

THE CACTUS COMPANION  
LONG BEACH CACTUS CLUB  
OCTOBER 1988 NEWSLETTER



1988 AUCTION!



**LBCC FABULOUS AUCTION!**

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LBCC FABULOUS OCTOBER AUCTION INFORMATION SHEET.....>

- Date: Sunday October 23 -- THE FOURTH SUNDAY NOT THE LAST SUNDAY!
- Time: 11 AM! New Time!
- Location: The Thoerners, 15549 Ryon Ave., Bellflower, California.  
Parking: Park in driveway only to load or unload. THEN PLEASE  
PARK ON STREET OPPOSITE HOUSE.

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- **PRE-AUCTION PROCEDURES: NEW THIS YEAR!** Because we'll be computerized, you must be entered into the computer ahead of time if you will be participating.

**BIDDERS:** Sign in or let Sharon Thoerner, our hostess & computer "programmer" know by 10:45 AM that day if you think you might bid. Let her know even earlier if possible.

**SELLERS:** Sharon says that IF YOU ARE EVEN THINKING ABOUT AUCTIONING OFF ONE PLANT, YOU MUST LET HER KNOW BY .....NOW!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

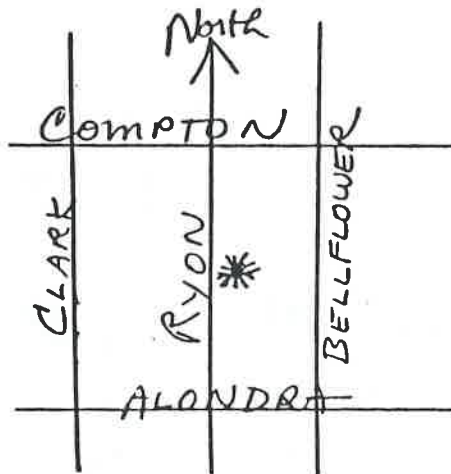
**WHY??? SO YOU CAN MARK EACH PLANT WITH YOUR NUMBER. OR ELSE YOU WILL NOT BE CREDITED WITH THE SALE!**

CALL SHARON AT 213-866-1555. She was out of town recently, so if you tried to call before & couldn't reach her, try again. **NOW!!!!!!!!!! THANK YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

- **PLEASE BRING:**
  - Your own chair, umbrella for sun protection if needed.
  - Sack lunch -- there will be soft drinks for sale, or bring your own.
- **Money matters:** Payment is by cash or check only. If you wish to auction plants, you must be a LBCC member, 75% to you, 25% to Club.

# AUCTION

MAP



- **More practicalities:** Your plants must be clearly marked with your assigned number!
- **Rain?** Hopefully there will be none, but last year there would have been shelter if it had been needed. Your next NL will try to include this info.!
- **IF YOU HAVE A SPARE FOLDING TABLE -- BRING IT! TX!**



**WE EXPECT LOTS OF WONDERFUL PLANTS AGAIN TO BE AUCTIONED!  
WE EXPECT EVERYONE TO HAVE A WONDERFUL TIME! PLEASE COME!**

## OCT. 23!

**Note:** There will be a short meeting sometime during the auction. The nomination committee will report the 1989 slate, and this is the time to nominate from the floor -- but you must have the prior approval of the candidate.

## PLEASE WEAR NAME BADGES

**NAME BADGES:** Treasurer Jim Hanna will soon be ordering the personalized name badges for LBCC members who still need them. The price is \$4 prepaid. Badges are green and white plastic, and sport an Opuntia. Please print your name exactly as you'd like it to appear. If you wish to order one at the auction, be sure you have your \$4 in an envelope with your name on it as you wish it, and the word "badge" on it. This will prevent name badge money from being confused with auction activity.

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1988 GRAND AUCTIONEERS: JACQUES & WOODY & VICTOR & BILL -- PLUS THOSE HELPING BRING THE PLANTS FORWARD -- PLUS TREASURER JIM & HELPERS KEEPING TRACK OF BIDS -- PLUS SHARON WHO IS COMPUTERIZING US & HOSTING THE AUCTION! THANK YOU !!!!!!!!!!!



# Board Meeting

BOARD MEETING: Sunday October 30 at 1:00 PM at the home of Terry & Clem Goewert - See map.

Matters to consider: 1989 show ideas, holiday party details, auction recap, money matters, programs etc., location, Dominguez Garden, suggestions...

Please bring munchies.

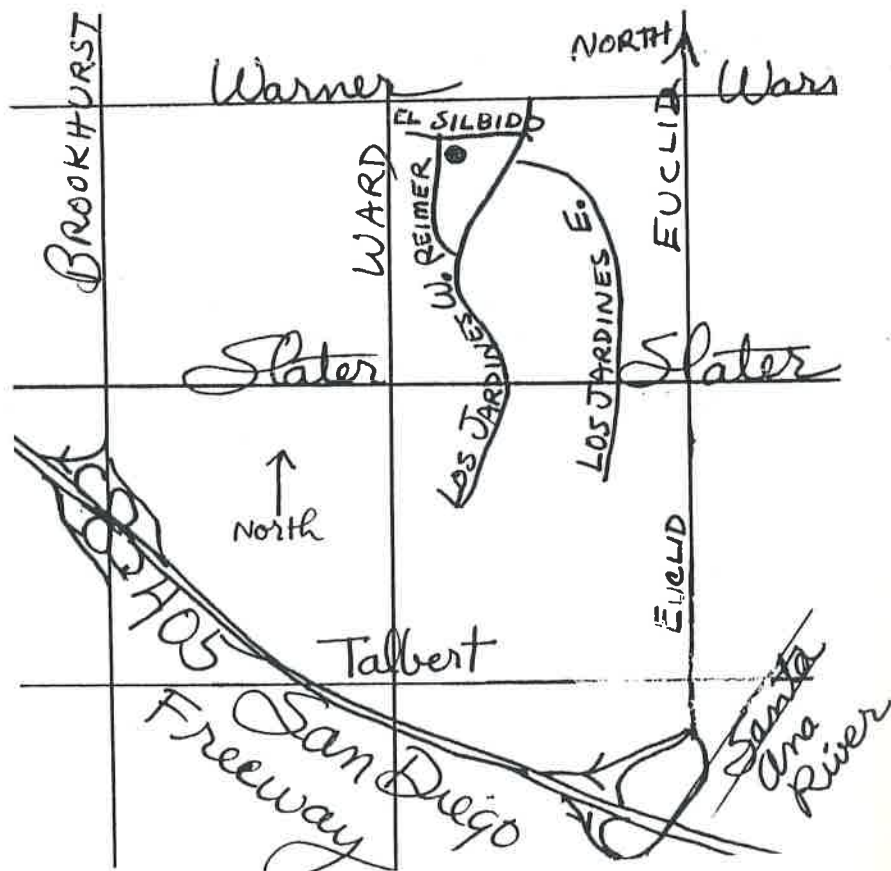
1:00 PM Daylight Savings will have ended. | 17142 Reimer St. FOUNTAIN VALLEY 714-962-3839



TO AVOID BEING LATE FOR THE BOARD MTG. OR ANYTHING ELSE ON SUNDAY THE 31st, BE SURE TO SET CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR WHEN YOU GO TO BED SAT. NITE (OCT. 30).

REMEMBER YOU "FALL" BACK ONE HOUR.

REMEMBER ALSO THIS IS AT THE END OF OCT. - JUST IN TIME FOR THE BD. MTG. OCT. HAS 5 SUNDAYS. OUR AUCTION IS ON THE 4th SUNDAY!!!!!!!!!!



SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES: Because Terry regretablely was ill, Pat Kelly took down the Sept. doings. Only board meeting minutes are required to be reproduced in the newsletter, but the following excerpts will be of interest:

The Sept. meeting of the Long Beach Cactus Club was opened at 1:05 by President Rowena Thompson. We had one guest, Alice Richardson, who joined the club, and one birthday, Bill Low. (Welcome & Congratulations, respectively! Also, a late-arriving guest, Sarmis Luters of Redondo Bch., submitted a LBCC questionnaire!)

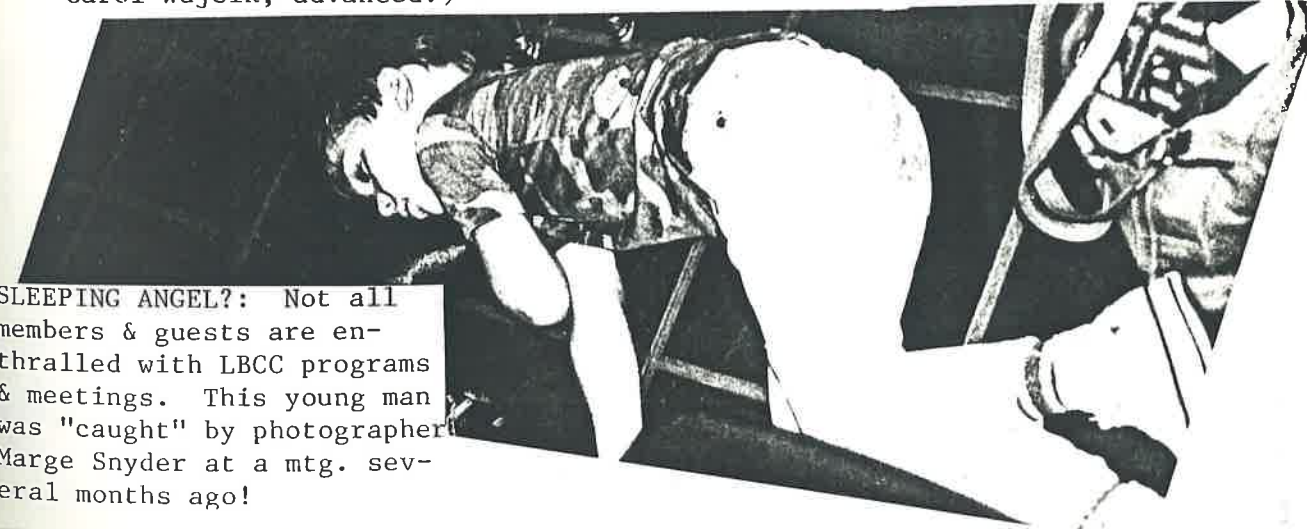
On display were the perpetual awards from our show. High points for succulents was won by Larry Grammer, and high points for cacti was won by Woody Minnich. Announcement was made by Rowena that the winners were to take their awards & have them engraved and bill the club.

In Bill Hagblom's absence, the bragging table was conducted by Lillian True. She had a Beaucarnea recurvata grown from seed & little packets of seed for anyone who was interested.

Our guest speaker, introduced by Virginia Martin, was Ted Taylor. Ted showed us 150 slides of the Joshua Tree area. These slides were all about 30 years old and have held up remarkably well. Ted says keep them in a cool dark place! We were treated to amazing balancing rocks with caves and arches and also the local beasties....birds, reptiles and small furry mammals.

Rowena announced that we needed to nominate & elect the nominations committee for selection of our 89 officers....Jim Hanna, with the most votes is nominating committee chairman, and the other two committee members are Rose Wey and Larry Grammer.

The plant-of-the-month was judged by Larry Grammer and Victor Turecek. Victor entertained us all with a lively description of the winning plants with interesting cultural and other information. (Winners included Rose Wey & Kathi Reyes for novice class, & Rowena Thompson, Jacques de Tisne, & Carol Wujcik, advanced.)



SLEEPING ANGEL?: Not all members & guests are enthralled with LBCC programs & meetings. This young man was "caught" by photographer Marge Snyder at a mtg. several months ago!



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PHOTO TO THE LEFT is a picture of your editor in her formative years. At this early stage, some major trauma must have occurred, which years later surfaced and turned this normal-looking child into a cactus-crazed fanatic.... What seed was sown which lay dormant for years, then one day blossomed....into a succulent flower? Who can answer these questions? Ah, the cosmos is a mysterious place...And we are the seekers, the growers...For what indeed is the meaning of life!? And if you have read this far, Oh, Cactophile, you are also wondering & seeking how to quell a rising, surfacing nausea.....!

**OTHER CREDITS:**

Drawing of auction on back cover is by Elibet Marshall of the San Diego Society. Halloween Calibanus on back cover plus pumpkin & Halloween date are from the S. Fla. C & S Soc. Oct. '87 & are likely by Roni Altschuler. Ghost & many other drawings in this NL however are unsigned & were found in various local bulletins etc. Please see the editor if you need more info.

**1988 OFFICERS:** President Rowena Thompson (213) 835-0393; VP Kathi Reyes (213) 591-7330; Secretary Terry Goewert (714) 962-3839; Treasurer Jim Hanna (213) 920-3046; Sunshine Chair Laverne Pitzer (213) 429-3271 & Membership Marge Snyder, 27679 Sun City Blvd., Sun City, CA 92381. Regular membership is \$8, seniors \$5, & each same-home-membership is \$1.50. Renewal notices next month - Nov.

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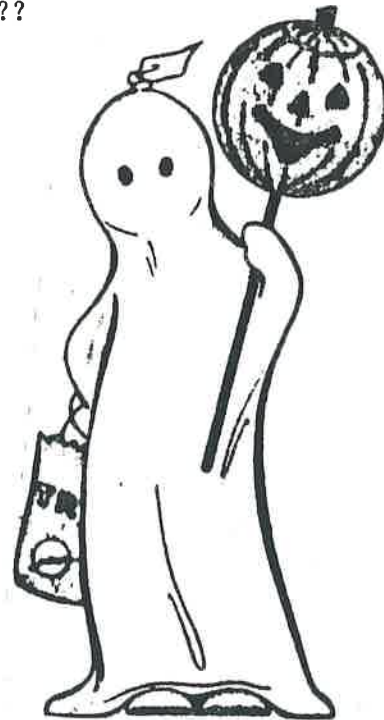
**HALLOWEEN**



The following poem on Halloween was submitted anonymously. But could the author be John Cody????????????

Light up the Pumpkin! It's now Halloween.  
The children follow the bright yellow gleam.  
I now hear the patter of strange little feet;  
A knock on the door -- I hear, "Trick or Treat!"  
  
I open the door; turn on the light.  
A witch, a goblin, a ghost all in white.  
I pretend I am frightened; it helps make their day.  
I give them a treat; they all go away.

It soon will be over, in more ways than one.  
They soon will be grown-ups. No more will they come.  
I hope they remember the night that they came.  
I do remember, for I did the same!



**1989 EVENTS:**

- April 7,8, & 9 - SOUTH COAST CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW. New month this year so as not to conflict with the CSSA Convention.
- May 19,20, & 21 - Fiesta de Flores at South Coast Botanic Gardens.
- May 21 - Huntington Plant Sale, featuring 2 different groups of plants: Xerophytes (including C & S) & Edible Plants.
- May 27 - 28: The Orange County Show & Sale at the Yorba Linda Library.
- June 12-16 - CSSA Convention in Denver hosted by the Colorado C & S Soc. to be held at the Executive Tower Inn in downtown Denver. It's time to start making plans.

September 16 - Sixth Huntington Symposium, featuring Asclepiads & Caudiciform succulents.

MORE TO COME.

CALENDAR

- Oct. 14 - 23: LA GARDEN SHOW at the LA Arboretum in Arcadia. All kinds of plants will be for sale.
- Oct. 23 - Sunday: LONG BEACH CACTUS CLUB AUCTION - Lots of info. in this newsletter. If you are planning to have plants auctioned, or if you plan to bid, READ THIS NEWSLETTER!
- Oct. 30 - Sunday: LONG BEACH CACTUS CLUB BOARD MEETING - at Terry and Clem's, 1:00 PM.
- Nov. 2 - Wed. evening: The Gates C & S Soc. will also have an auction from 7:30 - 10:30 PM at the San Bernardino Cty Museum in Redlands.

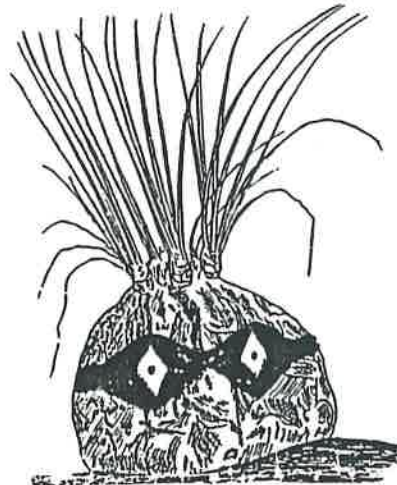


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