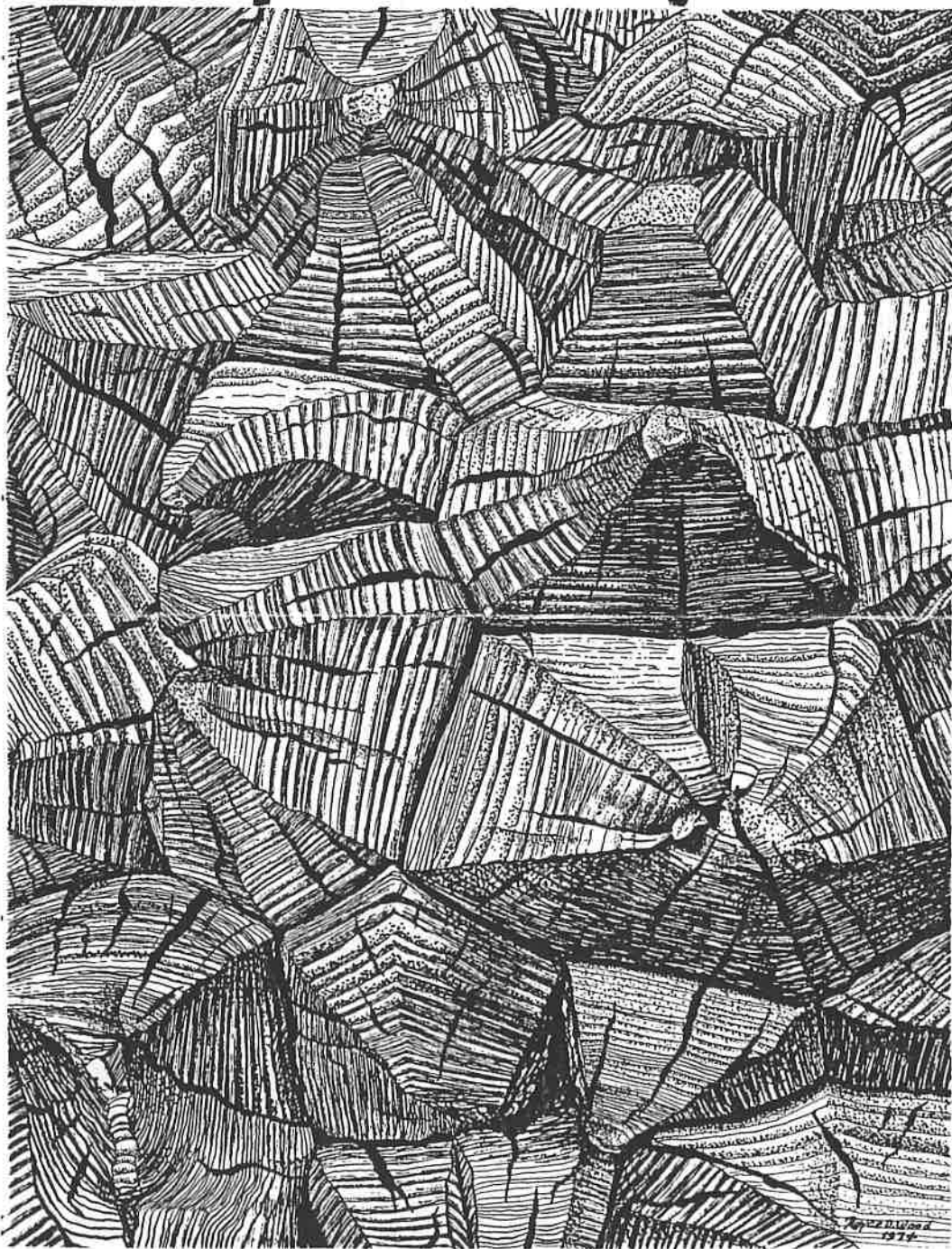


AUCTION



LONG BEACH CACTUS CLUB NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 1987

ELECTION: Ted Taylor wants to remind everyone that all committee chairmen are automatically on the board and vote at board meetings. Without you, the club could not manage. YOU ARE IMPORTANT!

1988

PRESIDENT: Rowena Thompson
VICE PRESIDENT: Kathi Reyes
SECRETARY: Terry Goewert
TREASURER: Jim Hanna

BOARD MEMBERS: Choose 4, 2 for a one year term, and 2 for 2 years:

Eleanor Barker
Larry Grammer
Bill Hagblom
Laverne Pitzer
Audrey Tucker

Your editor hopes she will have ballots prepared for Sunday. She was supposed to have submitted samples for approval long before now. Apologies.

WRITE IN CANDIDATES: Our constitution reads that nominations may be made from the floor. You should have the permission of the nominee. Then they could be written on the ballot and voted on, if the parliamentarian says ok, & if any are so nominated.

Please note that because of a change in our constitution, for this year only we will have to designate our choice of board members for 1 or 2 year terms. In the future we will elect 2 members each year for 2 years.

The Jr. Past President is always on the board. That person is Ted Taylor.

SPECIAL THIS YEAR TO THE AUCTION: Manny & Bert Singer have donated wonderful Royce Wood sketches to the auction. We were given permission to reproduce them and you see them in this newsletter. They include the wonderful Dioscorea elephantipes on the cover, and the plant but not the man on the right!

Newsletter Editor is
Carol Wujcik, 10860 El Mar
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(714) 963-3146.



TIME TO RENEW!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

YOUR 1988 DUES SHOULD BE PAID BY THE HOLIDAY PARTY TO RECEIVE YOUR GIFT PLANT.

DUES INFORMATION FOR 1988

Dues paid now are for 1988. Regular membership is \$8, senior membership is \$5, and each associate (same home) membership is \$1.50, regardless of age. (A senior membership is for a retired person, 65). Please contact Marge or Terry. Checks should be made out to LBCC, Long Beach Cactus Club. Renewals can be paid at any time. A thank you gift plant from the Club will be yours at the holiday party if you renew or join by then.

GIVE OR SEND TO:

Marge Snyder, 19009-308 Laurel Park Road
Dominguez Hills, CA 90220

OR TO

Terry Dew, 5328 Carita
Long Beach, CA 90808

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SUGGESTIONS? _____



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Membership for 1988 is on a calendar basis (Jan. 1-Dec. 31). NO prorating of dues. Active members vote for Officers and Directors, receive the CSSA Newsletter and receive substantial discounts at the bi-annual Convention.

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I am a subscriber to the Cactus and Succulent Journal and am renewing my membership for 1988.

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It's Time! Come to the Auction! Wonderful Plants! →

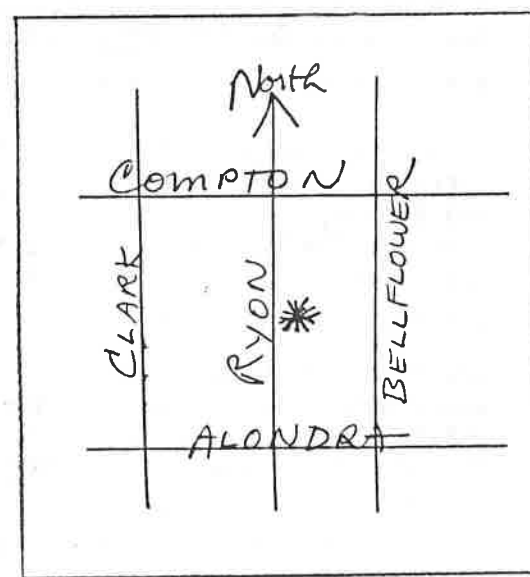
Auction Info.

THIS IS IT! IT'S JUST ABOUT TIME FOR OUR BIG CACTUS AUCTION!!!!

- SUNDAY NOVEMBER 22: 12:30PM Short Business Meeting & ELECTIONS & 1:00PM THE AUCTION, JACQUES DE TISNE, AUCTIONEER!
- WHAT CAN BE AUCTIONED: Plants and plant-related items, especially cacti and succulents! Group small or inexpensive plants together. Make sure everything is clean and labeled with as much of the plant name and data you know. ALSO MARK PLANT WITH YOUR NAME & MINIMUM BID YOU WILL ACCEPT KEEPING IN MIND THAT 25% GOES TO THE CLUB, 75% TO YOU. If you can give plant as a DONATION, please so mark it.
- TO AUCTION PLANTS, YOU MUST BE A MEMBER OF LONG BEACH CACTUS CLUB!
- BIDDING: You will receive a number when you sign in. If you have the winning bid, please hold up your # so it can be recorded. At the end of the auction, or when you must leave, you'll pay your total by cash or check and take home your new plants. We will have guests & visitors participating in the bidding; during break say hi to these people! Many you will already know.
- PLEASE BRING: A folding chair ... A folding table if you have one handy ... Refreshment (finger foods, or for those who find it difficult to bring food, ice cubes or bottled water) ... your auction plants ... and hopefully \$\$ to bid! ... Also a sweater etc. for any weather change. (THERE WILL BE SODA POP FOR SALE - ALSO CLUB COFFEE.)

RAIN NO PROBLEM: We understand that there will be shelter if needed.

- SETUP: From 10:30 AM on. There will be helpers to unload until about 1 PM. Park in driveway ONLY TO UNLOAD, THEN PLEASE PARK ON STREET OPPOSITE HOUSE.
- LOCATION: We thank Sharon & Bob Thoerner for being our hosts! Their address is 15549 Ryon Ave., Bellflower, CA, (213) 866-1555. See Thomas Bros. Map pp. 65-66, or map at right. Please park on street except to unload.
- SPECIAL: No longer generally available - THE ROYCE D. WOOD FOLIO OF SUCCULENT PLANTS, LIMITED EDITION once selling for \$37.50 will be auctioned courtesy of Manny & Bert Singer! 8 prints, 8½ X 11 of



pen & ink drawings. There is also a partial set!

General Announcements . . .

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Ginger Brown
244 East Ave. #33
Los Angeles, CA 90031

Camille Rutkowski
1525 S. Curtis Ave.
Alhambra, CA 91803

Brian Eitelman
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Long Beach, CA 90805

David Yetz
9501 Ives St.
Bellflower, CA 90706

Thanks to Jim Hanna for handling membership duties at the last meeting for Marge and Terry.

A LOT OF CARING: Your editor's impression of our last meeting was that we are a group of people who care. Audrey Tucker's memorial talk about Arthur Breitung was wonderful. He had to have been pleased. What's more we will have a perpetual trophy at future shows which incorporates a handmade wooden bud vase/candle holder, a tribute to his skill with wood as well as Agaves.

Also, you can't listen to Victor Turecek talk about plants, people and creatures of Argentina without feeling the love he has for them. Both he and Audrey are gifted in being able to communicate these feelings so well.

As a follow-up to our show this August, we offer CONGRATULATIONS to Larry Grammer and Sharon Thoerner, LBCC high points winners in Advanced and Novice, respectively. Each will keep our own LBCC trophy for a year for their achievement. (The Inter-City Show had its own awards. Please see inside back page.)

NEW ADDRESS: Chuch Everson & Jerry Williams of Rainbow Gardens Book-store have moved to Vista: PO Box 1431, Vista, CA 92083 - (619) 758-4290. Street address is 1444 E. Taylor St., Vista CA 92083. CALL FIRST! Their new catalog for books is out, in time for Christmas. Also there are lots of Epi's.

GET WELL TED! Ted is recovering from surgery for skin cancer. We hope he will be with us for the auction, but it will depend on how fast he's recovering from the surgery complicated by an allergic reaction! FEEL BETTER SOON!

NOVEMBER AT THE HUNTINGTON: To experience California autumn at its finest, come to the Desert and the Japanese (Zen) Gardens in mid or late November. The Aloes are beginning their winter show with orange, red and yellow torches, and many of the other succulents look their best in the fall and winter months. Although the cacti begin a winter dormancy, their colors remain brilliant as the noon sun, now low in the sky, angles in and augments the golds and reds. The backlighting and shadows create delightful photographs for the camera or the memory.....In the Zen Garden, just beyond the Japanese Garden, the ginkgo trees should turn gold after the middle of the month. No maple can rival the golden ginkgo at its peak. And when the leaves fall, the ground is covered by gold. Come see.

The Huntington is open Tues. - Sun. from 1 to 4:30 (Desert Garden Conservatory 2 - 4PM) except major holidays. For Sunday reservations, call 818-405-2100. To confirm color for the ginkgo (timing depends on temperature), call 818-405-2160.

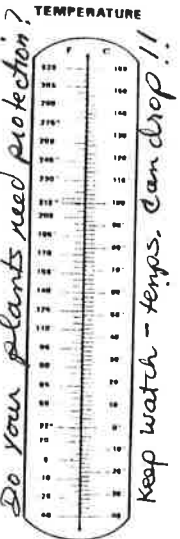


Happy Thanksgiving

PUMPKINSEASON?

DID YOU KNOW that Bromelia balansae ("Heart of Flame") has fruit like little orange pumpkins clustering up the flower stalk? At least that's what they look like. They're sized just about right for munchkins and leprechauns!

We have received the following notice from the Sunset Society: They will be meeting in a new place at a new time - the 3rd Monday of each month beginning Jan. 18 at the Felicia Mahood Senior Citizens Center, 11338 Santa Monica Blvd., West Los Angeles 1 block west of Sawtelle Blvd. on the S/W corner of Corinth Ave...lots of parking & 2 blocks from the San Diego Fwy. (Presumably still 8 PM, come earlier for plant sales).



The following is from the BRADFORD BRANCH BULLETIN, National Cactus & Succulent Soc. (England), for Nov. 1965. The article makes a good point.

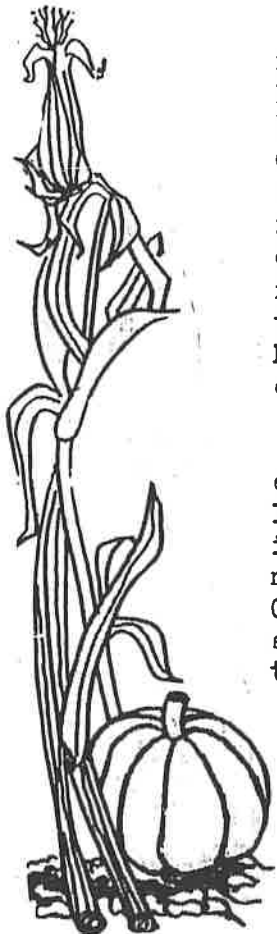
THE MIXTURE AS BEFORE. by J. Dunn.

For a few years now my collection of plants (a quite heterogenous mixture of Succulents) has been arranged in no particular order at all. Mamms and Cerei have been well mixed up with Lithops and Euphorbias. However, having spent quite a lot of time at my recent Open-day looking for plants which visitors enquired about, -"Have you so and so?" and "Where is such and such a plant that you had last year?,"- and me having to scratch and search around in the jungle until I could find it, I decided afterwards that the time had come to do some rearranging. "Put each Genus together", I thought; this will make it more orderly and neat. So two full days were spent indulging in a bit of regimentation. All Mamms on the right, tallest behind, smallest in front, Cerei, Atten—shun. Right Dress.... and so on, right through the lot, Espositoas, Neoperterias, Astrophytums etc. etc.

The last plant was put in place, the last thorn taken from my now-sore fingers, and I stood back and surveyed the orderliness of it all. And it LOOKED HORRIBLE!! Gone was any aesthetic appeal that the plants might have had before. Everything could be taken in at a glance - find the genus, look quickly down the row, and you had seen the lot! No searching, no element of surprise; - in fact I had a "plant Museum". Only one genus looked "natural", if that is the right word, and that was the Mammillarias. Although I don't exactly rave over this family, it certainly has sufficient diversity of form in shape, colour and habit, etc. to present an attractive appearance without the help of the other Genera. (This must have given me a new interest in Mammillarias, as I went out right away and scrounged a Mamm. mercadensis from our Chairman.)

But I am afraid I couldn't stand the rest of the collection looking as it did. So I spent as much time trying to get back to the old untidy disorder, as I took in trying to bring in a bit of orderliness. Each time I pick up a plant, it goes back in a different place. If I re-pot one it is put back in the middle of a different genus; and I'm winning slowly. I hope that by the next Open-day visitors will not know the difference. I shall know as soon as they start asking "Have you got such and such a plant?" or "Where is that so and so that you had last year?". I shall have returned to organised chaos!

Illustration on this page as well as other Thanksgiving illustrations plus general info. are thanks to Stan & Val Oleson and their South Bay Bromeliad Associates Newsletter for November. 1987.



The letter below is from a fellow cactophile in Belgium.

Oct. 10, 1987

Dear Colleague,

I gather we both have an interest and love for cacti in common, which in fact is my first reason for writing you. But, before all things, let me perhaps introduce myself. My name is Freddy Delabarre; I am 39 years old and I live in Ghent, a town of 250,000 people in the flemish part of Belgium. I've been busy for the past ten years studying cacti as well as collecting them. I used to be the chairman of a cactus club called "Cactusweelde-Gent." But four years ago we started a new club "Lophophora" of which I am again the chairman.

As it is, I got pretty much involved and interested in the background and history of cactus clubs. Here in the flemish part of Belgium we have one in the town of Antwerp that dates back as far as 1887. I now would like to extend my knowledge and interest for such things beyond our national border.

To come to the point, I would be very glad indeed to exchange views and information with you and if possible club items such as there are: stamps, stickers, letters, magazines, periodicals, photocopies of first editions, etc.

Costs, if any, will be at my expense. We shall be pleased to render you a similar service at any time.

Perhaps a last request. If you should feel like writing me, would you please give it a try in French or English? If not, feel free to write in your own language; we'll manage.

Many thanks.

Yours most cordially,

DELABARRE, F.
Chairman of LOPHOPHORA

If anyone would like to correspond, Freddy's address is as follows:

Damaststraat 43
B 9910 Mariakerke
BELGIUM

The following is from the CACTUS DIGEST, newsletter of the St. Louis Henry Shaw Cactus Society, Betty Cordes, editor, November 1987.

For some plant hobbyists, the flowers are what counts. Orchid fanciers, rosarians, african violet enthusiasts; these people cultivate their plants for their wonderful flowers. Roses bloom all summer, some violets stay in flower virtually year round, orchids can last for weeks.

Cactophiles are not so fortunate. The most fascinating and exquisite cactus bloom might only last for a day, or a few hours. This aspect of cactus culture is both an advantage and a disadvantage. The advantage: an ephemeral bloom can be more impressive than a flower that lasts for weeks. The grower has little time to observe and enjoy. I can't imagine any cactophile, no matter how large the collection or how well cultivated the plants, not being excited by flowers. If they bloom, you must be doing it right, right? The disadvantage: if you work during the day, you may never get to see anything but the buds and the spent blossoms.

You would think that at least some plants would show a little consideration for their growers and bloom on weekends. Not mine, the flowers invariably open between Monday and Friday. Fortunately, I work in a shop where I can bring them in. Over the years, I've taken a number of plants to work on a temporary basis. Plants do not flourish in the shop, they just come to visit. I suspect that the really amazing amount of dust, paper lint and hideous chemistry is too much for even the toughest cactus. Over the years, I've brought in a number of plants in flower, everything from astrophytums to lithops. The guys especially like lithops. They were amazed at the size of the flower in comparison with the size of the plant.

Last summer, I decided to really amaze them. My *Stapelia gigantea* was getting ready to bloom. When the flowers had opened before, I was never home to see them. This year I would: I took *Stapelia* to work with me.

Those of you with *Stapelias* of your own are probably wondering about that; the plant in bloom is best appreciated outdoors and upwind. I work in a north county print shop. The office and typesetting departments are air-conditioned, the pressroom is not. Lacking airconditioning, we keep the windows and doors wide open in warm weather. To put it mildly, some of the materials we use are extremely "fragrant". The building is old, we have lots of bugs. My plant was right at home.

Being unable to recall exactly how long it takes the bud to open, I took the plant in about a week early. Perched on a five pound can of ink, the bud swelled noticeably every day. The guys were fascinated. Every day they'd ask when it would open. Every day I'd have to admit that I didn't know. I did tell them how large the flower was, how it only lasted for a day and how bad it smelled. The guys thought I was putting them on.

Then, one Monday afternoon, it opened. Naturally it waited until I went out to lunch. I was gone for an hour. It was like that plant KNEW I was leaving the premises. In one hour two arms completely unfolded. I did get to see one arm unfold though. I just happened to be looking in the right direction at the right time. I had thought that the arms slowly unfurled. Surprise, the petals of mine seemed to spring apart. The flower measured 13 inches across. (You can always find a ruler in a print shop.) I warned everyone about the aroma; but, like the proverbial Wet Paint sign, everyone smelled it anyway. Everyone touched it, too. I informed them that they had better look, smell and touch that day; the flower would close overnight. The guys were amazed.

They weren't half as amazed as I was the next morning. That flower was wide open and stinking worse than it had the day before. When the plant was outside at my house it closed in one day. Could being indoors out of direct sun be the reason why it lasted longer? I don't know but the bloom stayed open for almost a week. The guys wanted to know what else I didn't know about the plant.

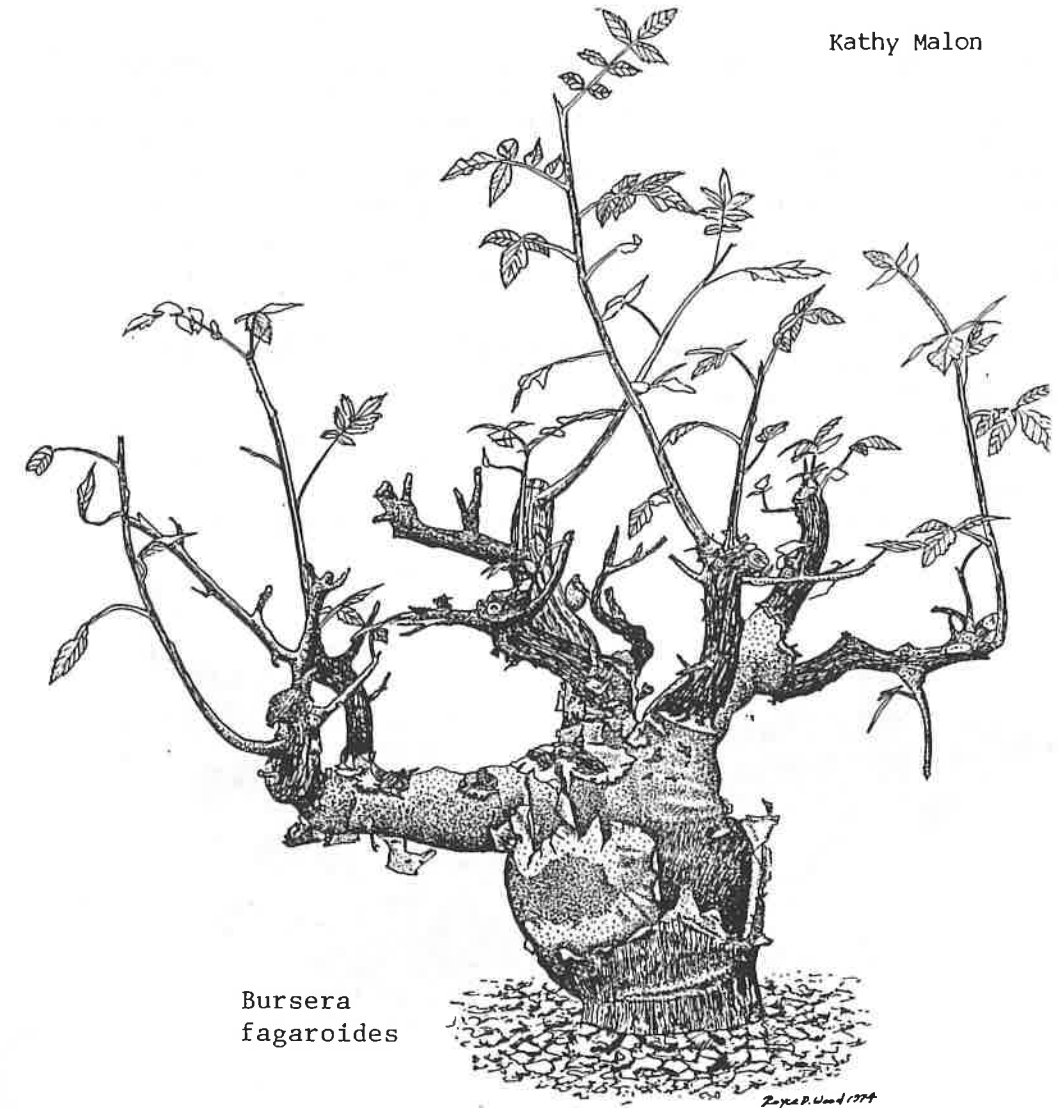
A STAPELIA IN THE SHOP by Kathy Maloncontinued

My horticultural credulity took a nosedive.

Since we leave the doors and windows open and someone is almost always eating, we have flies. Lots of flies. And these flies thought they were in Heaven with *Stapelia* around. Flies came from miles around to lay their eggs. Back in the pressroom, a week long entomological orgy took place. They appeared to be having such a good time that nobody had the heart to shoo, swat, or otherwise discourage the sex-crazed insects. At the end of the week the center of the flower was a solid mass of white sticky fly egg clusters. Having no idea how long fly eggs take to hatch, I removed the faded blossom. We disposed of it in a bucket of blanket wash. Blanket wash is a powerful solvent. Another generation bit the dust. We preferred to look at it as biological control.

As for the flies, they seemed to have had a good time. As for the guys, they can't wait to see what I'm going to bring in next.

Kathy Malon



Bursera fagaroides

SAD NEWS: We send our condolences to Roger and whose wife Claudia recently passed away after a long illness. We saw Rogers most recently at our Show this August, and we are very grateful he made the effort to participate and bring a beautiful display.

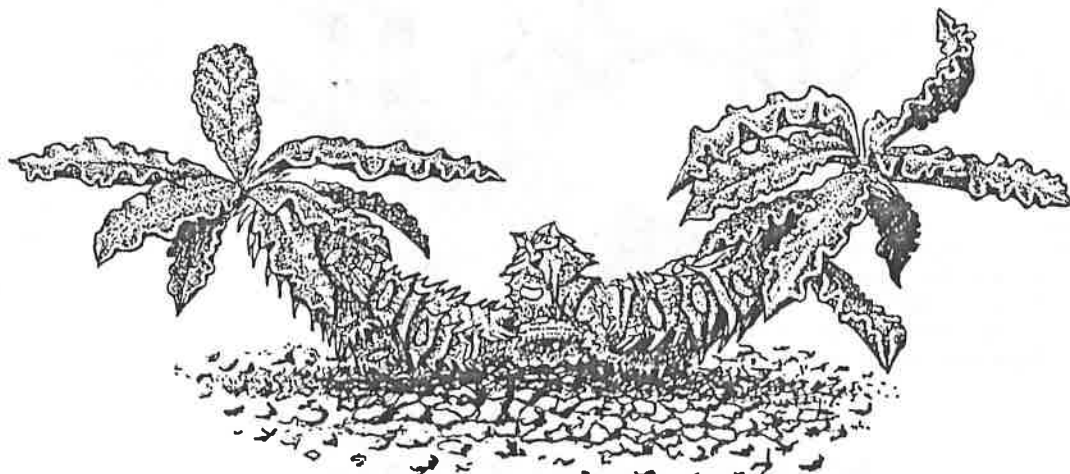
THANKSGIVING. In the November 1987 CACTUS DIGEST, Greg Mohn reminisces about four Henry Shaw Society members who'd recently passed on. Our local cactus world has also recently lost some good friends, and although they have but preceded us, we will miss them here. Yet we can still be thankful. Read what Greg Mohn wrote at the end of his article, titled "A Cactus is Like the Passing of a Good Friend!"

I feel now there is one beautiful cactus garden being planted with love, good humor and respect for all they left behind. The memories we have of happier times shared with these wonderful people will be like our cactus - dormant now, but in the spring they will come out with beautiful flowers. Those of us who knew these people won't forget. They are only as far away as our thoughts. Let's be thankful this Thanksgiving that we had the pleasure of knowing and working with them.

"You give but little when you give of your possessions. It is when you give of yourself that you truly give." Kahlil Gibran, the Prophet.

Our newer members may not know that our outdoor cactus garden at the Dominguez Adobe is called the Clarence Wright Memorial Garden. When I read what Greg wrote, I was reminded again. We are thankful.

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Euphorbia decaryi

Royce D. Wood 1974

The following should have been printed in the Sept. or October newsletter, but better late than never. So... CONGRATULATIONS!

Alpha order where applicable.

SECOND INTER-CITY SHOW AWARDS:

SWEEPSTAKES AWARD: Woody & Tandra Minnich

OVERALL HIGH POINTS, SUCCULENTS: Larry Grammer CACTI: Woody & Tandra Minnich

HIGH POINTS

SUCCULENTS: NOVICE - Sharon Thoerner CACTI: NOVICE - Bob Coleman
 ADVANCED - Duke & Kaz Benadom ADVANCED - Duke & Kaz Benadom
 OPEN - Larry Grammer OPEN - Woody & Tandra Minnich

BEST SUCCULENT:

NOVICE - Jeff Myers
 ADVANCED - Bill Hagblom
 OPEN - Woody & Tandra Minnich

BEST CACTUS

NOVICE - Kyle Elliott
 ADVANCED - Ed Hahn
 OPEN - Woody & Tandra Minnich

SPECIAL ROSETTES

SUCCULENTS: NOVICE - Sharon Thoerner CACTI: NOVICE - Kyle Elliott
 - John Wakamatsu - Brigitte Williams
 ADVANCED - Bill Hagblom ADVANCED - Jim Hido
 Madelyn Lee - Carol Wujcik
 OPEN Larry Grammer OPEN - Woody & Tandra Minnich
 Seymour Linden Woody & Tandra Minnich

TROPHIES

BEST CHILEAN CACTUS: Steve Southwell, Copiapoa cinerea, Trophy donated by Ed & Betty Gay, Cactus Ranchito
 BEST CREST: Steve Southwell, Ariocarpus retusus, Trophy donated by Ed & Betty Gay, Cactus Ranchito
 BEST EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT: Lit V. Phan, Vietnamese Bonsai, Plaque donated by CSSA
 THE FRANK HORWOOD MEMORIAL TROPHY for BEST EUPHORBIA: Larry Grammer, Euphorbia polygona, Trophy donated by Abbey Gardens Nursery
 THE ED STORMS MEMORIAL TROPHY for BEST MESEMB: Sam & Dorothy Williams, Lithops bromfieldii var. sulphurea Trophy donated by Manny & Bert Singer, Singer's Growing Things

The Second Inter-City Show was held August 22 & 23, 1987 and was a joint effort of the Long Beach Cactus Club, the Los Angeles C & S Society, & the San Gabriel Valley C & S Soc.

It was a wonderful show. We can all say, "Thank's for the memories!" And on to next year!

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, NOV. 22, OUR BIG PLANT AUCTION! DON'T MISS IT. Short meeting at 12:30 PM. Auction begins at 1:00 PM with Jacques de Tisne, AUCTIONEER EXTRAORDINAIRE! Setup from 10:30 on; bring your plants to auction - for donation or 25% to the club. Bring refreshments! Bring folding chair! Bring money to bid! More info and map inside newsletter. (Rain? We hope it doesn't, but if it does, there is rain protection we can move under.)

November 26, HAPPY THANKSGIVING.

All of November: Look for Aloes in bloom, through the winter months.

SUNDAY, Dec. 27, OUR HOLIDAY PARTY! At the Library. If you've paid your renewal, you will receive a free plant. ALSO, HOLIDAY GIFT EXCHANGE...PLUS..."A PSEUDOPROGRAM!" We're not sure what that is, but come and find out! 1:00 PM, bring goodies, bring decorations, bring gift exchange plant if you'd like to join in the exchange.

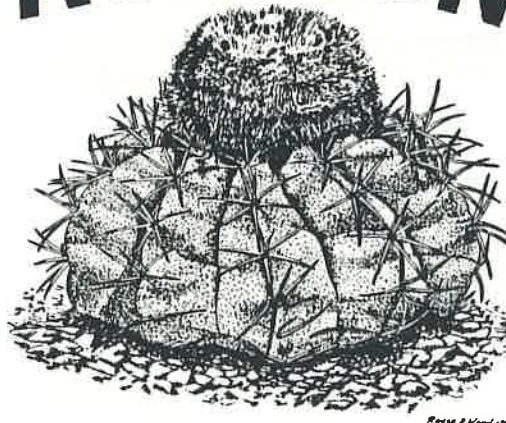
ELECTION: We'll elect officers at 12:30 this Sunday, with the installation at the Holiday Meeting.

LONG BEACH CACTUS CLUB WELCOMES VISITORS,

THE CACTUS COMPANION
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AUCTION



FIRST CLASS!

Carol & Joe Wujcik
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Melocactus melocactoides