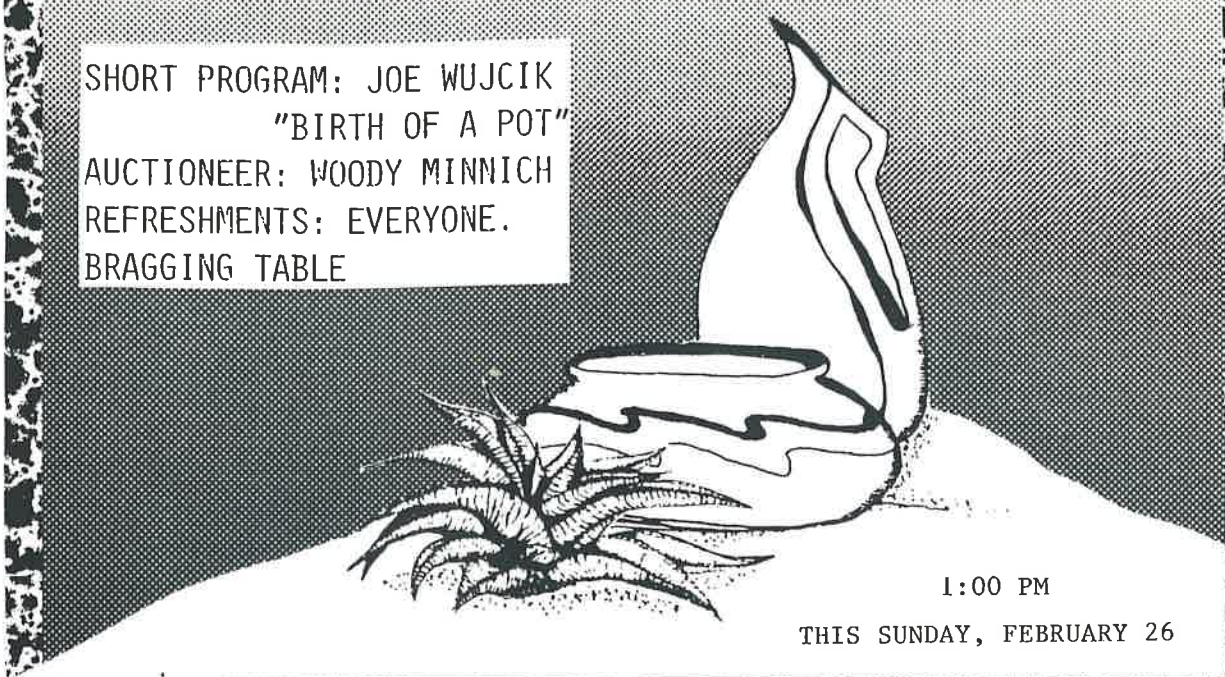


THE LONG BEACH CACTUS CLUB PRESENTS

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"BIRTH OF A POT"
AUCTIONEER: WOODY MINNICH
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THANK YOU TO ALL OUR OFFICERS & HARDWORKING COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN & MEMBERS!!!! THE SOCIETY COULD NOT DO IT WITHOUT YOU!!!!

GOOD NEWS! FAYE WILLIAMS WILL KINDLY AGREE TO BE OUR REFRESHMENTS CHAIRPERSON, AND PAT KELLEY WILL HANDLE THE PUBLICITY FOR THE CLUB.

THANK YOU BOTH!

AND THANK YOU AUDREY FOR AGREEING TO TYPE UP THE BY-LAWS OF THE LBCC. THESE HAD BEEN REVISED, BUT NEEDED RETYPING.

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NOTICE: The March meeting date has been moved up to March 18 so as not to conflict with Easter Sunday. March 18 is a Saturday. Mark your calendars now for our LBCC Birthday Bash & Program at the Tuckers!

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CREDITS: Most of the cover was done by Tracy Kirst for the South Coast Cactus & Succulent Newsletter for Feb., 1989. Thank you Tracy! The drawing of a flowering Senecio is from a source regrettably "lost in the mists of time & memory" - alas. Other items are credited elsewhere.

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NOTICE: FOR THIS MONTH THERE WILL BE NO PLANT OF THE MONTH OR PLANT SALES.

NEWS OF, FOR, AND BY LBCC MEMBERS

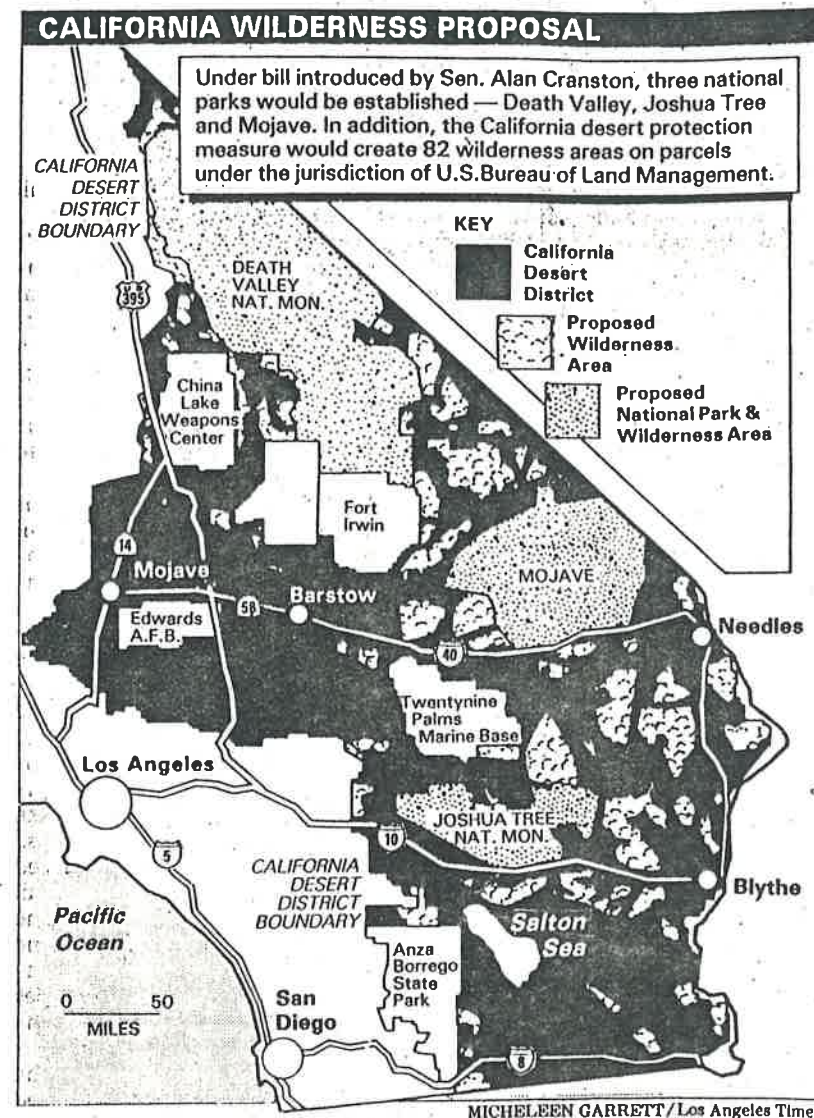
- Thanks to the Tuckers for hosting the board meeting in January.
- Inter-City Show Update: T-Shirts with a new logo will be available soon, again at the very low price of \$5 -- cost. We are able to have these at this low price because of the hard work of Show Co-Chairman Woody Minnich. He has also given each club Inter-City Thank You Cards, plus Long Beach Cactus Club Calling Cards. These last were a gift from Woody (the LBCC Calling Cards for use at mtgs., etc.)
- Thank you also to Jim Hanna for volunteering to handle all the potters' sales at the February Pottery Festival, thus freeing the potters to talk to members about their work.
THANK YOU TO ALL THE ABOVE PEOPLE AND ALL OUR OTHER HARD WORKERS.
- More thanks are due donors of new trophies for the Show. Donors include two dealers, C & J and Grigsby as well as members Jim Hanna and Woody Minnich, and others as well. More on all this later.
- There will be a report soon as to changes having to do with the LBCC Dominguez Adobe Garden. Stay tuned.
- Regarding the CSSA Convention in June, it is regrettable that so far as we know, there is no LA Coordinator. However, if any of our readers wish to put in a brief "ad" in this newsletter for those wishing to carpool, car caravan, etc. to, at or from the Convention, we will do so if the message contains name & phone number of message-giver, as this editor cannot do any more than put info. in newsletter.
- Books: If you have books to donate to the Club library, any subject, you will be helping to "pay our rent" at the Library. Besides you will free some of those overburdened shelves at home.

Although men are accused for not knowing their own weakness; yet, perhaps, as few don't know their own strength. It is in men as in soils, where sometimes there is a vein of gold which the owner knows not of.

- Jonathan Swift

THANKS TO JIM HANNA FOR THE FOLLOWING UPDATE ON THE CALIFORNIA DESERT CONSERVATION DEBATE.

How do we best preserve this very beautiful desert of ours and still balance the other interests of society?



Round 2 of Desert Preservation Battle to Begin

Cranston Reintroduces His Proposal to Protect 7.5 Million Acres of Land

By JOSH GETLIN,
Times Staff Writer

WASHINGTON—Rekindling an environmental controversy, Sen. Alan Cranston (D-Calif.) reintroduced legislation Wednesday that would protect up to 7.5 million acres in the Southern California desert as wilderness and parkland.

The proposal, which died in Congress last year, would establish three national parks east of Los Angeles and double the amount of state land set aside as wilderness, restricting access to tourists and automobiles as well as mining and development.

"It's clear that the time has come to protect the California desert," Cranston said. "This is legislation that will preserve one of the more unique environmental assets in our state. . . . It is long overdue."

The areas covered by Cranston's bill stretch across the southeastern corner of California, from Inyo County south 240 miles to the Mexican border. Most of the land is currently administered by the Bureau of Land Management and is open to mining, ranching and off-road vehicle use.

As it did last year, the legislation is expected to trigger a battle between conservationists, who be-

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—Sen. Alan Cranston

lieve the desert ecosystem needs protection, and a coalition of business and recreation interests who oppose restrictions on the land.

The measure may also create political friction between Cranston and the state's other U.S. senator, Republican Pete Wilson, who did not support the bill last year. Wilson had reservations about the amount of land affected by the measure, and his refusal to back the bill was a key reason for its failure.

Cranston said he is now prepared to make significant concessions to win Wilson's support. Although he vowed to fight for the bill, he conceded that it could be "politically difficult" to win approval if the state's senators are not in accord.

A spokesman for Wilson said Wednesday he had not seen Cranston's new proposal, an identical version of which will be introduced in the House by Rep. Mel Levine

(D-Santa Monica). Wilson "hasn't indicated how he's going to approach the issue this year . . . there's been no decision made yet," the spokesman added.

The bill has been criticized by some residents and thousands of off-road-vehicle users who fear Cranston's bill would reduce access to desert areas. They have organized strong opposition and have won the support of congressmen who represent parts of the area, including Reps. Jerry Lewis (R-Redlands), Alfred A. McCandless (R-Bermuda Dunes) and Duncan Hunter (R-San Diego).

To win over critics, Cranston outlined several changes in the original bill. First, he said, it would specifically guarantee the military the right to continue air flights over desert areas, and would not impede the operations of facilities such as China Lake Naval Weapons Center and the Chocolate

Mountain Aerial Gunnery Range. Military officials had expressed concern that the original proposal could have blocked such activities.

Cranston also agreed to remove about 82,000 acres from the original proposal, bowing to concerns that it would have jeopardized access to specific utility easements, pipelines and mining claims, as well as grazing and agricultural uses.

Finally, he stressed that the measure would give off-road-vehicle users access to more than 37,000 miles of unmaintained dirt routes, plus paved and maintained dirt roads.

It is not clear whether any of this will sway Wilson. Last year, Wilson's refusal to endorse the desert bill triggered sharp criticism from environmentalists and became an issue in his reelection campaign. Wilson, who is reportedly deciding whether to seek the governor's office next year, can expect the same tough scrutiny again, said Debbie Sease, a Washington representative of the Sierra Club.

"This [desert bill] is a popular issue in California," she said. "It's going to remain very much on our front burner, and to the extent that it remains out there and he [Wilson] doesn't take a position, it may come back to haunt him."

PAT KELLEY, SECRETARY & PUBLICITY CHAIRPERSON; ANSWERS THE LBCC
ROADRUNNER BIO QUESTIONNAIRE

Pat became hooked on cacti when she was 10 or 11 years old in Massachusetts and a Mam bloomed on her windowsill! Even today the genus Mammillaria is her favorite among the cacti; and Aloe or Haworthia is her favorite "other" succulent. She likes both cacti and succulents. If stranded on a desert island & could have only one cactus, it would of course be a Mam -- "the dependable workhorse of cactus." She describes her growing space as "moderate and messy" and herself as a grower as giving "benign neglect." If she had never discovered cactus & succulents she would still be "growing something else." Pat writes that her one complaint is that she "can't take the heat as well as her plants." Asked what the C & S hobby means to her, she replies, It's an "outdoor interest", the plants are wonderful subjects for photography, the hobby is "healthy," and is important for its companionship!

From a Feb. 1977 EPI NEWS (San Diego):

HELPFUL HINTS

Scrape your fingernails on a softened bar of soap to fill the space between nail tip and finger tip before working with potting mix. It keeps the dirt out and washes out readily, no more stained fingernails.

Have you tried wetting your hands and rubbing table salt on them to help remove those pesky little stickers from handling Epi plants?

Comments anyone?

HELP NEEDED! As you know, several LBCC members work at the Huntington Botanical Gardens. As with most other gardens, there is never enough funding to do all that needs to be done. With spring coming, and all the planting and repotting and sending forth of ISI plants, VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED IF YOU CAN COME FAIRLY REGULARLY TO HELP. By now, the weather will be good to work in, and you will be appreciated. To work with the Conservatory, Greenhouse or ISI plants, contact John Trager at 818-405-2163. To work in the Desert Garden or its nursery, contact Joe Clements at 818-405-2160.

ALSO, IF ANYONE HAS A USED BACKEBERG'S CACTUS LEXICON THEY NO LONGER NEED, A DONATION TO THE GREENHOUSE AREA WOULD BE MUCH APPRECIATED. IT'S NEEDED FOR CHECKING SPELLING ON NAMES, ETC. PLEASE CONTACT LBCC PRESIDENT ROWENA THOMPSON.

EDITORIAL

The editorial below is by Lorraine Eldredge, President and Newsletter Editor of the Mid-Iowa Cactus & Succulent Society for January 1989. The subject is their newsletter...actually any local society newsletter.

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::: Share valuable information with others :::

Editor's Note to Members for reference & your consideration--

Support your local newsletter! It belongs to the society and to you, not the editor. A newsletter isn't a one-man operation; it is to present the society's voice, and that includes yours.

A newsletter is to inform, teach and entertain--the more facts & news received, the more informative it will be; the more features, the more interesting for everyone. For the editor to build a good newsletter, construction materials are needed, the more the better. This editor enjoys the job and is honored to do it, but writing it all can make it stale--for everyone.

Ideally each member supplies feature articles and/or items of interest from time to time; a valuable tip or short item; clipping, copying and quoting are the easiest, and are always welcome, but actually writing something for friends isn't hard when you set your mind to it and the subject matter is as dear to your heart as ours is. None of us are professionals, we only care about the information, not how it's presented, so it's not talent or lack of that counts. (Edit=to fix up, smooth out what others write.)

So how about an occasional POM item from you--a shorty, clipping, cartoon, or a full-length, do-it-yourself feature article? You can't fail if when interested in your subject; it takes just a little time and effort. Fresh outlooks and varying viewpoints make well-rounded, enjoyable reading. Do everyone a favor, especially yourself--become a contributing journalist, byline and all, in '89.

COMMENTS:

I hope in the year ahead, more of you will contribute a bit of writing or a drawing to the newsletter. It need not be lengthy. Nor does it need to be typed, but it is best if it is written down if possible. You all know my hearing is not always the best! Anything lengthy of course should be written.

Since I have been editor of our newsletter, several of you have been contributing clippings and cartoons and original writing from time to time. Ted Taylor, Jim Hanna, Audrey Tucker, Bill Hagblom, Kathi Reyes, Ed Hennessey have been most helpful. And Fredda Rego & John Cody have contributed original writing. I thank you all. Not everything is printed, however, especially if the clipping is so long it must be summarized or condensed, as this may take more time than I have available, I hope this won't discourage you, & I hope you know I am appreciative.

OVER

EDITORIAL continued.

As to cartoons and drawings from for-profit publications, I am somewhat conservative...especially as regards the obviously syndicated cartoon. I realize other newsletters include these, but I tend not to unless I can get approval somehow.

You will notice I use articles & drawings (giving credit) from other educational non-profit publications such as ours. They will be used for the same purpose, but will simply be getting more exposure and doing more good.

I've included an opinion poll for you to complete (if you wish) & bring to the meeting & put in the newsletter suggestion box or send to me. I will try to use your suggestions when putting out the newsletter, however sometimes time constraints -- or space limitations are important factors. Also, some things don't reproduce well. Also, as a volunteer, I am "paid" by doing what I enjoy, so personal preference will play a part.

Again, thank you to everyone who has helped with the newsletter. It is most appreciated!

Editorial Postscript:

Among the contributors to our LBCC newsletter I know I must have omitted, are the Goewerts, who wrote a delightful article last year. They have also offered to help with production. Alas, your editor is usually so last-minute, there is no way for them to help!

ALSO! Thanks to Fred Hutflesz for providing complete Inter-City Show results each year!

Carol



NEWSLETTER

I do not read the Daily News,
The headlines get no better.
For friends I know and how to grow
I read our Club's "Newsletter."

John Cody

DEPT. OF PLANT NAMES TO MAKE YOU CRAZY:

Although not now a current name, *Lithops schwantesii* var. *christinae* was once known as *L. nutupsdriftensis*, which at least is shorter than the current name: *Lithops schwantesii* subsp. *schwantesii* var. *urikosensis*. Cole's LITHOPS book, which is very useful to work from and which is filled with fascinating information, contains his revision for the genus. What that means is name changes. And he makes extensive use of "subspecies" (ssp. or subsp.) and "cultivar" (cv. & capitalize first letter or cap 1st letter & enclose in apostrophes) as well as "variety" (v. or var.). Therefore you sometimes get a name like *Lithops gracilidelineata* ssp. *gracilidelineata* var. *gracilidelineata* cv. Ernst's Witkop. Say that ten times fast! By the way, all the Latin parts of the names are supposed to be in italics or underlined, but sometimes when I do the newsletter I say "Oh the heck with it" and this is one of those times.

Carol

TIME TO REPOT?

You know it's time to repot when:

Roots lift the plant out of the pot.

Roots escape over or under the pot.

There is no place to water the plant.

Cartoon by Dan Leavitt, with permission.
From the Cascade Soc. N.L.
THE POINT, 11
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"STERIODS"

NOTICE

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