



All members of the  
SOUTH COAST CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY.

*You are invited to attend our annual holiday celebration*

at the South Coast Botanic Gardens  
26300 Crenshaw Blvd.  
Palos Verdes Peninsula  
on December 9, 1979; at 1:30 P.M.

NOTE: Our meeting will be held in the Garden's Conference Room.

Finger foods and festive company are in order! There will be a raffle, a gift exchange, and a contest of best holiday decoration using cacti and/or other succulents. The gift exchange is optional, but if you wish to participate the gift should be a plant or something directly related to them and should be of \$2.00 value. A record player will be provided (so bring some of your holiday favorites to play), along with hot mulled cider. And don't forget to bring your favorite finger foods (cold cuts, cut vegetables, cookies, etc.). Remember, this is lunch, so come prepared to eat and be merry!

LAST MONTH:

Over 600 islands, that often defy the geological/geographical definitions of an island, is only one of the various ways that the Galapagos were described to us by speakers Ed and Betty Gay. Volcanic islands where all life has arrived by way of sea, they are named after the large land dwelling tortoise that inhabits many of them. Visiting the islands under the auspices of the California Academy of Science, the Gays fulfilled a life long desire to experience that truly unique environment first hand; and, they shared their adventure with us.

Ted Johnson was the lucky winner of an Ariocarpus (our Nov. Plant of the Month) provided by the guest speakers, the Gays.

Marie Barlow generously donated plants for the Nov. Plant Table.

Also, elections were held. Officers will be installed at our December meeting. The newly elected are:

Mary Belle Wallenhorst --- President  
Ed Hancock --- 1st Vice President  
Karen Holley --- 2nd Vice President  
Carol Kennedy --- Secretary  
Rosalind Hancock --- Treasurer  
Jack Wadleigh --- Show Chairman

It's PAY YOUR ANNUAL DUES time! See our new Membership Chairman, Stella Stubbe, at our December meeting.

An "Old Fashioned Christmas" at the Gardens is being held in the Francis Young Auditorium through the 9th of December. Come early our meeting date and enjoy the festive displays before our party.

IMPORTANT: There will be a BOARD MEETING preceding our regularly scheduled January meeting. All new, old and returning officers and committee chairmen BE THERE.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

We are very interested in hearing your thoughts and suggestions of topics of interest that you'd like to have discussed at our meetings. Be it a topic for a program or a wonderful speaker you've heard about; or, some subject that the Plant of the Month presentation should cover; or special information on cultivation, or pest control, or where to locate that rare and prized plant, that could be circulated to the membership with the newsletter. So, corner us at a meeting or call us. We'll be ALL EARS! Make your desires known to Mary Belle Wallenhorst ( ) and for monthly program (featured speakers) suggestions call Karen Holley ( ).



NEW MEMBERS; Welcome to our new friends and those very special returning friends.

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(soon to be resident of  
the San Fernando Valley)

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(always familiar faces at  
our shows)