

THE CACTUS COMPANION
LONG BEACH CACTUS CLUB
NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 1988

MEETING: SUNDAY, NOV. 27, 1988

WHERE: Community Room of the Lakewood Library opposite the Mall on Clark. Lots of parking.

PROGRAM: SEAN HOGAN OF SACRAMENTO WILL PRESENT:
LEWISIAS AND OTHER SUCCULENTS OF THE
NORTHWEST! We are fortunate to be able to have Sean with us to tell us about native North American species. Many are quite hardy.

More information inside newsletter.

long beach cactus club auction a success!





WHO IS THIS ADORABLE YOUNG CACTOPHILE?

It's the first picture ever taken of this debonair, handsome, diplomatic gentleman. Taken in 1909, he was all of 3 years old. Already you can see the smile & level gaze! Eventually that look & smile would win Virginia Martin's heart! For the very young man in the picture is Ted Taylor of course!

Ted recently presented a program to the South Gate Horticultural Society on early nurseries of the Cactus World. These included the old Tegelberg nursery, and of course photos of Cactus Pete, Lyman Benson, Harry Johnson, W.T. Marshall, and other notables! We look forward to seeing some of these!

NEEDED: A PUBLICITY PERSON! YOU WILL BE TRAINED BY A MASTER: LAVERNE PITZER!!! PLEASE CONTACT PRESIDENT ROWENA OR LAVERNE.

MEMBERSHIP: JIM HANNA HAS AGREED TO HANDLE MEMBERSHIP AS WELL AS TREASURER. THE BOOKKEEPING WILL ALL BE WITH ONE PERSON, WHICH SAVES STEPS, BUT ADDS QUITE A BIT OF EXTRA WORK FOR JIM! If you can assist in any way, especially at club events when Jim has to be busy being treasurer, let him know!!!

OUR THANKS TO MARGE (who's moved a good distance away) AND TERRY WHO HAVE DONE SO MUCH ALONG WITH LAVERNE OUR PUBLICITY PERSON. In fact, Laverne with Marge & Terry manned the Inter-City Show at the Membership Table and did a FANTASTIC JOB. All three people were unable to continue at this time.

OUR THANKS TO JIM AND WHOEVER WILL BE PUBLICITY PERSON FOR HELPING!

THIS SUNDAY'S MEETING - continued.

PLANTS OF THE MONTH: CRASSULA FAMILY MEMBERS OF NORTH AMERICA & CACTUS OF NORTH AMERICA

REFRESHMENTS: EVERYBODY!

BRAGGING TABLE: Bring what's looking good, or what puzzles! DOOR PRIZE, BIRTHDAY PLANTS, & END-OF-MEETING PRIZES: Yes!

BRING YOUR BABIES: At our Sept. meeting, Lillian True gave out packets of Beaucarnea recurvata seed. She would very much like to see your little seedlings, so please bring them in to the bragging table! On the other hand, if you have not been able to hatch them, bring what you are attempting to sprout them in, and maybe we can figure out why!

DEPT. OF THANK YOU'S!: LILLIAN MENTIONS THAT IT WAS ROWENA THOMPSON WHO ASKED HER TO DISTRIBUTE THE SEEDS!

VOTE: 1989 Election of Officers 1989 SLATE:

President - Rowena Thompson
 Vice President - Kathi Reyes
 Secretary - Pat Kelly
 Treasurer - Jim Hanna

Board Members:

Ted Taylor, Past Prez
 Eleanor Barker
 Larry Grammer
 Bill Hagblom
 Laverne Pitzer
 Audrey Tucker



(Ted is one of our November BIRTHDAY BABIES!)

AT 20 YEARS OLD, THE RUDOLPH VALENTINO LOOK!

This 1927 photo is of Ted also. What a handsome devil!



CLARENCE WRIGHT GARDEN AT THE DOMINGUEZ ADOBE

Curator Ted reports some bad news at our club garden at the Adobe. Alas, our venerable old man snapped in the wind. No, we're not referring to Ted, venerable & patriarch though he may be! Alas, it's our old man cactus, from the Wright's, which snapped. All is not lost however. With 2 ladders & some strong men, the top can be cut down and calloused for future planting. Plus the base is offsetting. So in actuality, there's been only a bit of pruning. Stay tuned!

THANKS TO BILL & ED, WHO'VE BEEN HELPING OUT AT THE GARDEN. WITHOUT YOUR DEDICATION, THE GARDEN COULD NOT THRIVE. LIKE A LIVING ORGANISM, A GARDEN REQUIRES FEEDING, WATERING, AND MINISTERING. AND LIKE A LIVING THING, IT SOMETIMES DOES WHAT IT WANTS TO REGARDLESS! BUT WITH TLC FROM TED AND BILL AND ED, IT WILL CONTINUE TO PLEASE VISITORS.

If anyone else, can help out, contact Ted. You may find that you will not only learn a great deal, but as all gardeners know, it's therapeutic!



From the works of Rowley:

"The only short anglicised alternative to 'caudiciform' I know, apart from the derisory 'TCP's', comes from a friend who refers to his own specimens as 'globs', presumably a happy blend of 'globes' and 'blobs' with a hint of extraterrestrial mystique thrown in for good measure."

"We live in a world that is full of misery and ignorance, and the plain duty of each and all of us is to try to make the little corner he can influence somewhat less miserable and somewhat less ignorant than it was before he entered it." — Thomas Huxley

Both of the above from Rowley's Caudiciform book.

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE THOERNERS
& ALL OUR HARD WORKERS

AUCTION



COVER PHOTO: Auction 88 in full swing at Sharon & Bob Thoerners beautiful home. Above Sharon checks computer print-outs, and to the left Treasurer Jim Hanna & President Rowena Thompson work with the print-out, which this year helped the auction run smoothly. Thanks to Clem for loaning his computer & to Camille for assisting Jim. All these people made hard work seem easy & fun!

LONG BEACH CACTUS CLUB AUCTION A SUCCESS!

Also making a difficult job seem easy were our wonderful AUCTIONEERS! Here you see them in action. They say a picture is worth a thousand words!



THANK YOU TO AUCTIONEERS VICTOR TURECEK, WOODY MINNICH, & JOHN TRAGER! (Above, in his left hand, Victor carries a cutting in a sling).



To the left is Victor Turecek, who shows us multiple uses for pottery.

OUR AUCTIONEERS '88

Auctioneering is part work, part fun, part entertainment. So, in fact is teaching for the best teachers. And 2 of our 3 auctioneers are teachers: Victor & Woody. And if he had gone that route, so would John have been! Actually, John teaches through his presentations at and for the Huntington. All three men are energetic, verbal, knowledgeable, and love the plants they are "selling". In the photo below, Woody prepares to show, hoist, toss ? a Mammillaria! Also in this photo you can see Sharon at Clem's computer, protected from the sun by assorted boxes. To the right, John Trager id's a bidder and/or makes a point about the featured plant. You will notice that with one hand, the auctioneers brandish the merchandise & with the other make contact with the crowd!



Our thanks also to all the participants...the bidders & those who prepared & brought wonderful plants to auction. Happily, they were rewarded!



"YOU WIN AUDREY -WHERE DO YOU WANT THE GREENHOUSE?"



INTER-CITY SHOW PHOTO ALBUM FOR THE LBCC IS BEING ASSEMBLED. IT WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE CLUB AT THE HOLIDAY PARTY! Look for it there.

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A NEW GREENHOUSE!

Audrey and Darryl are new greenhouse owners. They purchased a greenhouse from Harvey Kendall, known in the Bromeliad world as a fine, generous man as well as good grower. But we digress. Darryl has been rebuilding the greenhouse at the Tucker home, and we all look forward to seeing it at the Holiday Party!

The Cartoon to the left seemed appropriate to the occasion once your editor had perpetrated a name change in the dialogue. We hope the artist doesn't object! We are delighted to have obtained Dan Leavitt's permission to use his wonderful creations which appear in THE POINT, newsletter of the CASCADE CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY, Ted Van Velzen, Editor. Dan's signature appears below!

THIS & THAT

From OPEN GATES, Newsletter of the Gates C & S Soc. for Oct. 1988:

On Sept. 3 Joyce & Harry Tate celebrated 56 years of marriage! Congratulations!

SOMEBODY SAID IT: Gardening is the only sensible thing to do after you become wise enough to know there is no use trying to do anything about people.

From the Orlando Sentinel 5/87 via
THE EUPHORBIA JOURNAL

From THE EPI-GRAM, Newsletter of the South Bay Epi. Soc., Oct. 1988:

From a talk by Myron Kimnach: If you feel uncomfortable with all the name changes that are occurring in the Cactaceae, go ahead and use the old names. Who knows, in a year or two, they may change back to the old names again. (paraphrase)

From the Sunset Succulent Society's Slightly Skinny Sheet for Oct. 88:

For his planting mix, Guy Wrinkle uses 2 parts LGM planter mix to 1 part pumice & fertilizes every watering at 1/4 strength. (Guy grows mostly succulents rather than cacti so others might increase the proportion of pumice. But one thing nice about this mix is its simplicity. Pumice can be obtained at Orange Cty. Farm Supply on Chapman in Orange, or at Manny Singers in Northridge. LGM can be obtained at many nurseries, but call first to be sure your nursery has it. For fertilizer many growers use Liquinox. Again, call around to find it. LBCC ed.)

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BELIEVE IT!

DUES are DUE



THANKSGIVING



A turkey comes in just bare skin;
They prefer to come with dressing.
When cooked, they sit on center plate
Until we give the Blessing.

With knife in hand, Dad makes a stand;
From North to South he slashes.
He missed the thing, cut off a wing,
Then said, "I need my glasses."

The gravy not tough, meat enough,
Plenty of scraps for Laddie.
When we are alone, we pick the bones,
And sandwiches for Daddy.

— Anonymous
(from Havemeyer Lane)

Drawing by Elibet Marshall
San Diego C & S Soc. Newsletter
Nov. 1988

And now, by popular demand, Tandra Minnich's POTATO SALAD RECIPE:

- 5 pounds potatoes (cooked)
- 4 eggs (hard boiled)
- 2 stalks celery (sliced thin)
- 1/2 medium onion (diced)
- 1/2 pint sour cream
- 1/2 jar (cruet) of 'Good Season's Italian Dressing' (prepared)

Mix above ingredients well — preferably with your hands so as
to mix in lots of Luv, 'cause that's
what makes it GOOD!

One final recipe, from Havemeyer Lane:

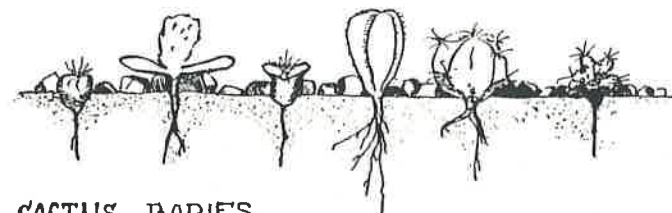
RECIPE: FOR HOLIDAY DESERT

- 2 equal portions greeting
- 2 equal portions love
- Equal portions of sweetening

Sprinkle with kindness

Mix well.....Keep warm

SERVE LARGE PORTIONS!



CACTUS BABIES.

1960.

*from Desert
Plant Life*

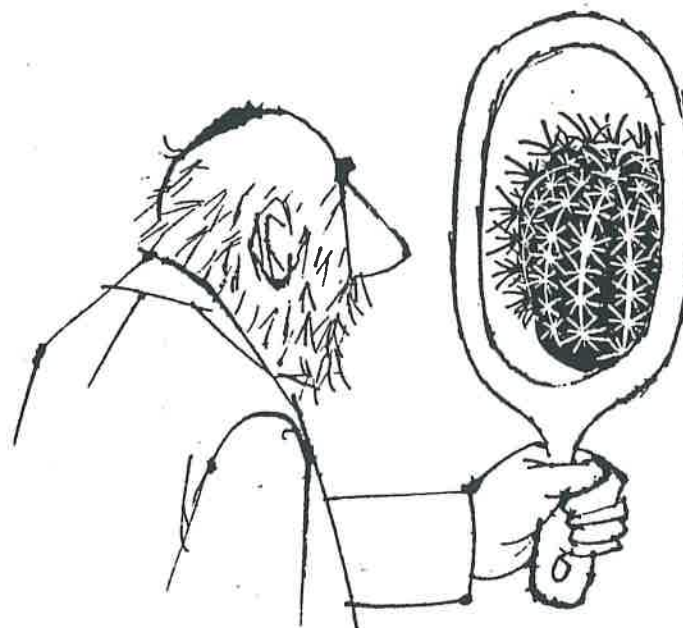
From HUNGARY comes a request for cactus seed. A representative of
the cactus club writes: "We as members of a cactus club most humbly
wish for the receipt of excess cactus seed. We would be happy to accept
as many as you can send. We hope you can help us. Thank you for your
effort."

Send to: Gonda István
5400 Mezótur
Bólyai u.7.
HUNGARY

ANOTHER SEED REQUEST:

A cactophile from afar interested in Gymnocalycium,
Rebutia & Notocactus as well as other cacti has re-
quested seed. If you can spare some, please send to:

Vladimir Kubla
Rešovska' 515
18100 Praha 8
CSSR



MIRROR, MIRROR ON THE WALL...

The April 1982 Sunset Succulent
Society's Slightly SKINNY Sheet
contained the drawing to the left.
The Skinny said: "The picture at
the left was submitted by Seymour
but is not actually his portrait.
Any resemblance to any other club
member is purely coincidental."

HAPPY THANKSGIVING ROADRUNNERS!

CALENDAR:

Nov. 27, Sun., 1:00 PM - LONG BEACH CACTUS CLUB: Sean Hogan will tell the LBCC about Lewisias & other succulents of the Northwest. Many of these are hardy.

DECEMBER LBCC HOLIDAY PARTY: NEW DATE - Nov. 18 at 1:00 PM.

Where: Audrey & Darryl's

Feast: Turkey & Ham provided (Do we have any volunteers who'd like to cook one of these?) -- Plus Potluck

Gift Exchange (like last year), Decorated Plant Competition, Induction of New Officers, POM Prizes, and Who Knows What Else! See next month's newsletter.

Also Gift Plant from Club for Early Renewals!

SO, BE SURE TO RENEW! RENEWAL FORM (PLUS FORM FOR HONORARY MEMBERS TO RETURN) ENCLOSED WITH THIS NEWSLETTER!

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