGING TABLE: Bring what's looking good whether it's flowering or not,
but you likely have some bloomers too. In bloom (maybe):
assorted succulents like Senecio, mesembs, aloes, as
well as the occasional cactus (your ed. has a Borzicactus
and some Mams in bloom). BRING SOMETHING! THE PUBLIC
NEEDS INSPIRATION!

SPECIAL TABLE: LAU PLANTS. There are two ways to go on this. First there
are the c & s named in honor of Lau, ie. Echeveria laui,
Copiapoa laui, Coryphantha laui, Echinocereus lauii,
Echinomastus lauii, Mammillaria lauii, & Turbiniacarpus
lauii. (List compiled from the 1985 Cactus Data Plants
Catalog and the 1984 Abbey Garden Catalog. Can anyone
tell us why some are "laui" and others "lauii"? ED.)

Then there are those plants with Lau numbers. These are
awaiting a name, either a new one or an existing one, and
until assigned one, they are designated by their discover-
er's name and his number for that specimen, ie.
Mammillaria sp. Lau-060, or sp. Lau-1046, or sp. Lau-1048,
or Mammillaria sp. aff. albicans Lau-1374, or sp. aff.
gigantea Lau-1119, or Echinofossulocactus sp. Lau-1092, or
Echinocereus Lau-427. (Again from CDP & AG Catalogs).

PROGRAM: SOUTH AMERICAN CACTI, by Dr. Alfred
Lau, 3:30 PM. Part of South Coast's
Sunday Lecture Series, sponsored by
the South Coast Cactus & Succulent
Society (us). Open to the Public.

Aeonium, drawing
from CSIE, #1,
1983.



EVERYONE: Bring plants for both the bragging table and
the Special Lau table. Don't depend on someone else! The
more, the better-for the public!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

INTERNATIONAL INTRIGUE AND DIPLOMACY:

EXCEDRIN HEADACHE # 5001

FOR PROGRAMS V.P. JIM HANNA, et. al.

If you were at our holiday party last month, you know that Joe Clements was ready and willing to substitute for Dr. Lau, who appeared unable to make an early enough kickoff time on the 19th. Then it was found that 3:30 would in fact work. But Jim Hanna's overwhelming headache in all this was the difficulty over many months in trying to contact the elusive Dr. Lau through the National Society, by phone, by letter, by carrier pigeon. Problems were compounded by the Mexican earthquake and by Dr. Lau's attempts to contact non-officers. Eventually who knows how many South Coasters, Long Beach Roadrunners, and San Gabriel Club people were in contact with Jim and each other at different times with no doubt differing stories depending on when each spoke to the other, all adding to the confusion and to growing telephone bills. In the end, order was made of chaos, and we'll be able to see Dr. Lau at South Coast after all!

So, folks, after all this hassle on our behalf, everyone had better talk nice to Jim if they want him to keep planning good programs for the rest of 1986!

P.S. Thanks Joe Clements, for being ready to stand in for us!



Parry's Nolina (*Nolina parryi*)

The Cactus and Succulent Journal of Great Britain
Volume 44(3): 67-68 (1982)

Welcome NEW Members

LET'S SAY "HELLO"

The ever-present problem - "How to make the visitor welcome or the new member feel wanted" - can be solved by every one of us. In fact, if every member took just a minute or two at each meeting to do this, we would be overflowing with goodwill and friends, if not new members.

Here's how. "Hi, I'm Whozit. Did you enjoy our program today?" Or, "Isn't that a smashing bragging`table this month? Do you have many succulents yet?" Or, "Which succulents do you like best?" Or.....use your imagination! BUT, END WITH A QUESTION TO GET THE OTHER PERSON INVOLVED. Then all you have to do is listen.

Yes, you want to visit with people you see only once or twice a month, but don't just walk away now you've started. Introduce the visitor or new member to another member: "This is A. Visitor (or B. Newmember) and she/he is interested in ..." or "...likes that...on the bragging table."

Now, if someone is introduced to you, don't just say "Oh, that's nice. Glad to meet you," and turn away. Carry on. Ask some questions and introduce the person to someone else.

Now the guest or new member feels welcome/wanted, has met a lot of members, and everyone involved has had the pleasure of meeting another person as well as visiting with old friends. And quite probably at least one member has found a new friend. It could even happen that the p erson you "welcome" turns out to be so interesting that you selfishly refuse to pass him/her on to another member.

We are friendly people - let's be a friendly club.

- Eleanor Barker

(ED. NOTE: While we're waiting for the Lau talk to begin we'll have a great opportunity to practice with our visitors.)



WANTED: TLC!

Ed Hancock reports that our Cactus Garden at South Coast needs some TLC! The weeds are gaining again, and mounds need care! And on the 19th the public has been invited to the Lau lecture; some of these people may find their way to the cactus garden. What will they see? How will YOUR mound look?!!

Below is a drawing from DESERT PLANT LIFE, Dec., 1941, article by Leon Croizat. The author calls the Inchworm the Hamlet of the succuleints as it can't seem to make up its mind what to do - to send its stems towards the sun or to send them down to earth. Needless to say, "Hamlet" needs a wide pot to make up its mind in. (*Kleinia* is now considered *Senecio*).



1. The potato plant.
2. The "Inch-worm" (*Kleinia pendula*)
3. The iris.

Parts that build food are cross-hatched.

Parts which store it are dotted.

A LITTLE PHILOSOPHY FOR 1986 ? : 7

And from the inspirational BENCHLEY ROUNDUP (Dell Publishing, 1954) we have:

A great many people have come up to me and asked me how I manage to get so much work done and still keep looking so dissipated. My answer is "Don't you wish you knew?" and a pretty good answer it is, too, when you consider that nine times out of ten I didn't hear the original question....

The secret of my incredible energy and efficiency in getting work done is a simple one....anyone can do any amount of work, provided it isn't the work he is supposed to be doing at that moment.

- Robert Benchley (Philosopher & Etc.)

Most books list *Kleinia* under
Senecio these days. However...

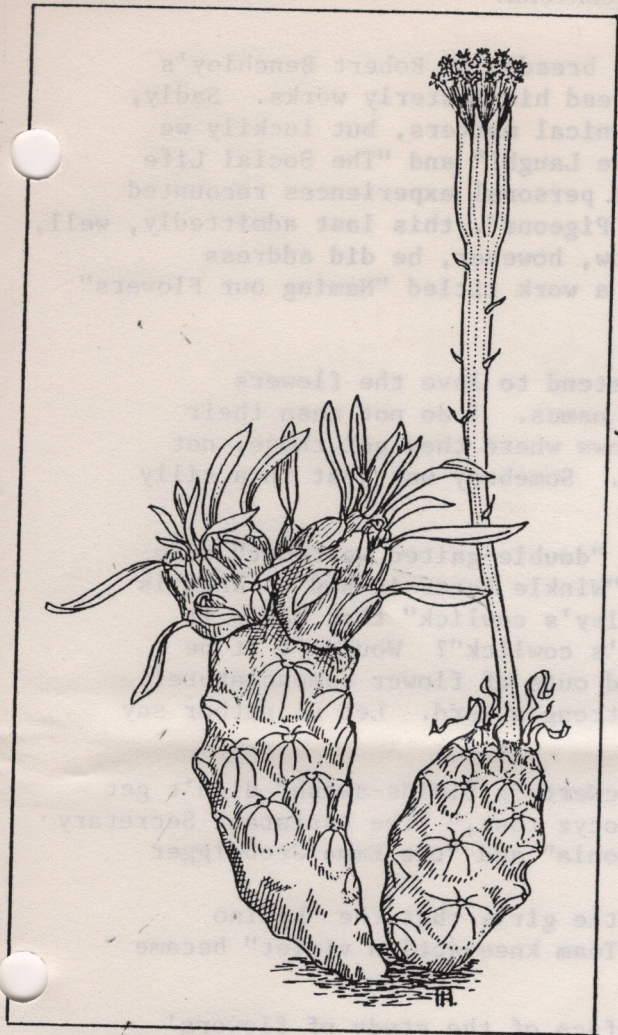
KLEINIA SAGINATA

The drawing to the left and the following quote are from the *British Cactus and Succulent Journal*, V.3 # 2, 1985, pg. 36., P. Halliday.

K. saginata is an attractive greenhouse plant, being relatively slow-growing and dwarf in habit. The strongly patterned stems and bright red capitula make it a colourful subject for the succulent-plant enthusiast, providing the plants do not get too much sun, which will cause the stem to assume a uniform deep bronze coloration. It is propagated from stem-cuttings or joints, which root readily in sand with gentle bottom heat. These are then transferred to pots and grown on in a standard succulent plant soil mix.

Halliday also says that in one Arab location it grows natively in rock crevices receiving plenty of moisture from drifting mists and residual moisture from monsoons.

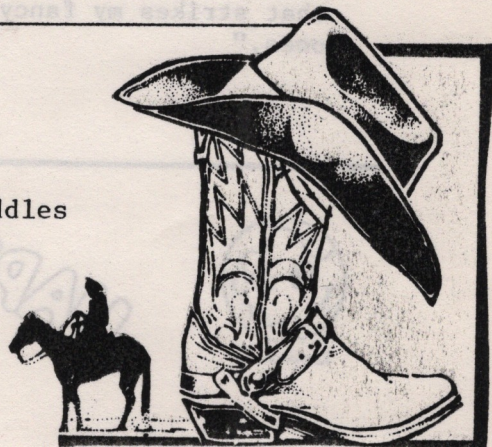
Many candle-type *Senecios* like wide pans so they can spread.



KLEINIA SAGINATA approximately full size.

"Mongol just pawn in game of life."

- from *Blazing Saddles*



On the next page is something dedicated to all those who are terrorized by botanical names...

BOTANICAL NOMENCLATURE?

There is no doubt about the depth and breadth of Robert Benchley's influence upon those of us who have read his masterly works. Sadly, he wrote little on biological or botanical matters, but luckily we do have those two classics, "Do Larvae Laugh?" and "The Social Life of the Newt." Less well known are his personal experiences recounted in "Do Insects Think?" and "Down with Pigeons", this last admittedly, well, paranoid. You will be pleased to know, however, he did address himself to "botanical nomenclature" in a work titled "Naming our Flowers" from which the following is taken:

I wonder how many of us who pretend to love the flowers really know how they got their names. I do not mean their Latin names, because nobody knows where they got those, not even the people who named them. Somebody was just in a silly mood, that was all.

But, for instance, how did the "double-gaited wertroot" come to be called that, instead of "Winkle Peter-in-Bed"? What is there in the history of "Walmsley's cowlick" that makes it necessary to call it "Walmsley's cowlick"? Wouldn't it be fascinating to know the ins and outs of flower nomenclature? Perhaps "fascinating" is too strong a word. Let us rather say "awful."

There follows a discussion of how "MacNerty's fields-awash" didn't get its name...also the "Mrs. Sam Cyczycocyz rose," "the Assistant Secretary of Public Works Lilian D. Wratch begonia" and "the Emma Grobdigger Naumglatz primrose." He writes:

...It was in honor of five little girls that the "Lapino Country Day School Basketball Team knee-action violet" became known as such.

We have only scratched the surface of the study of flowers' names, and it ought to heal right over, if we take care of it. My own method of designation is to point to the flower that strikes my fancy and say, "Give me a dozen of those yellow ones."

- from the BENCHLEY ROUNDUP
Dell Publishing, 1954



Loaded

HAPPY NEW YEAR
1986



Hungover

Happy New Year



BRING BACK THE RAIN BARREL

Properly fitted, a 55 gallon barrel will allow you to garden with rain water.

I build up our water supply by placing rain barrels under the downspouts from gutters to catch and direct the runoff from the roof. To avoid providing a breeding place for mosquitoes, the downspout goes through a smoothly-fitting hole in the cover of the barrel.

Two one-inch pipes are inserted in the side. The one at the top is for overflow. It is fitted with a "T" connection for a hose which takes the water to all the plants.

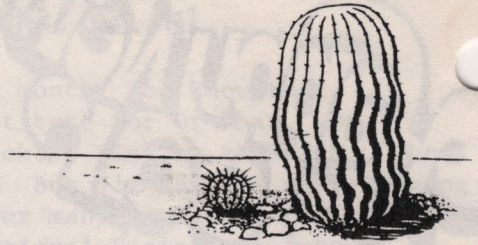
The bottom pipe is fitted with a faucet to which a hose is connected so the barrel can be emptied to the desired areas. It can be emptied a little at a time or all at once. This is a 55 gallon barrel, but with the overflow pipe where it is set, it probably holds 50 gallons.

The above is from the June, 1967, Kaktos Komments, N.L. of the Houston Society. In turn KK had reprinted it from an ORGANIC GARDENING, ? date.



"No one ever regarded the first of January with indifference."

- Charles Lamb



'Some day, son, all this will be yours'

DON'T PANIC.

Ford handed the book to Arthur.

"What is it?" asked Arthur.

"The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy. It's a sort of electronic book. It tells you everything you need to know about anything. That's its job."

Arthur turned it over nervously in his hands.

"I like the cover" he said. "'Don't Panic.' It's the first helpful or intelligible thing anybody's said to me all day."

- from The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy, by Douglas Adams, Harmony Books, 1979.

"DON'T PANIC" becomes philosophically useful where "EGBOK" leaves off. And vice versa.

The Hitchhiker Trilogy contains four wonderful novels for childlike (childish?) (silly?) adults.

Also from Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy:

There are of course many problems connected with life, of which some of the most popular are "Why are people born? Why do they die? Why do they want to spend so much of the intervening time wearing digital watches?"

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Send \$5 per member plus \$1 for each additional household member (12 years and over) by check, payable to South Coast Cactus & Succulent Society, to Norma Holley, _____, by January 15.

THANKS!!!!!!

Above Ransom Note is from Stan Oleson's South Bay Brom. Associates' N.L., "The Inflorescence." Thanks Stan.

KEEP TRUCKIN'

JANUARY

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CALENDAR

January 1: HAPPY NEW YEAR!

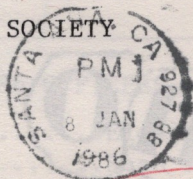
January 12: SCCSS meeting CHANGED TO JAN. 19. NO meeting on the 12th.

January 15: Dues for 1986 must be in for you to be in the roster.

January 18: The first of two presentations, "New Discoveries of the Last 20 Years" by Dr. Alfred Lau, will be open to all at 7:00 PM in the Lecture Hall (downstairs) at the L.A. Arboretum, 301 North Baldwin Ave., Arcadia (just south of the 210 Freeway).

January 19: The next day, Sunday, we'll have our regular meeting at the South Coast Botanic Garden, large auditorium, at 1:30 PM. Then at 3:30, Dr. Lau will present his second talk, "South American Cacti," which will be open to the public as part of South Coast's Sunday lecture series. This is a unique opportunity. You'll want to set aside this weekend, the 18th and 19th, as a special cactus event.

SOUTH COAST CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY
NEWSLETTER



FIRST CLASS

Norma Holley

