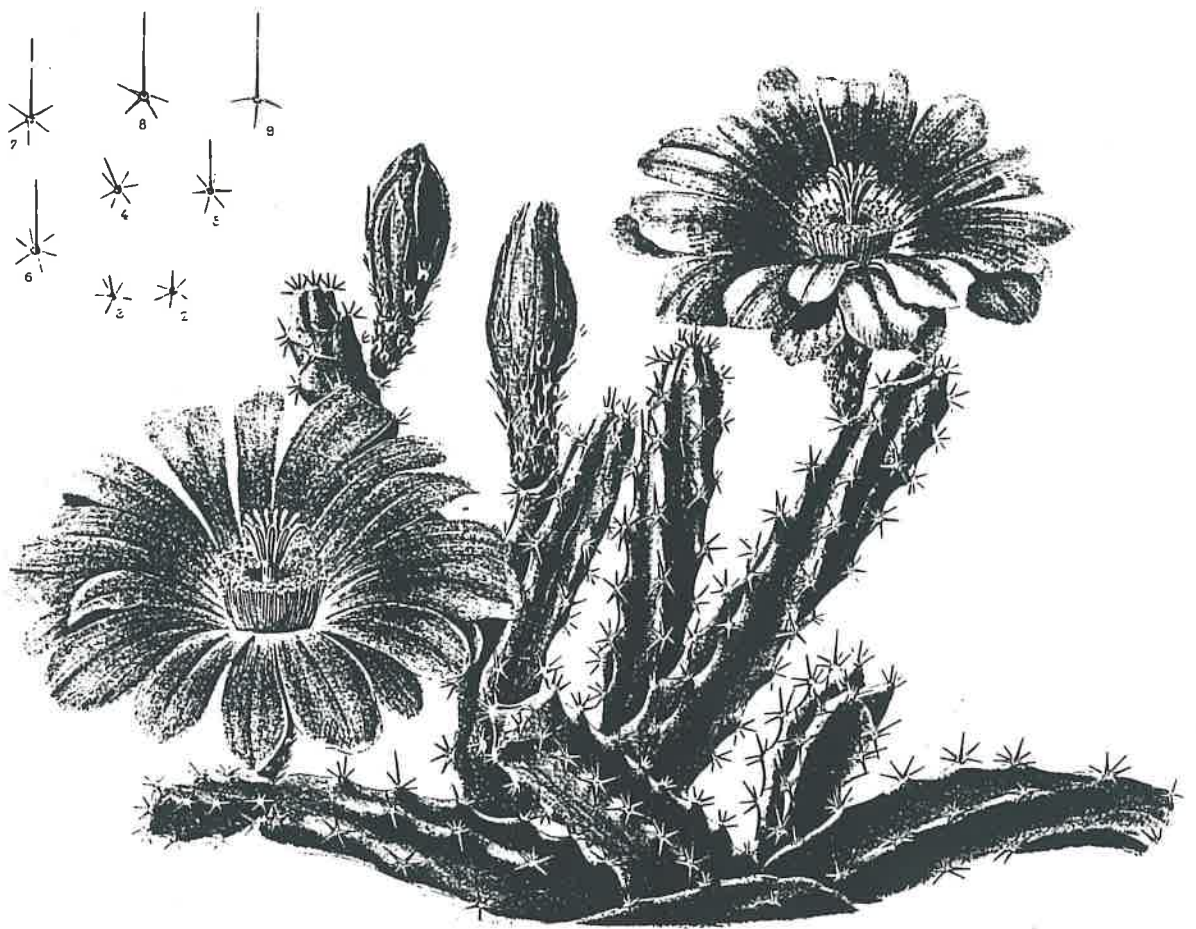


Newsletter



LONG BEACH CACTUS CLUB
Cactus Companion Newsletter

DECEMBER 1989

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, & Audrey Tucker. & TED TAYLOR, PAST PRESIDENT.

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.

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

Long Beach Cactus Club

- ◆ Informative Programs
- ◆ Meet with fellow Cactus & Succulent Enthusiasts
- ◆ Plant Culture Contests & Plant Sales



Meetings: 4th Sunday of each month
At: IACOBONI Library
Clark Street, Lakewood, CA
Time: 1 P.M.

For more information, call (213) 835-0393

CREDITS: Cover drawings are of "Cereus" or Echinocereus procumbens, which Nigel Taylor includes in E. pentalophus v. pentalophus, but which he says may be a separate variety, is from Engelmann's CACTACEAE OF THE BOUNDARY, 1858, drawings by Mr. Paulus Roetter of St. Louis. ...Candles of the Desert picture is from the Feb. '35 DESERT PLANT LIFE.....1990 New Year Baby is by Frank Stapf of the Huntington Library. Botanical Dept. cartoon is "probably" by Carl Foote of H.L. & both were done for the employee newsletter "The Postscript"...& Cactus in Christmas ornament inside back cover is by Terry Dews!



LBCC

Santa Claus Is Inviting You
To A Very Special Holiday Event

HOLIDAY
PARTY
&
POTLUCK FEAST!!!

WHEN: SUNDAY, DEC. 17 AT 1:00 PM

WHERE: Darryl & Audrey Tucker's Home, at 4438 Hazelbrook -- very near the library where we usually meet. See map near end of newsletter.

BRING: Yourself (& Spouse/Partner)
Potluck Dish (Your Specialty or Something Special!)

The Club will furnish coffee, AND
THE TURKEY AND THE HAM, COOKED TO
PERFECTION BY ROWENA & LAVERNE!!!

Optional tableware -- The Club will furnish plates &
plastic cutlery

Serving utensil for your potluck dish
1990 dues if you haven't yet renewed! So you can receive
your free plant. It's up to you!

Decorated plant/planter/dish garden competition, optional
GIFT EXCHANGE PLANT - optional but fun.

GIFT EXCHANGE: Each person who wishes to participate brings an UNWRAPPED quality plant or plant-related item, marked with its name & the giver's name. A panel will judge the most desirable plant which will be set aside for auction later. Whoever brought this plant chooses the one he/she wants; then that person chooses & so on! (There will be an extra plant or two to make up for the auction plant). The better the plant you bring, the sooner you will likely get to choose! But since individual tastes vary, who knows!

WEAR NAME BADGES!!!!!!!!!!!!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Lorraine Eldredge
1430 25th Street
Des Moines, IA 50311

Jacob Friedman
5046 Clearview Expressway
Bayside, NY 11364
718-224-8786

Doris & Richard Hannon
9315 S. Sideview Dr.
Downey, CA 90240
213-862-7380

ADDRESS CHANGES:

Waldie Abercrombie

The POBox in River-
side is still good, but
also

3817 Broadway
Huntington Park, CA 90255
213-581-1067

Pat Kelley & Andy Staab
1555 "C" Cherry St.
Placentia, CA 92670

THANK YOU ALL WHO HAVE RENEWED!
And all our new members! You
will have a gift plant for you
at our holiday party (or in Jan.)

Welcome

NOTE: Does anyone have an
address for Tracy Kirst:



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DUES are DUE



BELIEVE IT!

EDITORIAL:

BOB (SANTA CLAUS) CAUSEY

Last year at our holiday party, Bob & Carol Causey joined us briefly for the festivities. Bob brought with him a box of wonderful things. The box was full of old newsletters & magazines from the Skinners. Included of course were many old Desert Plant Life magazines. A national magazine different from the CSSA Journal, it is a delight to read. Along with the Skinners, there were many contributors you know, including the Abercrombies and of course Ted Taylor! Also George Lindsay, Reid Moran & W. Taylor Marshall, for starters. Now of course Carol Causey is full steam ahead editing the S.Coast newsletter, so the question is, does Bob want the box back!?

If you see something in this newsletter credited to DPL, that's Desert Plant Life. The magazine was the creation of Ellen Rooksby, Editor, and continued from the 20's into the 50's, I believe. This of course included WWII, and many contributions from this time make fascinating reading.

And now a few of the sillier lines from a June '38 DPL which could be entitled "No Way Out..."

Yes -- cactus growing is my hobby.
I may get stuck with it.
I am sure to get stuck on it.
But I intend to stick by it,
Because I am stuck on it.

- June '38 DPL

AND A BIG THANK YOU to all who contributed to our newsletter in 89 -- especially Kathi Reyes who was editor for two issues! Jim Hanna has given photos and information! and Ted Taylor always kept me posted! President Rowena Thompson was very helpful in discussing content and checking on missing information! Other contributors include Bill Low, Audrey Tucker, Bill Hagblom, Ed Hennessey, and all those other great newsletters we borrow from! THANK YOU! Keep it coming!

Carol



Results of the CSSA election:

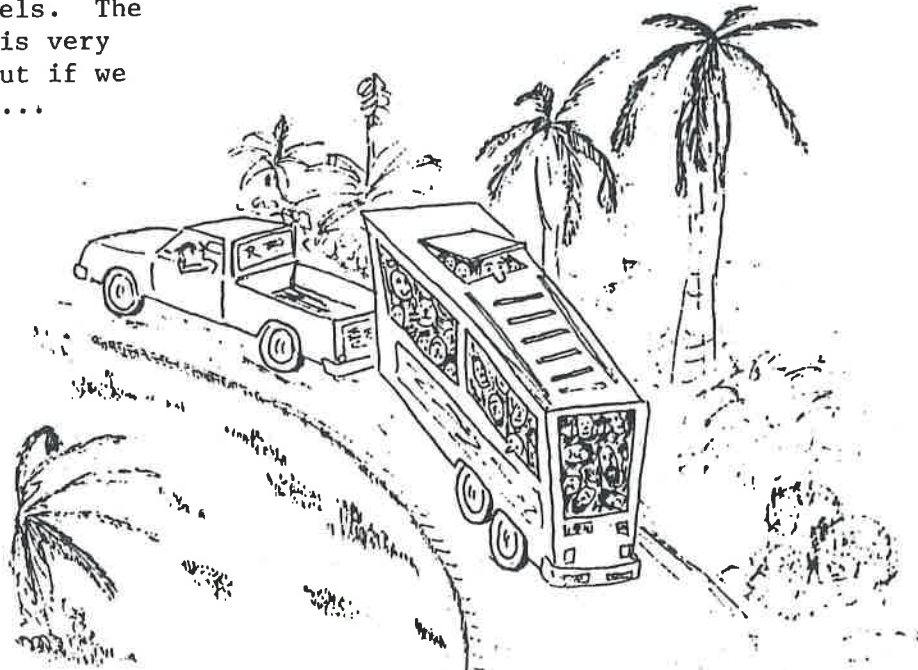
President	Jerry Barad (NJ)
Vice President	Mary Jo Gussett (TX)
Secretary	Susan Clements (CA)
Treasurer	Mindy Fusaro (IA)
3 Directors	Duke Benadom (CA)
	Bert Evans (TX)
	Vince Lopresti (AZ)

CONGRATULATIONS TO ROADRUNNER DUKE!



AND NOW, FROM THE HUNTINGTON "POSTSCRIPT,"
comes the following cartoon.

Our new office does have
tires and wheels. The
location now is very
convenient, but if we
ever want to....



A COMMON MISCONCEPTION ABOUT THE
NEW BOTANICAL OFFICE

WE'RE FOR YOU! TED!

Dec. 6:

Ted Taylor is in the hospital -- the result of a stroke. He was hospitalized Dec. 1, although the first cactophile to find out only discovered this on Dec. 5, Tues. It was an oldtime friend, Waldie Abercrombie, who, trying to reach Ted, became worried and finally just called the hospital to see if an Edward S. (Ted) Taylor had been admitted. He had. Although he seems to be moving more or less ok, Waldie reports Ted's speech is unclear most of the time -- as of Dec. 5. Hopefully he will improve quickly.

Ted (no doubt admitted under Edward S.) Taylor
is at
St. Francis Hospital
Room 516
3630 E. Imperial Hwy.
Lynwood, CA 90262

213-603-6000

Ted can have visitors, but phone calls may not be possible at this time. Call & ask for patient info. to find out about calling him directly.

For visiting, visitor hours are 11:00 AM to 8:30 PM.

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Dec. 7: I visited Ted in the hospital after work on Wed. the 6th, and with my hearing & his not having the energy or ability to enunciate very well, I couldn't understand him too well, but we tried! In fact, Ted tried to use mime & gestures to help me hear. He seemed in fairly good spirits as he always is, responded to what I was saying, & his sense of humor seemed in good shape. He was moving both arms; it's just that he didn't seem strong yet, and he kept his eyes closed most of the time even when talking, but it was still the old Ted! I've talked with those who've talked to Ted by phone; it's just that this time you have to do most of the talking!

Carol

Dec. 9, Sat.: Regretably Ted's condition is more serious. He can still have visitors, but it is unlikely he will be responsive. Before visiting, you may wish to call to see how he is.



CANDLES OF THE DESERT

Painted Mural Textile

Edith A. Hamlin

FOLLOW-UP -- San Gabriel Valley C&S Soc. STUDY GROUP
Report of October meeting

The topic was Aeoniums and other Canary Island succulents. Because the Canary Island xerophytic zone has a dry hot summer during which plants rest and a warm wet winter, these plants like southern California and are beginning to grow at this time. You can propagate them now, and let them receive the winter rains.

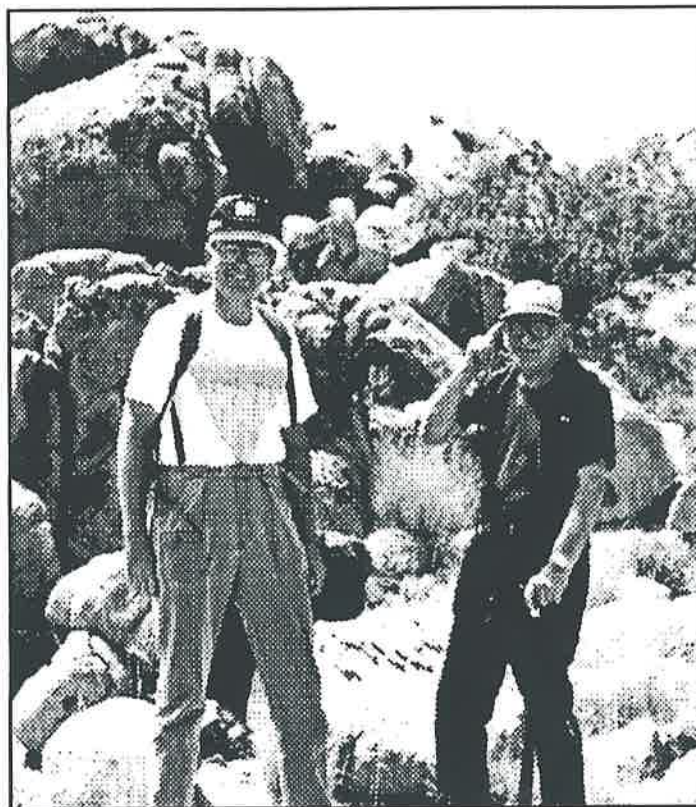
Plants include most of the genus *Aeonium* (family *Crassulaceae*), *Euphorbia lambii*, *balsamifera*, *atropurpurea*, *canariensis*, *bravoana*, *Senecio kleinia* & *anteuphorbium*, *Ceropegia fusca* & *dichotoma*, *Caralluma burchardii*, *Euphorbia* (again) *aphylla* & *regis-jubae*, many *Monanthes*, many *Aichryson*, *Geranium canariense*, many *Echiums* (curious plants -- the Huntington has many *E. wildpretii*, or 'Tower of Jewels') -- and of course the amazing *Dracena draco*, or 'Dragon Tree.'

The *D. draco* will take several years in the ground to start making its stout trunk, and may take 10 or 15 to flower & branch. Impressive is one good adjective for a mature dragon tree.

Among the Aeoniums, *A. sedifolium* makes a handsome little tree, *A. tabuliforme* is flat as a pancake & likes to grow vertically in rock crevices. *Aeonium nobile* is a large heavy succulent-leaved plant which turns reddish orange when it is ready to bloom, & the inflorescence is gorgeous. It will die after blooming, as all *Aeonium* branches will also do. An unbranched plant, like *tabuliforme* or *nobile* will completely croak, alas. If you remove the beginning bloom & of course the apex of the plant IN TIME, then you may get your plant to pup. Remove the pups & plant. Or take leaves (including where they attach to trunk, & propagate). The best known Aeonium of all is *A. arboreum* 'Zwartkop' -- a sun lover which is a wonderful landscape plant. The soft green leafed Aeoniums of course prefer part shade.

David Bramwell's book on the Canary Island flora is the one to get, if interested. Or talk to study group leader Joe Clements.

C.A.W.



Joe Wujcik & Ted Taylor
(alias the Joshua Tree Kid)

Through the Wonderland of Rocks

Joshua Tree National Monument

The photo of Ted & Joe was taken about Labor Day this year & was copied by computer scanner thanks to Joe Clements. Ted of course is "The Joshua Tree Kid" & scampered over the rocks faster than I could! But as he likes to say, he has "4" legs! CAW

"I AM CERTAIN OF NOTHING BUT OF THE
HOLINESS OF THE HEART'S AFFECTIONS,
AND THE TRUTH OF IMAGINATION."

— Keats

WHERE TO SEE DESERTS

1986 - from Ranger Rick

The best way to learn about desert life is to see it for yourself. Here's a list of National Parks and Monuments that are at least partly desert. We've also listed some botanical gardens that have excellent collections of desert plants. (This is only a partial list. If you live near a botanical garden that we haven't listed, check to see if they have desert plants in their collections.) Before you visit a desert park, monument, or garden, call to find out if they offer tours or other special programs.

NATIONAL PARKS AND MONUMENTS

Arches National Park, Moab, Utah. Telephone (801) 259-8161.
Bandelier National Monument, Los Alamos, New Mexico. Telephone (505) 672-3861.
Big Bend National Park, near Alpine, Texas. Telephone (915) 477-2251.
Canyon de Chelly National Monument, near Chinle, Arizona. Telephone (602) 674-5436.
Canyonlands National Park, Moab, Utah. Telephone (801) 259-7164.
Capitol Reef National Park, Torrey, Utah. Telephone (801) 425-3871.
Carlsbad Caverns National Park, Carlsbad, New Mexico. Telephone (505) 785-2232.
Chaco Culture National Historical Park, Bloomfield, New Mexico. Telephone (505) 786-5384.
Chiricahua National Monument, Willcox, Arizona. Telephone (602) 824-3560.
Death Valley National Monument, Death Valley, California. Telephone (619) 786-2331, ext. 1.
Grand Canyon National Park, near Tusayan, Arizona. Telephone (602) 638-2411.
Guadalupe Mountains National Park, Texas, near Carlsbad, New Mexico. Telephone (915) 828-3251.
High Desert Museum, near Bend, Oregon. Telephone (503) 382-4754.
Joshua Tree National Monument, near Twenty-Nine Palms, California. Telephone (619) 367-7511.

Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument, near Lukeville, Arizona. Telephone (602) 387-6849.
Petrified Forest National Park (includes the Painted Desert), near Holbrook, Arizona. Telephone (602) 524-6228.
Saguaro National Monument, Tucson, Arizona. Telephone (602) 296-8576.
White Sands National Monument, near Alamogordo, New Mexico. Telephone (505) 437-1058.
Zion National Park, Springdale, Utah. Telephone (801) 772-3256.

BOTANICAL GARDENS

Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, Tucson, Arizona. Telephone (602) 883-1380.
Botanical Garden, University of California, Berkeley, California. Telephone (415) 642-3343.
Boyce Thompson Southwestern Arboretum, Superior, Arizona. Telephone (602) 689-2811.
Brooklyn Botanic Garden, Brooklyn, New York. Telephone (718) 622-4544.
Chihuahuan Desert Research Institute, Alpine, Texas. Telephone (915) 837-8370.
Desert Botanical Garden, Phoenix, Arizona. Telephone (602) 941-1225.
Huntington Gardens, San Marino, California. Telephone (818) 405-2127.
Longwood Gardens, Kennett Square, Pennsylvania. Telephone (215) 388-6741.
Matthael Botanical Garden of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan. Telephone (313) 763-7060.
Missouri Botanical Garden, St. Louis, Missouri. Telephone (314) 577-5100.
Montreal Botanical Garden, Montreal, Quebec, Canada. Telephone (514) 252-1173.
The New York Botanical Garden, Bronx, New York. Telephone (212) 220-8748.
United States Botanic Garden, Washington, DC. Telephone (202) 225-8333.

A CACTUS WREN

By MARY C. STUNDEN

Time Xmas 1930. An excited voice at the telephone.

Now what do you suppose I got for a present? You would never guess it. A cactus bowl filled with those horrible, prickery, stickery plants. What would a person do with the ugly thing? And some one told me those bowls sold for \$17.50. If they had only given me the money instead, or anything else in the world but that! What ever am I to do with it? O, if it had only been something useful!

*Give
"Cactitus"
for
Christmas*



Time July 1932. In a rock garden

Do come and see my collection. I did just as you said, about the bowl, gave it a little water and let it alone and when the succulents outgrew the container I made a little rock garden outside and planted them where they could get plenty of sun. And what do you think? Some of them had flowers. You should have seen them. They were just the daintiest and sweetest blossoms I ever saw in my life. Such a delicate satiny sheen. We have had any number of parties just to see our beautiful cacti. I just wouldn't take anything for them. I guess I've got it bad. This cactitus. My sister sent me the *Desert* this year and now I am taking what spare money I have to buy books, and join a cactus club. How glad I am she sent the bowl. No Christmas present I ever received has brought so much lasting joy into my life.

ECHEVERIA GROWING CONDITIONS

DON B. SKINNER

It is rather unique that, on transplanting echeverias from their native habitat, they have allowed us to change many of their habits, so decidedly. At home they are said to grow principally in the high lime-stone cliffs of Mexico, although some do grow in other locations. In their adopted home they greatly relish a rich sandy soil and an abundance of water and they will even appreciate an occasional feeding of fertilizer.

E. setosa, meaning hairy one, almost demands leaf-mold for its well being. Most of the others will thrive in nearly any mixture of soil.

So. Calif. Cactus Ex.

*Jan '33
DPL
Rose Parade was Mary
Marshall was Mary
Pickford!!*

DEPARTMENT OF THANK YOU'S!

Thank you to Lillian True for installing our officers each year! Nobody could do it better!

Then there's the fine Affiliate Rep. job you've done each year! Again, thank you!

You are also one of our most generous members! This is one reason why we all regret your losing many plants to theft recently.

We'll see you Sunday!

Thank you to everyone who brought Plant of the Month entries this year. THERE WILL BE PRIZES AT OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR THIS!

Thank you Bill Hagblom, Ed Hennessey & Lloyd Chayette for taking care of our DOMINGUEZ ADOBE GARDEN! It gave me pleasure to be able to tell Ted Wednesday evening the 6th that Bill & Ed had just been there!



CLEARANCE SALE!
50% off all plants*

Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Thursday, December 7 through Sunday, December 10
Thursday, December 14 through Sunday, December 17

Wonderful Holiday Gifts!

SINGERS'
GROWING THINGS

17806 Plummer St., Northridge, CA 91325

CASH AND CARRY ONLY!

*except yellow tagged plants

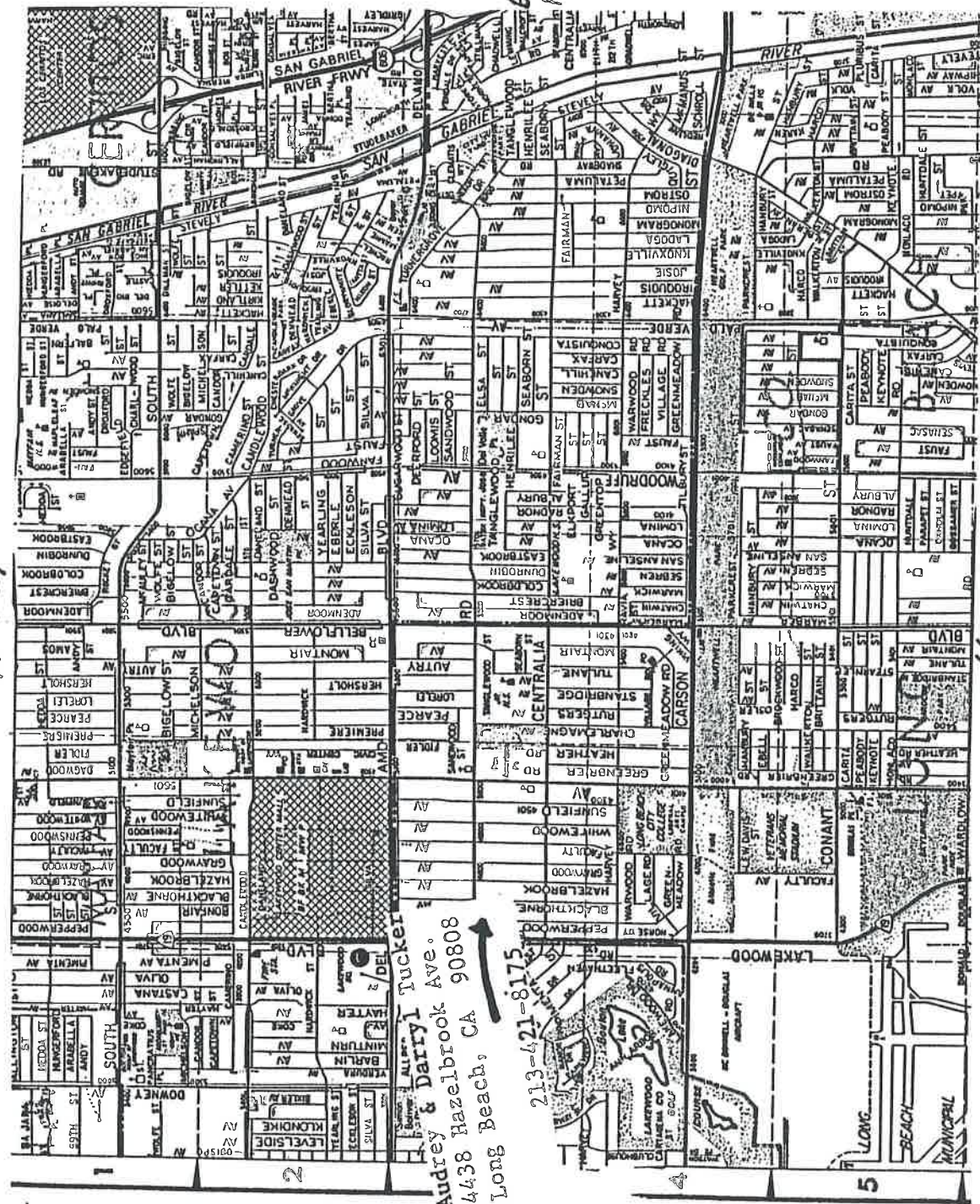
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MAD

605 Fwy

91 Fwy

405 Fwy



Tucker
Audrey & Darryl Ave.
4438 Hazelbrook CA 90808
Long Beach, CA

213-421-8175



THE ALWAYS VIGILANT
CACTOPHILE SNUFFS THE
AIR AND OTHERWISE CHECKS
OUT THE FICKLE FALL
WEATHER.....AND PROVIDES
HIS PLANTS THE NECESSARY
PROTECTION!

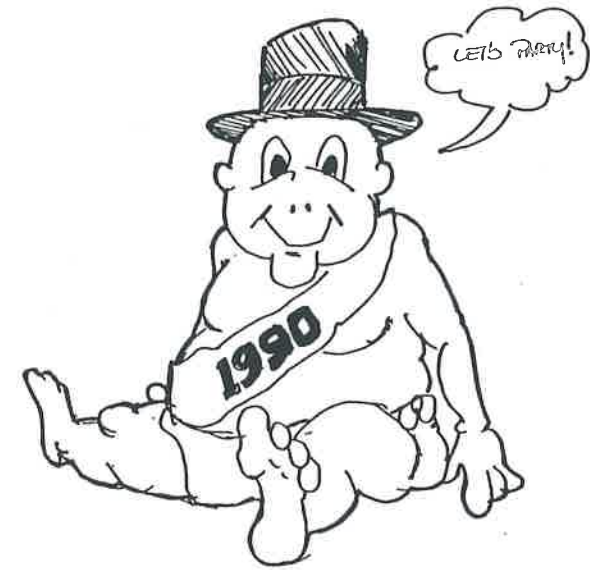
HUNTINGTON SYMPOSIUM:
In 1990, this event
will be held the 5th
weekend of Sept. --
main event on Sat.
the 29th, optional
events the evening of
the 28th, & morning
of the 29th. More
later...



CONFERENCES

- March 2&3 1990 - 2nd Southern Succulent Conference, New Orleans
- May 26-27 1990 - 3rd Mid-America Regional Conference, St Louis
- August 24-26 1990 - First Northwest Conference, Portland Oregon
- October 5-7 1990 - 7th Eastern C & S Conference, Waterbury, Ct
- June 16-22 1991 - CSSA Convention, San Antonio, Texas
- ?? 1993 - CSSA Convention, San Francisco, California

Happy New Year



LOOK FOR A LOVELY THING
AND YOU WILL FIND IT,
IT IS NOT FAR —
IT NEVER WILL BE FAR.

- Teasdale
"Night"



SEASON'S GREETINGS

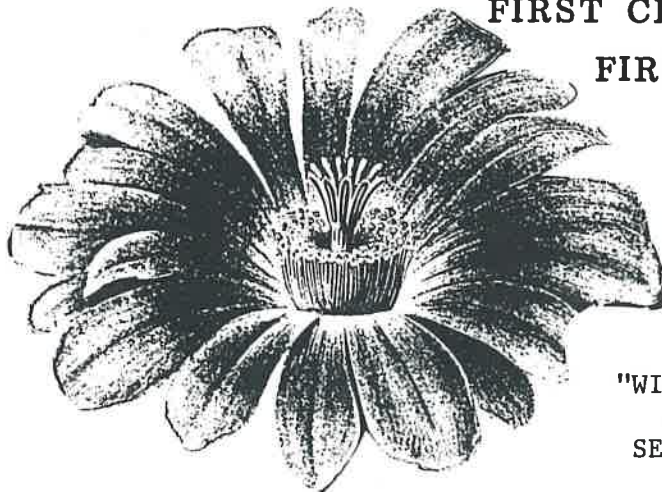
DEC. 17, Sunday, 1:00 LBCC HOLIDAY PARTY! NOTE: 1 WEEK EARLY!
Potluck, Gift Exchange, Installation & More! At the Tuckers!!!

JAN. 7, 1990, Sun. 1:00 -- LBCC BOARD MEETING so Roadrunners can
get off to a running start. Would anyone like to be host? Those
coming will bring munchies. AND EVERY ROADRUNNER IS INVITED!

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FIRST CLASS

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"WISHING YOU
JOY TO REMEMBER,
SEASON-TO SEASON."