

# Newsletter

THE CACTUS COMPANION  
LONG BEACH CACTUS CLUB  
AUGUST 1989: SHOWTIME!!!

YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU TO HELP WITH THE BIG SHOW!

SETUP: Wed. the 16th from 12 - 9; Thurs. the 17th from 9AM - 9PM  
Fri. the 18th from 9AM - 4PM. LA ARBORETUM, Arcadia.

PRESALE: Friday at 5PM for PARTICIPANTS: Helpers & Exhibitors!  
Judging will take place at this time.

SHOW: Sat. & Sun. the 19th & 20th from 9 AM - 5PM.

AWARDS DINNER: Sat. evening 6:30 on -- PROGRAM: J.A. Betzler.

BE A PART OF IT!!!



AUGUST MEETING: The 4th Sunday as usual! August 27 at 1:00  
at the Iacoboni Library, on Clark opposite the Lakewood Mall.  
PROGRAM: John Trager on Hunting for Mammillaria! Plus, he can  
answer ALL YOUR QUESTIONS! Be sure to tell potential visitors!

## 1989 Officers

President Rowena Thompson 213-835-0393; VP Kathi Reyes 213-591-7330; Secretary Pat Kelley 213-639-6439; Treasurer Jim Hanna 213-920-3046; Board Members: Eleanor Barker, Larry Grammer, Bill Hagblom, Laverne Pitzer, Ted Taylor, and Audrey Tucker.

MEMBERSHIP: Regular membership is \$8, seniors \$5, & each associate (same household) membership is \$1.50, regardless of age. (A senior membership is for retired persons, age 65.) Please send check made out to the LBCC to Jim Hanna, 6019 Pepperwood Ave., Lakewood 90712.

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THANK YOU TO ALL OUR OFFICERS & HARDWORKING COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN & MEMBERS!!!! THE SOCIETY COULD NOT DO IT WITHOUT YOU!!!!

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SHOW? Last month you received a photocopy of the show schedule with your newsletter. It will answer many questions, but if not, be sure to call the following people:

YOUR SHOW CHAIRMAN LARRY GRAMMER, 213-599-0856 can make suggestions as to showing plants or exhibits, judging, clerking, all kinds of helping. Or call WOODY or FRED. FOR SHOW SALES CALL JIM HANNA, 213-920-3046 or BILL HAGBLOM, 714-538-6186 or JIM LEONG 805-296-6230. For questions about HOSTESS COORDINATION CALL ROBERTA HANNA, 213-920-3046 or SANDY OR CAMILLE, and for PUBLICITY, A ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR KAREN OSTLER, PAT KELLY & OF COURSE THEIR TEACHER, LAVERNE PITZER! To sign up for the dinner Sat. night, contact FRED HUTFLESZ, 818-572-5583 or 213-934-3597, 357 N. Fuller Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90036, \$19/person.

JUDGES: for cactus: Charles Glass, Gary Lyons, & John Trager.  
for succulents: Diane Dunhill, Janet Huckaby, & Myron Kinnach  
for novice class: A surprise!

### THE WONDERFUL DRAWINGS

on the cover & throughout newsletter are by Dan Leavitt of Cascade C&S Soc., for the July 1988 THE POINT. With permission & with thanks! Election flyer(s) provided by candidate(s).

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All the flowers of tomorrow live in the seeds of today.

## NEWS OF, BY, & FOR LBCC ROADRUNNERS:

First, GOOD NEWS: EMMA REID just celebrated her 98th birthday!!! CONGRATULATIONS! Also, she is celebrating successful eye surgery!

Now, SAD NEWS: At our last meeting, our treasurer JIM HANNA was absent due to the death of his father. At the meeting as well as now, the Club sends its condolences.

Also, as many of you know by now, the Club suffered a direct loss upon the death of longtime member Rose Wey:

### IN MEMORIAM

#### ROSE WEY

Rose Wey died the morning after our July meeting following surgery. She will be greatly missed not only by our Club, but by her family (she leaves four children) and her many friends, including those from work (she retired two years ago from Douglas) and from societies she was a member of for many years; these societies reflected her interest in nature, including cactus, gems, and birds. As to the latter, she not only raised them but exhibited them & won awards. But it was raising them she liked best. She once said that raising the little babies gave her the most pleasure. Perhaps her happiness in birds & cactus & such came partly from having been raised on a farm. She never stopped caring about & nurturing living things.

Her caring of course included people most of all! Emma Reid, a friend for 20 years in several clubs, tells us that while she was recovering from her eye operation, Rose visited her, cooked, stayed over, & assisted her! Emma & Rose not only were in the LBCC together, but also the gem society. Next year Rose would have been president. She worked hard in our Club as well -- most recently as plant chairman & before that as hostess.

Among those paying their last respects to Rose, were Emma, Rowena, & Ted. We will all miss her. She will be remembered with respect, honor, and love.

Goodbye Rose!

DEPT. OF KEEP THEM COMING:

Virginia Martin reported at the board meeting that Ed Gay is getting better, but such things always take time!

Therefore, it would be great to continue sending your cards and get well wishes so Ed & Betty know we continue to think of them!



A Good Cactophile

by Charlie Hunt

Spines, thorns, and stickers; cuts, bruises, blisters; names that are twisters... It's all that I get. Rot, scale and aphids, slug, snail and sowbug, sunburn and windburn my only reward. Go! Collections! I'm through! And you would be too, after all my woes what else can I do? What? You've got a pringle! Where did you get it? How much? I'll buy it! CRAZY? Can't help it.

Colorado Cactophiles Cactivities  
via the Oregon C & S Soc.  
Newsletter, Aug. 1989

TO JOIN CSSA: Send \$28 payable to CSSA to Dorothy Williams, 6240 Wildomar Way, Carmichael, CA 95600. Add \$1 for each associate membership. You will receive the CSSA national NEWSLETTER by Eleanor Barker, and the national JOURNAL!

CANDIDATES FOR THE UPCOMING CSSA ELECTION:

Jerry Barad running unopposed. Jerry is from New Jersey  
VP: Mary Jo Gussett of Texas -- Woody Minnich of California LBCC!  
Secretary: Susan Clements of Calif. unopposed.  
Treasurer: Mindy Fusaro of Iowa -- Sharon Thoerner of Calif. LBCC!  
Three Directors chosen from the following candidates: Duke Benadom of Calif., Bert Evans of Texas, Deloras Kirk of Iowa, Vince Lopresti of Arizona, Kay Rodman of Colorado, Paul Thoma of Wisconsin & Bill Woodard of Iowa.

by Margaret Rossiter

There was an old man called McVicar  
Whose cacti grew bigger and bigger.  
When they went through the roof,  
McVicar said "Strewth!  
I'm glad they don't grow any quicker!".

BOOKS: If you have too many, be sure to bring them to the meeting if you are willing to donate them. Not only will they be recycled, but they will help defray the cost of "rent!"

Drawing from Mid-Iowa C & S Soc. N.L. 6/89.



## AUGUST Meeting

August 27, Sunday at 1 PM at the Library on Clark in Lakewood, opposite the Lakewood Mall, Community Room, lots of parking.

### Program

John Trager will talk to us about HUNTING FOR MAMMILLARIA! John is Curator of the Desert Collections at the Huntington, and is a fine photographer. He also knows all about growing all kinds of c & s so can answer beginners' questions as well as queries from more experienced growers.

REFRESHMENTS: Everyone! Bring goodies.

BRAGGING TABLE: Bring what's looking good, bad, ugly or "questionable"!

PLANT OF THE MONTH: Cactus: Rebutia & Sulcorebutia  
Succulent: Dorstenia & Ficus

ALSO DOOR PRIZES, BIRTHDAY PLANTS, END-OF-MEETING PRIZES

SPECIAL RAFFLE SPECIAL RAFFLE: We'll again have a raffle to help newcomers & others enlarge their collections. Bring any extra plants you can donate!

START THINKING NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

THANK YOU TO LOUELLA FOR DONATING PLANTS!!!

DOMINGUEZ ADOBE GARDEN WORKERS NEEDED!!!! If you are interested in working in our memorial garden at the Adobe in Dominguez Hills, please call President Rowena Thompson, 213-835-0393.

WEAR NAME TAGS AT THE MEETING -- AND AT THE SHOW TOO SO YOU CAN GET INTO THE ARBORETUM.

DON'T FORGET THE ARTS, CRAFTS & PHOTOGRAPHY CLASSES IN THE SHOW! ENTER!

NEW TROPHIES THIS YEAR INCLUDE: THE PEOPLE'S CHOICE, DONATED BY THE HANNAS, BEST ROOKIE SHOWER CACTUS DONATED BY BRIGITTE WILLIAMS, BEST ROOKIE SHOWER SUCCULENTS DONATED BY ARTIE CHAVEZ, RAREST PLANT IN SHOW DONATED BY THE MINNICHS & OTHERS INCLUDING WONDERFUL MEDALS FROM THE HORT. SOCIETY!





CSSA JOURNAL: At a newsletter editors meeting at the convention, Charles Glass, editor for the national journal, said that the Journal wants short original articles, especially with original photos or drawings -- this can be about a plant or plants, cultural info., some aspect of the hobby, etc. What you submit should be double-spaced. See the inside cover of the Journal for more info. about submissions.

## MEMORIES OF THE 1989 CONVENTION

From Jim Hanna for the South Coast Newsletter, Aug. 1989:

"We always look forward to going to the Convention. They always have something for everybody, and the Denver Convention was no different. They had some great speakers, good opening and closing dinners, nice plants in the sales area, fantastic field trips, and a chance to make new friends from all over the world. Denver was a great host city -- everybody felt welcome. It's just good to be with people who enjoy the Hobby as much as you do. Now it is on to San Antonio, Texas for the next Convention."



CSSA Convention talks were excellent! Happily the LBCC was able to hear the fine presentation by Myron Kimmach. Another member who combines detailed information with style and wit and wonderful slides is Woody Minnich, who spoke on Mammillaria. The slides were wonderful though he discovered the projectionist had had them on "dim"!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW  
FOR SAN ANTONIO, June  
16-21, 1991!

THEY SAID IT  
at the Convention:

Herman Schwartz, Strawberry Press Publisher:

"The happiest people are those with a passionate interest in something.

"And nobody is more rabid or passionate than succulent 'freaks'!"

"It's the only medical condition I know where people are happily frustrated."

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"How does one become a publisher? Fortunately, I knew nothing -- which is why I did it!"

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Dr. Schwartz's next publishing ventures will include THE SUCCULENTS OF MADAGASCAR by Dr. Werner Rauh.

DR. RAUH INSTRUCTS US ON A THORNY SUBJECT:

It will come as a shock to all of us used to thinking of cacti as having spines, but technically cacti have thorns, whereas the rose doesn't have thorns, but instead has spines. A spine is merely epidermal, or skin deep. But a thorn comes from the "guts" of the plant (whether root, stem or leaf). A cactus is thorny!!!

BUMPER STICKER:  
Honk if you're thorny!  
- C.Martin  
Rosarian

Henk de Looze  
on the Cactus Hobby in Europe:

The British are THE SHOWERS!  
The Germans are THE TRAVELERS!  
The Hollanders are THE GROWERS!  
and the Belgians are... well, different!

A Continental greenhouse will be sunk in the ground.

Germans like caudiciforms. Also Suclicos and Rebutias.

Regarding windowsills growing: The French have curtains, which are closed.

The Dutch use short curtains, and put plants on the windowsills.

About grafting -- it's a means to an end. Not the goal. It's a hedge against rot.

...The Belgians love to graft!

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Henk de Looze's talk was most entertaining -- and his slides very fine. It's to be hoped we all get to hear him speak again.

## IT'S SHOWTIME!!

NOTE: CSSA Archivist/Historian will be Larry Mitich, Botany Dept. Univ. of California, Davis, CA 95616. Please send him anything suitable (ie. old photos, slides etc.)

## THE TAXONOMIST'S PRAYER

Our Linnaeus, who art in homonymy,  
available be thy name,  
thy kingdom taxonomic,  
thy will be done in accordance with the ICBN,  
on earth as it is in synonymy.

Give us this day our binomial bread,  
and forgive us our nomen nudems  
as we forgive those who misidentify us.

Lead us not into invalidation  
but deliver us from syntypification,  
for thine is the kingdom and the phylum,  
and thy name be abbreviated forever.

AMEN!

Donald Fisher, Smithsonian Institution  
Science '82 vol.3, no.2 (March 1982)

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COME TO THE HUNTINGTON SYMPOSIUM TO IMMERSE  
YOURSELF IN A DAY FULL OF LEARNING, BUYING,  
TOURING, SEEING (PLANTS, C & S "BONSAI" &  
ART/PHOTOGRAPHY), & MEETING OTHER DEDICATED  
HOBBYISTS AND PROFESSIONALS.

### Succulent Types

When staging a succulent show,  
There's something you really should know.  
The judge's decision  
Will be met with derision  
By all those who are 'in the know'.

This poem & earlier one are both by  
Margaret Rossiter & both are from  
the BRITISH JOURNAL, Newsletter  
Section, March 1989.



## The Sixth Huntington Symposium on Succulent Plants

### PROGRAM:

- o Gerald S. Barad, M.D., Flemington, New Jersey  
*Pollination and Hybridization of Asclepiads*
- o J. A. Betzler, Botanist, San Diego, California  
*Field Observations of Stapelieae and their Insect Visitors*
- o Joel Lodé, Association de Recherches et d'Informations sur les Succulents, Nantes, France  
*New Caudiciforms from Brazil*
- o Herman Schwartz, M.D., Strawberry Press, Mill Valley, California  
*Caudiciforms in Habitat and Cultivation*
- o Irwin P. Ting, Ph.D., University of California, Riverside, California  
*Ecophysiology of Baja California Stem Succulents*
- o Ernst van Jaarsveld, Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens, Republic of South Africa  
*The Succulent Riches of South Africa with Specific Reference to the Caudiciforms* (Banquet Speaker)

### OTHER EVENTS:

- o Rudy Lime, San Diego, California  
Exhibit of Caudiciform Bonsai
- o Donald G. Rogers, Photographer, Temple City, California  
Presentation of Photographic Art of Succulents
- o Tours of the Desert Garden and Desert Garden Conservatory
- o Silent Auction of Rare and Unusual Succulents
- o Succulent Plant Sales

### DATE & TIME:

Saturday, 16 September 1989

Continental breakfast and Registration starting at 8:00 A.M. Programs from 8:30 A.M. until 5:30 P.M. will include speakers, special events, refreshments, box lunch. The evening reception, banquet, and program are scheduled from 6:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

### LOCATION:

Friends Hall, The Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens  
1151 Oxford Road  
San Marino, CA 91108  
(818) 405-2160

### REGISTRATION:

A fee of \$40 per person covers attendance at the main program as well as the cost of refreshments and lunch.

Attendance at the evening banquet is an additional \$25 per person.

To register: mail your name(s), address, and a check for the appropriate amount to:

Succulent Symposium  
Huntington Botanical Gardens  
1151 Oxford Road  
San Marino, CA 91108

Make Checks Payable To: The Huntington Library

Registration DEADLINE: September 12, 1989.

We cannot guarantee meals will be provided for late registrants.





Saturday & Sunday August 19th & 20th, 1989  
LOS ANGELES STATE & CO. ARBORETUM  
ARCADIA, CALIFORNIA

# 4th ANNUAL INTER-CITY

## CACTUS & SUCCULENT SHOW

9:00am

5:00pm

**PLANT  
SALES**

For information please contact:

Larry Grammer 818-999-0856

Fred Hutflesz 818-572-5583

Woody Minnich 805-944-2784

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THE BIGGEST SHOW  
IN THE COUNTRY!



**EDITORIAL #1:** I hope all of you participate in the BIG SHOW in some way! Enter plants -- if they look good to you, they will be appreciated by the public! And, who knows?, maybe even the judges! If you're a beginner, or novice, you should know there are special awards just for you. And there's also a new award this year, The People's Choice Award! And whether or not you enter plants, come to help. You will learn, and odds are you'll have fun. If not, then that's the risk to meeting this thing called life head on! GO FOR IT!

**EDITORIAL #2** Most of you know that CSSA (National) Election is almost here, and there are several people running for offices who you know: Woody Minnich for Vice President, Susan Clements for Secretary, Sharon Thoerner for Treasurer, and Duke Benadom for Director. Elsewhere in the newsletter you will find a full listing of those running for office, plus how to join CSSA -- because if you're not a member you can't vote. So first I urge you to join CSSA, and second to vote for the Woody, Susan, Sharon & Duke. All would be "fresh blood," all have strong beliefs and are not afraid to express them.

Most are longtime members of CSSA, and Woody especially has a unique combination leadership experience and energy to make the organization more vital and responsive. He gets things done -- directly and through helping to activate others! Woody of course is an honorary LBCC mbr., and Sharon has been an active "Roadrunner" for several years. She computerized our auction last year! Both are keen growers & students of our plants, as is Duke, who specializes in the genus Echinocereus. I see Duke fearlessly expressing his ideas if elected to the Board, and he cares passionately about the hobby and plants. Susan also is a fearless speaker; she has assisted husband Joe & CSSA with the organization & running of many activities & was recently appointed as Secretary when Bob Carr resigned. I urge all of you to vote! And to join CSSA to be able to vote!

Carol



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WEEKEND OF AUG. 12 & 13: PREPARE YOUR PLANTS!

Sat. the 12th: UCI Irvine Arboretum Bulb & Plant Sale, 10AM - 2PM,  
See map in last month's newsletter.

THE BIG SHOW: EVERYONE NEEDED!

Setup Aug. 16, Wed., 12 - 9PM; Aug. 17, Thurs., 9AM-9PM, and  
Friday Aug. 18, 9AM - 4PM.

Judging/Presale: 5 PM Friday. (Presale for participants & workers!)

Showtime: Sat. & Sun. 9 - 5, at the LA ARBORETUM, Arcadia

Thank You Dinner: Sat. 6:30 PM. Program by Joey Betzler!

Aug. 24; Thurs. 7:30, Susan Carter Holmes will speak at the Orange  
Cty. Society. Everybody invited. Yorba Linda District Library  
Lemon & Imperial Highway.

Sept. 16, Sat.: SIXTH HUNTINGTON SYMPOSIUM ON SUCCULENT PLTS.,  
8 AM - 9 PM, Information inside newsletter.

Sept. 23-24, Sat. & Sun.: SADDLEBACK VALLEY BROMELIAD SOCIETY,  
Le Meridien Hotel, 4500 MacArthur Blvd., Newport Beach,  
brom. sale. Free admission. Orange Cty.

Oct. 15, Sunday: LBCC AUCTION!!! The 3rd Sunday NOT the 4th Sun.!

June 1991: CSSA CONVENTION: San Antonio, Texas.

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Newsletter of the Long Beach Cactus Club

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IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN! WHAT TIME IS IT?????? SHOWTIME!!!!!!!!!!!!



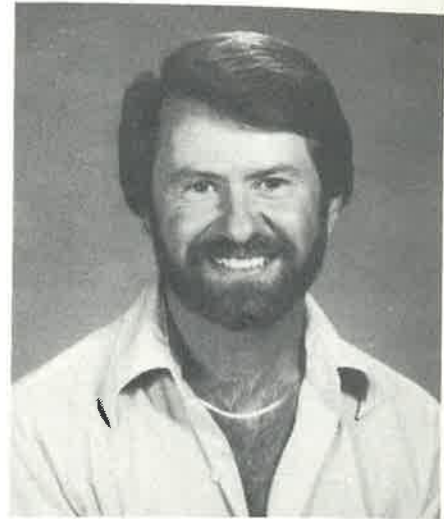
# WENDELL S. (WOODY) MINNICH

FOR  
C.S.S.A. VICE PRESIDENT 1989

## "YEARS OF EXPERIENCE"

as a Leader,  
as a Worker,  
as a Hobbyist,  
as a Grower,  
as a Speaker  
and as an  
Educator,

**WOODY IS THE ONE  
WITH THE ENERGY TO BRING  
FORTH THE FULL POTENTIAL  
OUR SOCIETY CAN ACHIEVE !**



## BIOGRAPHY

**EDUCATION:** B.A. in Architecture & Graphics with a Minor in Art; M.A. in Education and Teaching Credential from California State University at Long Beach 1970-71

**OCCUPATION:** Teacher of Graphics at Antelope Valley High School 18yrs.; Owner of Cactus Data Plants Nursery 8 yrs.

**CLUBS:** Los Angeles C.S.S. member since 1971, Honorary Life Member 1979, Past President for two 3 year terms, Chronicle Editor 5 yrs., Show Chairman 7 yrs and Plant Cultural Chairman 5 yrs..

Long Beach C. C. member since 1987, Honorary Life Member 1988

San Gabriel C. S. S. member since 1972

Sunset S. S. member since 1974

Gates C. S. S. occasional member since 1975

Mojave Desert C. S. S. member since 1973

Monterey Bay C. S. S. member since 1987

California Cactus Growers Association member since 1987

Cactus & Succulent Society of America member since 1971, Life Member 1979, Show Chairman 1979, Plant Sales Co-Chair. 3yrs., Conservation Committee 2yrs.

Show Judge 14 yrs., accredited by CSSA

Southern California Inter-City Show Co-Chairman 4 yrs.

**PARTICIPATION:** Speaker since 1973 of 17 different programs for many clubs as well as the Huntington Symposium, the 1989 CSSA Convention and the 1990 British Convention. Field explorer & student of the Genus Mammillaria for 18 yrs. with 57 major excursions. Cactus & Succulent Show Participant since 1972 and winner of many awards for horticultural excellence. Currently working on a book Field Observations of the Genus Mammillaria.

**Vote Woody for representation & experience**