

Newsletter

MAY 1987 MEETING

Sunday at 1:00 PM, May 24 (the FOURTH but not the LAST Sunday in the month).

PROGRAM: JOURNEY TO KENYA AND TANZANIA WITH ED AND BETTY GAY. You'll see wonderful animals, scenery, and of course succulents.

SPECIAL PLANT TABLE: Please bring your succulents from Kenya and Tanzania so that Ed & Betty can refer to them. More information on specific species inside this N.L.

SPECIAL RAFFLE: RAFFLE OF DONATED PLANTS. Show Sale Season means more plants coming in so you'll need to find a home for extras. AND ANY TRUE CACTUS LOVER WILL MANAGE TO FIND ROOM FOR THE RAFFLE PLANTS HE WINS!

REFRESHMENTS: We have nobody signed up, so anyone who can, please bring finger foods to assist Rose Wey. THANK YOU! We go on faith.

PLANTS OF THE MONTH: Euphorbia and Astrophytum, Novice and Advanced.

BRAGGING TABLE: Yes!

SALES: We hope Ed & Betty Gay will have some!

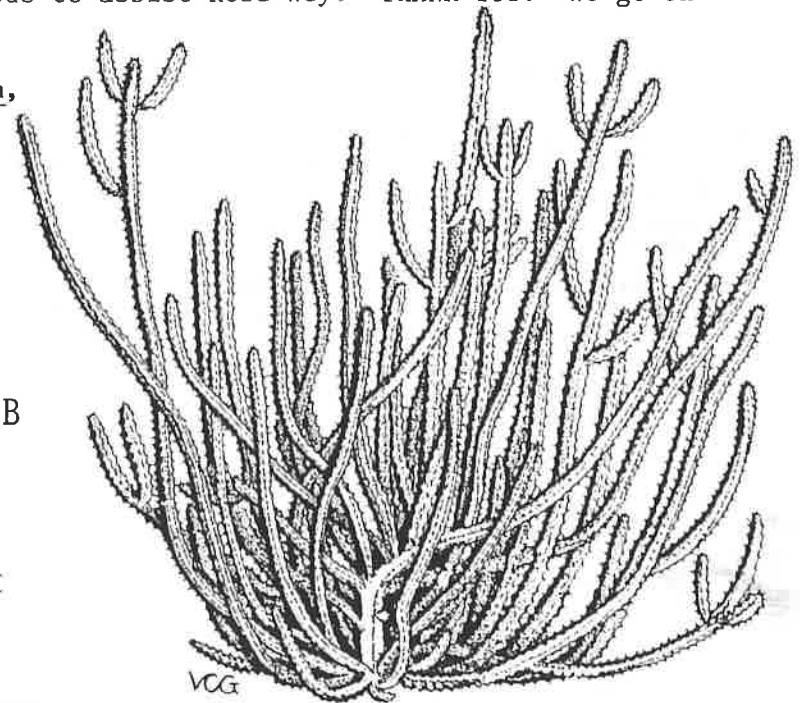
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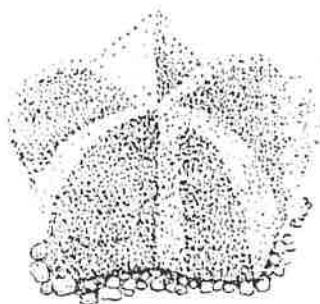
The Iacoboni Library
Community Room, 5020
Clark Ave., Lakewood

BOARD MEETING SUNDAY
MAY 31

WOULD ANYONE BE WILLING
TO HOST THIS MEETING???



E. classenii. Drawn from Classen 70 in Bally 12285.
(Detail of branch, x1; habit, x $\frac{1}{9}$)



1987 OFFICERS AND CHAIRPERSONS:

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COVER DRAWING:

Euphorbia classenii was drawn by Victoria Gordon and are from Kew
Bulletin 29 (3): 507-516 (1974) as reproduced by the *Cactus & Succulent*
Journal of Great Britain, Feb. 1978, which says that *this species is*
"extremely vigorous in cultivation, forming large plants in just a few
years. Bearing this in mind, its apparently very limited distribution
in the wild (on Mt. Kasigau) remains something of a mystery. But Kenya
is a large country, with countless rocky outcrops, hill ranges, plains,
and thickets which have yet to be explored for botanical treasures..."('78)

Quotations from THE HITCHHIKER'S TRILOGY are by Douglas Adams, Harmony
Books, N.Y., 1979 & 1984. What is the Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy?
"Not only is it a wholly remarkable book, it is also a highly success-
ful one — more popular than the *Celestial Home Care Omnibus*, better
selling than *Fifty-three More Things to Do in Zero Gravity*, and more
controversial than Oolon Colluphid's trilogy of philosophical block-
busters, (including) *Who Is This God Person Anyway?*"

In many of the more relaxed civilizations on the
Outer Eastern Rim of the Galaxy, the Hitchhiker's Guide
has already supplanted the great Encyclopedia Galactica
as the standard repository of all knowledge and wisdom,
for though it has many omissions and contains much that
is apocryphal, or at least wildly inaccurate, it scores
over the older, more pedestrian work in two important
respects.

First, it is slightly cheaper; and second, it has
the words DON'T PANIC inscribed in large friendly letters
on its cover.

You want to know its entry for the "Earth?" *Mostly Harmless.*

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SHOW FLYER, ready to fly.

ADOBE GARDEN REPORT

Not that long ago, our garden was
flooded from a broken water main.
This has been repaired by the city,
but we had our own repairs not re-
lated to the big break to deal with.
Thanks go to Darryl Tucker for doing
the necessary repairs for us. This
will make life much easier for Bill
& Ted who are watching over our
garden. Reportedly the garden is
looking good — lots of blooms. Go
see.

MORE THANK YOU'S

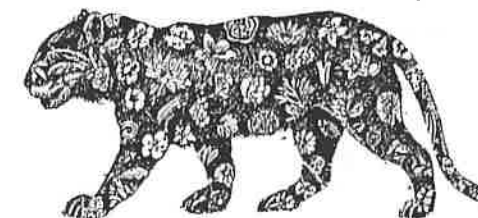
There are more thank you's in the
editorial but you have to read most
of it before you get to the Thanks!

TURN PAGE FOR INFO ON PLANT OF THE
MONTH & African succulents + more.

Astrophytum myriostigma drawing is
from CSIE, no. 6, 1981.

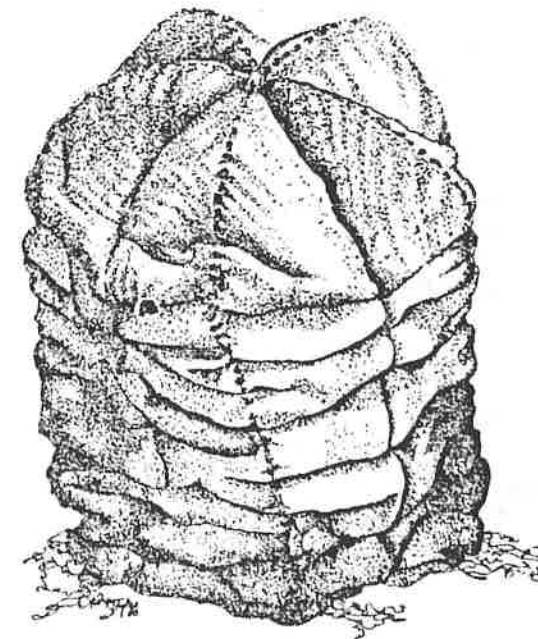
OUR 1987 SHOW AND SALE

The Show meeting on May 3 was
apparently a great success. We
hope for a full report from
those attending. (Since the meet-
ing was at Tandra and Woody's it
can probably be assumed that every-
body bought at least one plant...) Our
publicity flyer, shown much
reduced at the left, is ready to go.



1987 ZOO SALE

Once again the zoo sale was a money-
maker for LBCC. Reportedly this
year was the best ever though sales
varied from Saturday to Sunday. Come
to the meeting this Sunday to hear
all about it.



PLANT OF THE MONTH AND THE SPECIAL PLANT TABLE:



There will be some overlap with some Euphorbias placed with the P.O.M.'s instead of on the special Kenya & Tanzania table. However, the P.O.M. is for any Euphorbia, whatever it's native home. The special table should just contain Kenyan & Tanzanian Euphs. I expect I've just confused the issue. Luckily, *Astrophytum*, the cactus P.O.M., will not overlap, unless someone mixes up *E. obesa* and *A. asterias*, or whatever. (Parallel evolution or some such thing). Then there's the Bragging Table. Everything can overlap with it. The main thing is to bring lots of plants to share, whether they're destined for the P.O.M. table, the bragging table, or the special table. (P.O.M. = Plant of the Month. The Sunset Soc. calls it P.O.T.M. or potem. I like that better than P.O.M. which reminds me of pom poms, which have nothing to do with cacti).

SPECIAL PLANTS FOR THE SPECIAL PLANT TABLE:

Which succulents call Kenya and Tanzania home? Betty Gay was kind enough to send us information on this. First of all, Tanzania was formerly Tanzania and Zanzibar, now combined into Tanzania.

Betty writes, "Before we left I had made up a hasty list of Euphorbias, Monadeniums and Aloes we might be lucky enough to see. Needless to say, we saw only a tiny fraction of them on our animal safari, but I'm enclosing a copy of the list of possibles. A few of the other succulents to be found in Kenya and Tanzania are *Adenia globosa*, *Adenia keramanthus*, *Adenium coarctatum*, *Adenium obesum*, *Cissus cactiformis*, *Cissus quadrangularis*, and *Cissus rotundifolia*."

Her list of Aloes includes *A. confusa*, *A. dorathae*, *A. graminifolia*, *A. secundiflora*, *A. pole-evansii*, and *A. ukambensis*. Also *A. ballyii*.

Monadeniums include *M. heteropodum*, *M. arborescens*, *M. coccineum*, *M. ellenbeckii*, *M. magnificum*, *M. montana* v., *M. spinescens*, *M. sp. nova*

There are lots of Euphorbias including *E. grandicornis*, *E. nyikae*, *E. heterochroma*, *E. classenii* (see cover), *E. glochidiata*, *W. wakefieldii*, *E. ballyana*, *E. tirucalli*, *E. candelabrum*, *E. greenwayi*.

Also a *Jatropha*.

There are others!

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"I try to take one day at a time, but sometimes several days attack me at once."
Ashleigh Brilliant

Source: *Communication Briefings*

LIBRARY NEWS: As mentioned in the n.l. last month, please bring back all books checked out.

Also, what specific books or book do YOU think we should have in our library? Contact Darryl with your ideas. It's your library!

TOO MANY BOOKS? Donate your extras, any subject to the Club. Darryl will either sell them to other members or the Club will use them as part of our rent.

FIELD TRIPS?

Bill Hagblom wants to hear from you regarding any trips you'd like us to take. Do you want to go by car or bus? Talk to Bill!



DON'T FORGET THE RAFFLE!

BRING PLANTS TO DONATE.

BRING MONEY TO BUY RAFFLE TICKETS.

GOOD THINGS WILL HAPPEN:

Your orphans will find good homes.

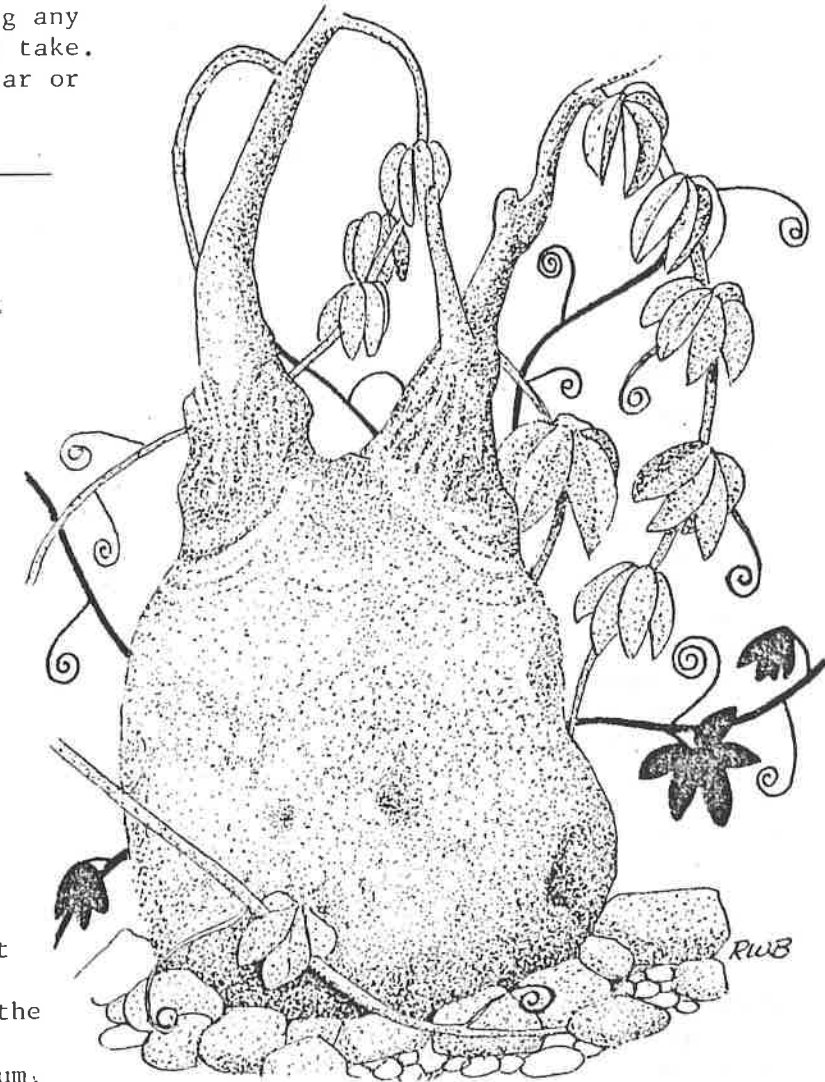
You'll get new plants.

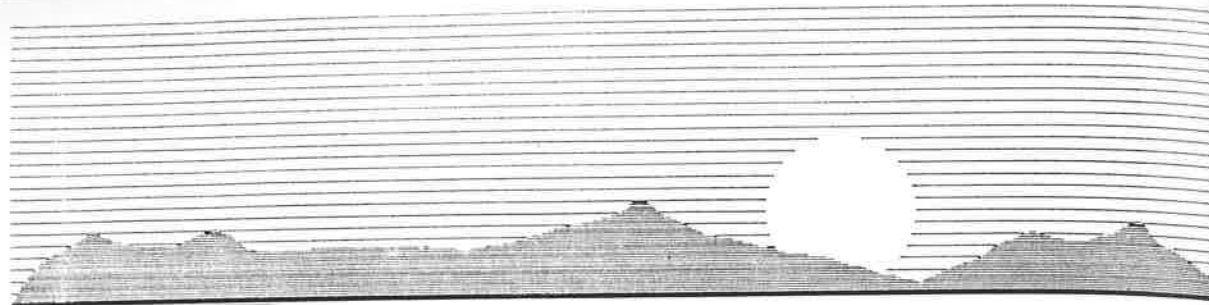
The Club will make money!

Adenia glauca:

To the right is a drawing by Bill Barnett for CSIE, #6, 1981.

Adenia is a member of the passion flower family, *Adenium*, like *Pachypodium*, are members of the Periwinkle family.





NEWS OF AND FOR MEMBERS

GET WELL!: Member August Breitung, a man who knows a thing or two about Agaves, is recovering from a serious bout with congestive heart failure. He was in the hospital for 15 days and is now slowly recovering. He won't be able to make this meeting, so we won't be able to give our get-well-soon wishes in person, but they are heartfelt nonetheless.

WE ALSO SEND BEST WISHES to Dr. True and any other roadrunners who are ill.

SAD NEWS: Rowena Thompson recently lost her stepdad to illness. We wish her and her family our sympathy over their loss. Her Mom and Step Dad lived in New Orleans, so Rowena was recently there.

BUT GOOD NEWS TOO: Ted reports that this month is Lillian Martin's Birthday and Ed Gay's too. We wish all our birthday people a wonderful year.

NEW ADDRESS: Those that know her will want to know that Vivienne Doney has moved to Yorba Linda. Letters would be most welcome; please don't call. The address is c/o Mr. & Mrs. Ed Swartz, 3669 Lake Grove, Yorba Linda, CA 92686. Not all of us knew her, but she reportedly was most generous with cuttings. She used to say that she could always grow another plant, but she was selfish with her rocks because she couldn't grow another. When asked "What's your rarest (or favorite) plant?", she said that her favorite was the one she was looking at, and the rarest was the one she didn't have. Joe Clements applies this philosophy to judging. The one that really gets a judges attention is the one they'd like most to have themselves.

NEW PHONE NUMBER: Rose Wey's phone number is 213-869-8024. The rest of the address is correct in your roster.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR JUNE: Because of the convention, the newsletter will have to be prepared ahead of time, no matter how difficult that may be for me to do. This means I'll need the "news" earlier than usual, around the first week or so of June. Thanks.

THANK YOU'S AND COMPLAINTS AND DARNIT'S: A QUERULOUS, GARRULOUS, SELF-INDULGENT EDITORIAL.

I love using words like querulous even if I stumble on the spelling or pronunciation. When I was in 4th grade I discovered books. By 5th grade I had quite a vocabulary but my fellow students put an end to that. But now, one of the advantages of getting older is not caring so much when people look at me funny. I'm not always sure how to spell or pronounce the big words, nor do my definitions of them always match the dictionary's exactly. It's like using Latin names for our plants; one just plunges ahead. Sometimes I wish I could do this with real life more often.

Trying to be professional with the newsletter is always my goal, and self-indulgence isn't really professional. But first, this is labeled an editorial and second, volunteerism permits a certain leeway.

We are all volunteers in a club like ours and so I don't get too upset at lack of input for the newsletter (others are using their leeway), but darnit, how many times do I need to call or ask?

I didn't feel well this weekend or I perhaps would have called some of you yet again. Also it was my lot to preside over the death of a small bird I had thought I had rescued once, only to have to try again and fail, the saga of which began Thursday and ended Saturday morning before its 5:00 feeding.

Poor bird. He/she turned out to be a fledgling and didn't know what it was like to fly. We have/had that in common; I expect though that flying is quite wonderful. He/she won't know what it missed, but I can imagine — which is both pain and wonder. In the end I am glad for imagination — even knowing what I have missed or what I can never do — to fly. One of the most disturbing things about death is that it ends the possibilities as well as the pain — on earth.

Death is part of life — just watching birds (or our plants) teaches that. We are left with our questions — wondering what are the answers to "life, the Universe, and Everything." The quote is from the 4 book trilogy HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE TO THE UNIVERSE, which also asks other cosmic questions like why are people so attached to digital watches?

I go around a lot wondering if I know anything at all, and so I am very fond of this trilogy even if it is unconventional, which sometimes I can be — but mostly just in my head as I was raised rigidly and so am and always will be to some extent straightjacketed by convention most of the time — sometimes to my disgust. (This is called a run-on sentence). Regardless of convention, I believe that we are supposed to love others and ourselves, not harm others or ourselves, love life, and live accordingly. The problem is that the application of this philosophy in conventional or unconventional situations is far from simple. Often it is unfathomable, given human understanding and

misunderstanding. But one keeps trying. And between times of trying and trying times and trying others and trying ourselves, sometimes we get to sit or walk in the sunshine and not think but just be.

Now that you know most of my philosophy of life, I want to get on with the thank you's and complaints. First the complaints. I would like to have in writing or even verbally the information needed for the newsletter — what our members need to know and/or might want to know. For this newsletter I made one set of phone calls and requests, but will simply have to wing it as I don't intend to call again for this newsletter.

However the thank you's for this month go to a number of people. Secretary Pat Kelley as usual wrote up the minutes and sent them early, and she writes in a delightful style. Treasurer Jim Hanna told me the general information regarding the zoo show and gave me a copy of the Intercity Show flyer, now ready for distribution. Ted Taylor, Curator of the Adobe Garden, again reported on the doings at Dominguez. Important to me is the way Ted words things when making reports to make me feel like we're all part of a family — (Larry Grammer also has a gift for making us all feel like family). Ed Hennessey sent a whole packet of interesting plant news clippings and Bill Hagblom contributed the gardener's news (see elsewhere in this newsletter). Marge Snyder just called last week to update the membership list — actually it was Rowena Thompson who contacted Marge for me last week. Anyway, my apologies to all officers for not getting my label sheets redone sooner as promised. My apologies also for being late with the newsletter, an unfortunate byproduct of working. Apologies also for my not publishing who our Sunshine person is. In fact, this is a real embarrassment to me. I've been told twice and have forgotten twice. Please, somebody write it down for me. Who are you Sunshine Person? Also several of you sent me little bits of info. for this newsletter...

Come to think of it, I don't have all that much cause to complain.

But I wish the bird hadn't died. And I wish we'd see the sun a little more each day. In July and August I'll probably wish for a little less sun. At the moment I feel like staying querulous.....

Carol

The wind flicked about a little, like the tail of a horse that's trying to decide what sort of mood it's in tonight, and a bell somewhere chimed midnight.

A skylight creaked open.

It was stiff and had to be jiggled and persuaded a little because the frame was slightly rotten and the hinge had at some time in its life been rather sensibly painted

over, but eventually it was open.

A strut was found to prop it and a figure struggled out into the narrow gully between the opposing pitches of the roof.

The figure stood and watched the sky in silence.

The figure was completely unrecognizable as the wild-looking creature who had burst crazily into the cottage a little over an hour ago. Gone was the ragged threadbare dressing gown, smeared with the mud of a hundred worlds, stained with junk food condiment from a hundred grimy space-ports, gone was the tangled mane of hair, gone the long and knotted beard, flourishing ecostructure and all.

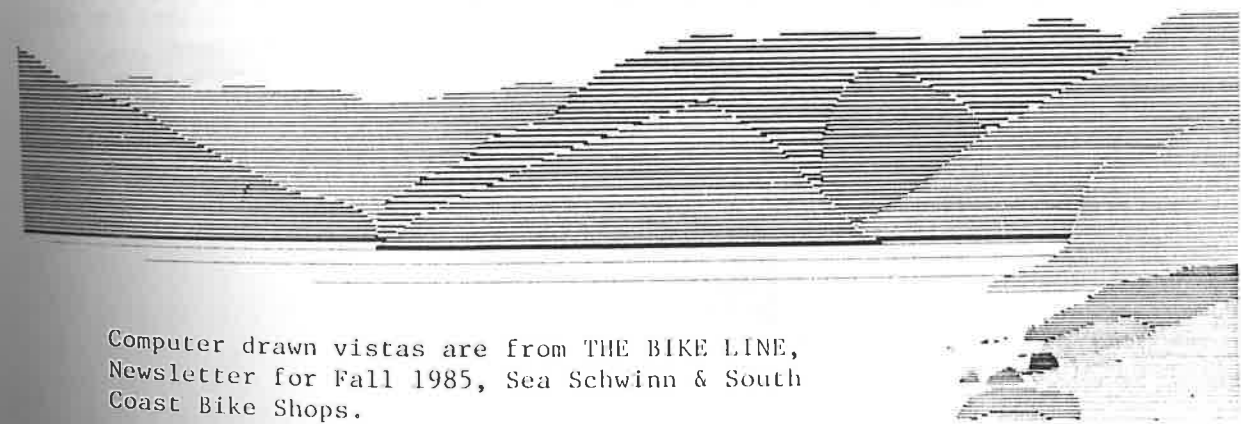
Instead, there was Arthur Dent, smooth and casual in corduroys and a bulky sweater. His hair was cropped and washed, his chin clean-shaven. Only the eyes still said that whatever it was the Universe thought it was doing to him, he would still like it please to stop.

They were not the same eyes with which he had last looked out at this particular scene, and the brain which interpreted the images the eyes resolved was not the same brain. There had been no surgery involved, just the continual wrenching of experience.

He could feel like a tingle on distant nerve ends the flood or a far river, the roll of invisible hills, the knot of heavy rain clouds parked somewhere away to the south.

He could sense, too, the thrill of being a tree, which was something he hadn't expected. He knew that it felt good to curl your toes in the earth, but he'd never realized it could feel quite as good as that. He could sense an almost unseemly wave of pleasure reaching at him all the way from the New Forest. He must try this summer, he thought, to see what having leaves felt like.

- Fourth Book in THE HITCHHIKER'S TRILOGY, by Douglas Adams



Computer drawn vistas are from THE BIKE LINE, Newsletter for Fall 1985, Sea Schwinn & South Coast Bike Shops.

Meeting was called to order by President Rowena Thompson at 13¹⁰. Birthday plants were given out for March and April as there will be no regular meeting in April. The bragging table was done by Emma Reid. Door prizes were won by Teresa Lobick, Rose Wey, C.W. Elliott, Virginia Martin, Emma Reid and Clara Halpern. Rowena turned the meeting over to Ted Taylor to introduce the program at 13²⁶.

Our program, done by Virginia Martin, was a very interesting slide show entitled Magic Moments in Mexico. Alert viewers were able to spot a local club member among the rocks and cacti! We closed with a lovely sunset and adjourned for break at 14⁰⁰.

Break was a potluck and birthday cake studded with rocks and cacti of course. We are now 54 years old!

The meeting was called back to order at three. Virginia Martin did the plant of the month awards. In the advanced succulent class Rowena won' first, second, and third places. Sharon Thoerner won first, second and third for novice succulent. For advanced cactus Rowena took first and third while Bill Hagblom took second. There were no novice entrants.

Treasurer Jim Hanna reported that the total sales from our book auction came to \$2,336.50. The amount from our books was \$ 892.00 and our percentage from other's sales was \$244.45 for a total profit of \$1,136.45.

It was announced that the next board meeting will be 3-29 at Larry Grammers at noon. The Zoo sale will be 4-25 & 26. We can all sell there.

Bill Hagblom announced that the April trip will be a car caravan to Cactus Ranchito. There will be no bus because of prohibitive costs. After a show of hands, it was decided that there was not enough interest and the April trip is definitely off. There will be no regular April meeting as the library is in use by a Bromeliad Club for their show & sale.

We received a very nice thank you letter from Seymour Linden which was read to the Club by Pat Kelley. The letter commented on the value of a book auction for education and the fact that it allowed people to see books they might not have ever seen otherwise.

Bill Hagblom has volunteered to take over the bragging table for Emma Reid. Bernice Galgana will take over the sign-in book in Dr. True's temporary absence.

Ted Taylor announced that water leaking uner the garden has caused the loss of many plants in our native Southwestern Section. The leakage problem is being solved. If you have any local Southwestern plants you can donate please DO.

At our preshow meeting we voted to allow dealers to show which was not allowed in our local club. Because of that there was a need to change our rules. Rowena asked for a motion to change them. Bill Hagblom made the motion, and Pat Kelley seconded it. The motion carried 14 - 1.

Virginia Martin made a motion to adjourn; and the meeting was over.



Pat Kelley

Meeting began at 12⁴⁰ at Larry Grammer's home with seven in attendance. The meeting began with a moment of silence for Frank Horwood who has passed away and others in the cactus world who are ill. There will be a one-time award at our show given in Frank's name and sponsored by Abbey Gardens.

Secretary's report was not read as it was not brought to the meeting! The Treasurer reported \$2085.39 in the treasury.

The deadline has passed to pay dues. Anyone who had not paid by March 1st will be dropped from the newsletter list.

It was decided to hold another plant auction in May.

Larry reported that Woody Minnich had offered to host a preshow meeting at his home possibly in April. Details not final.

There was discussion of holding our regular meeting at the Adobe in April. The subject was tabled because of lack of time and permission.

Darryl Tucker and Audrey arrived at the meeting. Darryl reported that we had finally received our copy of "Caudiciform and Pachycaul Succulents" and passed it around. There was discussion of buying more books with proceeds of the book auction. What to buy? How much to spend? Do we vote on books? Darryl asked to be allowed to spend \$400 - 500 now to buy books. That is his prerogative as librarian and did not need a vote. There was also discussion of binding our copies of the Journal. Audrey Tucker moved that we keep the proceeds of the book auction separate for the library to use at the discretion of the librarian. Bill Hagblom seconded the motion and it was carried. Darryl brought up the possibility of keeping our books at the Jacoboni Library for convenience and possibly for the use of the general public. Would we lose control of them to the county library system? Could we have them for in-library use only? Could we get a locked place at the library to keep them? The possibility of keeping them at the Adobe was also raised. After much discussion this whole subject was tabled. Ted will talk to the county librarian about any options.

Ted brought up the fact that we will need an affiliate representative at the convention. Lillian True being unavailable, Rowena Thompson will be our Representative and Bill Hagblom will be the second.

Carol Wujcik reported that she sent slips to all past presidents asking if they still wished to receive our newsletter. Some answered. Some did not. It was decided to send one more newsletter and then drop those who were not responding.

Rowena brought up the subject of raising dues. Larry Grammer made a motion to raise the dues to \$8.00, \$5.00 for Seniors, and \$1.50 for additional family members beginning with the 1988 dues. Carol Wujcik seconded and the motion was carried.

Larry Grammer updated us on the show's progress. C.W. Elliott and Bill Hagblom will be clerks for our Club. The awards dinner will be on Saturday evening after cocktail hour. Rowena suggested we see about having Myron Kimnach speak about Somalia at the awards dinner. The speakers fee will be \$100.00. There will be "keeper" awards for cactus and succulents. There will also be awards for points as well as many others. Woody will be doing the awards. There was also discussion of small pots to be given out at the dinner. No decisions have been made yet. We have three confirmed sellers - Abbey Gardens, Rowena Thompson and Joe Wujcik. Things are really shaping up for a great show.

Pat Kelley

Secretary

Plants Put Into Deep Sleep

ZOMBIE CACTUS?

NIGHT (&DAY) OF THE LIVING DEAD?

Often some of our plants seem this way...THE UNDEAD, but barely. Our thanks to Bill Hagblom for finding this article in CALIFORNIA LANDSCAPE, April, 1987.

A phenomenal new process that preserves living plants almost indefinitely is currently hitting the market in the U.S. Plants treated with this patented preservation method look, feel and even smell alive, but they require virtually no care.

Developed in Sweden and recently acquired by the Weyerhaeuser Co., the process preserves living plants in a sort of indefinite deep sleep. The time frame is at least eight to 10 years, according to European studies.

Weyerhaeuser purchased the North American patent rights for the procedure and is just beginning to market and distribute plants treated with the unique process at a Tacoma, Wash. plant. The marketing plan is to aim first at the commercial interior landscape industry.

New Indoor Plants

Stephen Barger, general manager of Weyerhaeuser's new specialty plants division, said, "For the first time, people will be able to have a wide variety of trees and plants not normally found indoors, regardless of lighting or other conditions."

Barger noted that many species which have never been able to thrive indoors, such as eucalyptus, beech, birch, evergreens and oak trees can now be used to create unique and dramatic interior "plantscapes" once they are preserved.

Unlike other plant preservation methods involving external treatments such as dipping cut stems in a solution of glycerin, the Weyerhaeuser process is an internal process, with special preservatives absorbed throughout the plant. The preservatives are colorless, odorless and non-toxic. Various dyes have also been used to enhance a plant's natural color, or to create plants with dramatically different and vivid color schemes. A birch tree, for example, could have its leaves dyed to mimic autumn. Or

other colors could be used to enhance a certain decorative color scheme within a building.

"The preserved plants retain not only the appearance of living plants but also their feel and texture and, in many cases, even the fragrance of fresh plants," Barger said. "And of course, they do not require watering, feeding, sunlight, pruning, pest control or any other care normally associated with living plants."

Plant List

Some of the plants which have successfully been treated include palms; hollies; evergreen shrubs such as cedar, juniper and other conifers; beech, birch and eucalyptus trees; several varieties of ground cover, such as salal; wild grasses; and numerous types of flowers, including statice, baby's breath, nandina, gypsophila and even hydrangea.

As of now, Weyerhaeuser's initial line of preserved products will include Christmas decorations and ornamental evergreen bonsai specimens.

The preserved products are not expected to compete with companies producing artificial material because the preserved plants cost three to four times more than imitation material. There is a potential threat, however, that the new products will infringe upon the market created by custom-tree-builders who use a natural trunk and artificial leaves and manufacturers producing dried flowers and plants.

Commercial nurseries do not expect sales of living plants and flowers to drop. The new products are essentially an alternative for people who don't know how to take care of living plants or for the indoor markets where certain living plants do not grow well anyway. In reality, many nurserymen are supplying Weyerhaeuser with quality plant material for the preservation process.

NEXT MONTH WE'LL FEATURE CARNIVOROUS CACTI! WHO SENT US LOTS OF INTERESTING STUFF. THANKS TO ED HENNESSEY

SOUTH COAST C & S SHOW
& SALE: June 13 & 14

At the S. Coast Botanic Gardens on Crenshaw on Palos Verdes Peninsula.

Hours: Sale 9 - 4:30 both days. Show on Sat. is 12 - 4:30 & on Sun. 9 - 4:30.

This is an OPEN SHOW (as is ours). Anyone interested can enter, member or not.

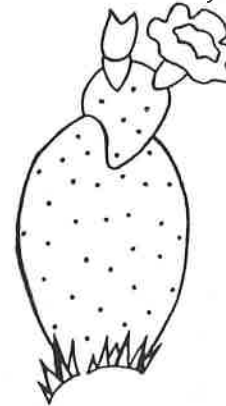
Entry supplies will be available at our meeting Sunday.

Setup is Friday - come in the afternoon after the tables are set up. Thanks.

Questions? Call the #'s on the flyer?

South Coast Cactus and Succulent Society

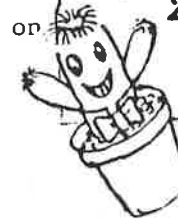
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JUNE 13 & 14



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Entries accepted Friday, June 12, 3:00 to 9:00 PM
Show open Saturday, June 13, 12:00 AM to 4:30 PM
Sunday, June 14, 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM
Sale open Saturday, June 13, 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM
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Palos Verdes Peninsula



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Long Beach Cactus Club
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19009-308 Laurel Park
Dominguez Hills, CA 90220

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PORTRAIT OF YOUR EDITOR
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to complete just one
more newsletter...
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FOR THOSE ROADRUNNERS ABOUT TO
HIT THE CONVENTION TRAIL — AVOID
THOSE POTHOLES ON THE ROAD TO FUN!

DATELINE MAY 12, 1987, 39 DAYS (MORE OR LESS)
TO TEMPE, & COUNTING...

As we become older and presumably wiser, we know that certain human activities — like the hanging of drapes, washing the dog, or putting together anything with instructions translated from the Japanese — these things require a determined sense of humor and a certain mental preparation — an inner clenching of the jaw, a determination (if done with one's mate or family or friends) that this will not lead to divorce or murder no matter what the provocation. It's only when you expect the job to be a breeze that you can get into real trouble.

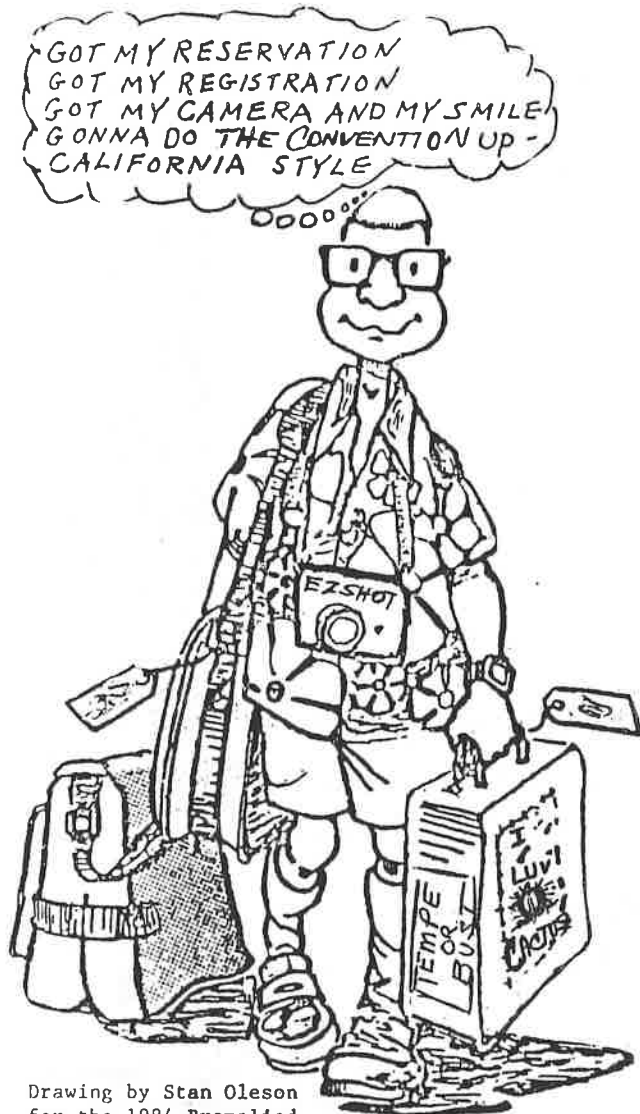
And so it is with other human activities like traveling. Although Joe and I have only had one 4 or 5 day actual vacation (to Quebec), we have taken many day trips and a few overnight trips, and of course we have traveled extensively in the course of moving entire households, pets and plants. Nobody expects moving to be fun of course, but a "fun" trip is fraught with most of the same perils, herein chronicled as a reminder for those of you readying yourself (plus mate, friend or just the car) for the drive to Tempe.

I. Be prepared for a few things to go wrong and know they will take twice as long and twice the nervous energy and twice the money to solve. Maybe more. When traveling you are without your usual known support system while at your most vulnerable. Your support system includes your usual schedule, your mechanic (even if you don't trust him), your doctor (ditto re: trust), where to buy things, etc. Therefore anything that happens (losing sunglasses, getting sick) creates more anxiety and takes longer — sometimes a lot longer — to take care of. Such givens as MacDonalds or the Auto Club are therefore great comforts.

Corollary: Whatever goes wrong will not be what you are expecting and therefore prepared for. It will be a surprise, and not very much fun.

II. Know in advance that your mate (or you) will sooner or later get impatient, annoyed, hungry, depressed, tired or all of these, and it will be then that he/she/you will likely make comments (through clenched teeth) about how much all this is costing. Do not respond in kind. Instead it's time for a coffee break, a rest stop, a change of pace. Anything.

III. If you or your partner is the sort who 5 minutes upon leaving the house begins wondering aloud if the door is locked and/or the sink, oven or hair curlers are turned off, make a list ahead of time and watch yourself or have your mate watch you check these things. Asking your mate later to say you've locked the door if he or she doesn't absolutely know puts them in a



Drawing by Stan Oleson for the 1984 Bromeliad World Conference (1 or 2 changes have been made in the drawing)

THANKS STAN!

TRAVELING TO TEMPE continued

no-win situation. A. If your mate says, yes you locked the door and then the house is burgled, it's his or her fault. B. If your mate says no, maybe you didn't lock the door when you in fact did, then time is wasted going back and checking. But if you must choose, choose option B.

IV. Another no-win situation to avoid is the driver-martyr complex, where one drives and the other navigates (with map, compass, charts of the stars...and gutfeel). The driver typically will mutter meaningfully if a turn is missed, but 10 minutes later will say something like "All you do is read the map — I'm driving so you can enjoy the view!" This is the time to restrain yourself from a snappy comeback. It goes without saying that the navigator should try not to backseatdrive unless necessary for safety's sake, and then it is better probably to simply make a calm unemotional statement instead of dramatically bracing against the dashboard for the imminent collision...

V. Then there's the male resistance to asking for directions no matter what (perhaps a holdover from caveman days when you had to pretend you knew where you were going or risk being thought "weak" and so got bopped on the head with a club or whatever). Anyway, it is best to be armed with lots of maps and flashlights to read them by (there being another male aversion to turning on the interior car light).

VI. Then there's the female aversion to traveling light — but of course it makes excellent sense to have everything with you so you don't have to spend hours looking for a store if the weather changes or whatever. (See point I).

VII. Attempt to not agonize too much or too loudly over the awful fate about to befall your loved ones at home because you're not there. This refers to children, pets, plants, the house, whatever. You have done all you can for their welfare, and now must trust the fickle finger of fate. Attempt to have fun. Heaven knows it's costing a fortune...

Carol (Female Traveler) Wujcik

P.S. No matter how old you are, always have the phone number and the change to call home. Have you ever had to call home, been so rattled by whatever has happened (like falling in the N.Y. subway & having been trampled by crazed rush hour commuters), called information and been told that your folks' number is unlisted? As in, "Sorry... but we can't give the number out even in an emergency. Would you like us to call the police for you?..."

P.S. #2 I don't know anything about the rumor that females have to stop a lot at restrooms when traveling. As a kid I was called Iron Kidneys by my parents. They seemed to think this attribute was a good thing.



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ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY
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June 20-27, 1987

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May 24, Sunday, OUR LBCC REGULAR MEETING, 1 PM at the Library, FEATURING ED & BETTY GAY, a RAFFLE OF DONATED PLANTS, and MUCH MORE.

May 31, Sunday, OUR LBCC BOARD MEETING, 1 PM, BUT WHERE??????????????????

May 30 & 31, THE GATES C & S SOC. SHOW & SALE, from 1 - 5 PM both days at the San Bernardino Cty. Museum (also open), 2024 Orange Tree Lane (Take Calif. St. Off-Ramp from I-10), Redlands. Museum Gardens are being landscaped with you know what.

June 6 & 7, THE SAN DIEGO C & S SHOW & SALE, Room 101, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park, Sat 1 - 5 PM & Sun. 10 - 5. Plant Sales 10 - 5 Both Days, Casa del Prado.

June 13 & 14, S. COAST C & S SHOW & SALE. Info. inside the newsletter. Entry info. available at our mtg.

June 20 - 26, CSSA CONVENTION IN TEMPE, ARIZONA!

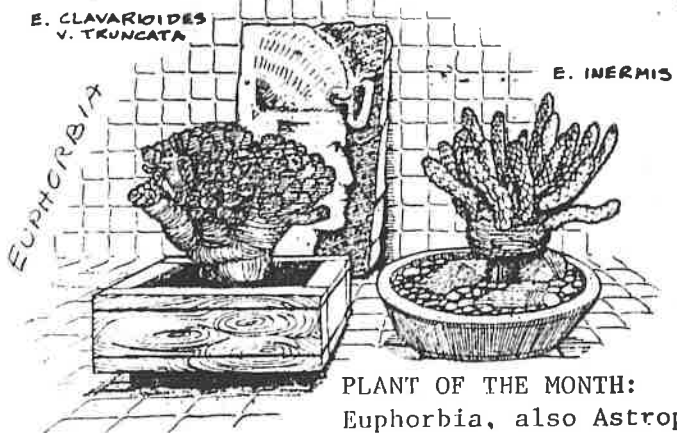
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PLANT OF THE MONTH:
Euphorbia, also Astrophytum