



*Gates Cactus
and
Succulent Society*

JULY 2005

NEXT MEETING: ♦ WEDNESDAY ♦ JULY 6th

AT THE SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY MUSEUM

I- 10 AT CALIFORNIA STREET IN REDLANDS, CA.

7:30 PM

PROGRAM

**Our Birthday Party.
46 Years and still going and growing.**

Members Bring and Show projected pictures Any Cactus related Show, Mini-Show, Meeting, Tour, Trip, Special Shows ie CSSA, Tri- City, pictures are desired. Especially requested are your pictures of our Members and Special Events with emphasis on PEOPLE. Let's remember those folks who in their time made this Birthday Party possible. Get out those old pictures!

THE MINI-SHOW IS ART

The subject of the show is "art", both photographic and craft. Any item that you've created yourself, or taken the picture is eligible. Photo Prints small, 5 X 7 or less, LARGE more than 5 X7, 2 of each. And Cactus and/or succulent crafts, dry material, It's wide open, use your imagination.

*Mark your calendar for next year's Green Faire.
The dates will be June 10 & 11, 2006.*

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LEADERSHIP TEAM -- 2005

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We have set the agenda for the rest of the summer ,and I know that I'm looking forward to it all. Our meeting this month should be a lot of fun. More later. August will feature a wonderful show from Karen Ostler, who many of us know. We are working on an interesting presentation for September. More in next month's OG.

We've set the date for our annual Barbeque. It will be held on Saturday, September 24 at 4:00 PM at the Jurupa Mountains Cultural Center. Get your cookbooks out, because we'll have our third annual Cactus Cookoff at the Barbeque. The dishes get better every year. I can't wait to taste the new offerings this time. We'll play games, tour the new work that John is doing at the Center and have a great time as usual.

The July meeting is our annual Birthday meeting that celebrates the founding of our Gates C&SS. We invite all of our members to bring pictures to show. The photos should be electronic, either taken with a digital camera or transferred from film to disk. You should try to get the pictures in their most basic formats. Many of the digital photo programs try to bundle up the pictures in to special proprietary "slide shows" or "albums" so that they can't be used on any other computer than the one that made these special shows. Just copy the basic pictures on to a CD and bring them along, and we'll get them shown. I know that Amber and Dennis must have some great new pics, and we have pictures of two fabulous cactus gardens.

Also pay close attention to or mini-show for this month. The subject of the show is "art", both photographic and craft. Any item that you've created yourself (ie: taken the picture) is eligible. This show expands every year. it's wonderful to see so many creative activities associated with our hobby.

See you at the meeting. If she has time, Helen Hughes is going to try to bake one of her beautiful birthday cakes for us. Yeah!

Buck

Fellow Gates C&SS members. I thought that we

all could benefit from seeing the comments made during the wrap-up meeting for the Show and Sale that was held recently. Please feel free to contribute your comments, criticisms, or Kudos to any Board member. Thanks, Kathy Conway for the minutes of the meeting.

Buck

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Gates Cactus & Succulent Society

Special Meeting of the

Board of Directors

- Buck felt that it was a Good Overall Show. – There was no problem with the food (Judges Lunch).
- Next Year — the Sales tents will be in the trees along the driveway.
- Due to Calendar constraints, few weeks etc. The show next year will be June 10th & 11th. And hopefully Rainbow Books will be there.
- We will move it to the 2nd weekend in June so as to not conflict with other garden shows. This year we were in competitions with a Garden Show in Temecula and the Air Show in Chino.
- Next years date will be the same weekend as the Jurupa Rodeo. We will try to do cross advertisement with them.
- The booth fees are \$50.00 which goes to Jurupa Cultural Center. We pay \$200.00 because we also use the room for the show. The Jurupa Cultural Center does not even cover their labor costs.
- This year's sales were \$1,800 and we netted \$300.00 approximately.
- Mel commented that we need more sales.
- The tarp used to separate the eating area was a great thing but needs a little air flow. We need to be sure to do it again next year.
- Peggy asked if we could have a booth to sell

sodas and water next year.

- WE need to put the drink sales by the Plant Sale register. It was mentioned maybe we could get a snow cone machine? Possible bake sales? Maybe not because people are already doing the potluck food for the Judges Lunch.

- Amber asked if we can get T-shirts next year. Buck needs to talk to Tom. At a meeting we would sell the shirts for \$6.00 but to the public they would be \$12.00-\$15.00

- Helen commented that we didn't have a sign up sheet for show room Monitors.

- Someone commented that certain cactus may not be in bloom if we move the show date to a later date.

- Table Cloths — we need to get better ones. There are 36 tables some 6' long and others 8' long.

- Dennis asked for total points for the top ten point winners from the show. Amber has the information and will write up an explanation and put it all in the next newsletter.

- Can we ask next years Judges to do a "walk and talk" to explain why the trophy winners are trophy winners.

- Mel commented that the guy next door to our sales booth was selling plants and Mel felt that we should have the sales go through our register.

- We lost \$5.00 because we put a plant under the table to hold it and someone different took the plant. So next year we need a holding/staging area behind the kid's plants table. Put the plants there with the persons name on it.

- Raffle Table — we need to have items earlier. We need a bigger and better sign for the Raffle Table area. It needs a better location. We need a greeter also.

- Mel asked about doing Demos? Such as citrus, propagation and the like.

- Advertisement — next year we need to put a sign up on the hill. And do it at least 3 weeks

before the event.

Write down your comments now, before you forget them, and pass them to a Board Member.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Beginning July, 2005 Meetings of the Board of Directors will be held at the Jurupa Mountains Cultural Center.

Meetings will be at 7:00PM, on the third Tuesday of each month except December.

Everyone is invited to attend and offer comments. Will you join us?

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Our Very Best Birthday Wishes to these members:

7/04	America	(***)
7/14	Sharlene Mauritz	(68)
7/17	Bill Keeler	(56)
7/18	Tom Parsons	(66)
7/18	Yvonne Hemenway	(56)
7/22	Eleanor Grecian	(78)
7/26	Edna Osborn	(??)
7/27	Peg Parks	(68)

Look at those seniors, all 56+!

JULY ANNIVERSARIES.

Our congratulations and Best Wishes for the Future to all:

7/10	Gayle & Stewart Lease	(29)
7/25	Karen & Chris Roholt	(23)



MINI-SHOW SUBJECTS FOR 2005

JULY 6 Our Birthday Party
Members Show projected pictures
MINI-SHOW SUBJECTS
Photo Prints small, 5 X 7 or less
LARGE more than 5 X7, 2 each
Cactus succulent crafts, dry material

AUG. 3 Succulents and Cactus, Monstrose,
Variegated and Crested, 2 large, 2 small

SEPT. 7 Cactus Rebutia, Lobivia
Succulents Adenium, Pachypodium
Plumeria

OCT. 5 Cactus Parodia
Succulent Mesembryanthemaceae

And Special Category - Dead cactus
1 each of; single specimen
Or Planter with 2 or more dead cactus
Or Arrangement with dead cactus



NO MINI SHOW PLANTS FOR JULY INSTEAD

PHOTO COMPETITION FOR JULY 2005

DAN GRIFFITH JUDGING

Bring in your best color or B/W photos of cactus
and succulents. Two each, small size, 4"X6" or
less Two each large size 5"X7" or larger.

AND

ARTS AND CRAFTS COMPETITION JULY 2005

Bring in your own paintings and crafts of
cactus and succulents using or representing
cacti and succulents, dried or fresh materials
such as a collogue, cut plant arrangements or
dried plant arrangements, no soil. 2 each.

MINI-SHOW RESULTS FOR JUNE 2005

SUCCULENTS EUPHORBIA

Janet Burnham and Judy Horne judging

NOVICE small, 6" pot or less
1st Karl D. Osborn Euphorbia susanne

INTERMEDIATE small, 6" pot or less
1st Ina O'Kane E. leucodendron
3rd Alice Beardsley Euphorbia obesa

ADVANCED small, 6" pot or less
1st Bertie Lou Hazell Euphorbia obesa
2nd Bob Laughlin Euphorbia resinifera
2nd Joella Olson Euphorbia knuthii
3rd Bertie Lou Hazell Euphorbia horrida
H.M. Bob Laughlin Euphorbia flaniganii

ADVANCED LARGE over 6" pot
1st Yvonne Hemenway E. submammillaria
2nd Dennis Kucera E. polygona'snowflake'
3rd ??? Euphorbia anophila

MINI-SHOW RESULTS FOR JUNE 2005

CACTUS MAMMILLARIA

Janet Burnham and Judy Horne judging

NOVICE small, 6" pot or less
1st Karl D. Osborn M. rhodantha 'rubens'
2nd Karl D. Osborn M. multiceta
3rd Karl D. Osborn Mammillaria wildii

INTERMEDIATE small, 6" pot or less
1st Alice Beardsley Mammillaria surculosa
2nd Ina O'Kane Mammillaria species
2nd Ina O'Kane Mammillaria plumosa

INTERMEDIATE LARGE, over 6" pot
1st Judy Horne Mammillaria species

ADVANCED small, 6" pot or less

- 1st Yvonne Hemenway M. mystax
- 2nd Buck Hemenway Mammillaria gracilis
- 3rd Bob Laughlin Mammillaria hahniana
- 3rd Bob Laughlin Mammillaria candida
var.Ortiz Rubiana

- ADVANCED** LARGE, over 6" pot
- 1st Dennis Kucera Mammillaria longimama
 - 2nd Joella Olsen Mammillaria pringlei
 - 3rd Bertie Lou Hazell Mammillaria bocosana

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VIRGINIA MARTIN

Most of our Society Members do not know Virginia, and you missed a very special person. She had given several programs to us back about twelve years ago. She was as good friend of the Pickoff's and the Tates. How many remember the Tates?

Here is a letter informing us of her passing.

Dear Long Beach Cactus Club members and newsletter people:

Sadly Virginia Martin has passed away, from pneumonia. Betty Gay indicated in the message on our answering machine earlier today that a service for Virginia will be Wednesday, June 29. I have no other information.

She was a stalwart member of the LBCC and other cactus societies, had a wonderful in-ground garden in Arcadia, traveled all over Mexico with her Mom and with friends like Betty & Ed Gay and Ted Taylor. She has been honored by CSSA, corresponded with many in the hobby, wrote articles and gave talks, and was active in collecting stamps of c & s. She loved koala bears and Ted Taylor, who adored her. And somewhere in the CSSA Journal is a wonderful, girlish photo which editor Charles Glass titled "Ginny." Though tiny of size she was a strong lady.

Her career and her CSSA interests others will have to specify. I remember seeing, not that long ago, a program she gave with beautiful slides of Canyon de

Chelly, one of her favorite places on earth.

Best wishes, Carol Wujcik

Thanks Carol.

OTHER TABLES

Plant Sales, Discussion, and Refreshments Tables will be open for the June 2005 Meeting. If you can, bring some 'Goodies' to support the **Refreshment Table**.

And a special thank you to those who frequently bring the goodies we enjoy so much.

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Cactus and Succulent Events

July 1~2~3 CSSA Annual Show & Sale, Huntington Botanical Garden, Sale 1~3, Show 2~3.

Aug 5~11, 31st CSSA Convention, Phoenix, AZ

Aug 20~21, 18th Intercity Cactus Show & Sale, LA Arboretum, 301 Baldwin, Arcadia 626.798.2430

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CLARIFICATION OF POINTS Amber Jones

Dennis Kucera asked about the total point results for our 2005 Show. He was curious as to who the top contenders were. It was then decided that perhaps we should publish these results and also provide you with some details about this process.

As you know, we award three trophies relating to points:

- High Points Cactus
- High Points Succulent
- Overall High Points — Sweepstakes Trophy

Some of you may be wondering how the points are calculated. The statistics team tracks the number of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards each exhibitor is awarded. We then give 6 points for each 1st place, 3 points for each 2nd place and 1 point for each 3rd place award. We track cacti and succulent entries separately. Obviously the exhibitor with the highest points for cacti and succulents is awarded the appropriate trophy, we then add together the points for cacti and succulents to determine the Overall High Points "Sweepstakes" trophy. As you can see from the results below, it is not necessarily the same exhibitor.

Here is the breakdown from this year's Show:

CACTI Exhibitor Points

The Urmans 69
Bob Laughlin 60

SUCCULENT Exhibitor Points

Dennis Kucera 84
The Conaway's 65
Bob Laughlin 65

OVERALL SWEEPSTAKES

Exhibitor Points

Bob Laughlin 125
Dennis Kucera 94
The Conaway's 88
The Urman's 84
The O'Kane's 82

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When Helen and Kevin Barber, the new owners of Rainbow Gardens Book Shop (and new members of Gates C&SS) were here last month we talked about *BOOKS*, what else. There were many member questions about availability of specific subject books. It was almost like many folks had not ever visited the book displays and sales areas at the BIG Shows. So we asked Kevin if he would do a Book Report Column for our Open Gates Newsletter. He was most receptive and his column follows.

BOOKS BY KEVIN BARBER

I have been asked to write a column now and then about what is happening in the book world on our favorite topics ... Cactus and Succulents. So this month I thought I would provide some information on two new titles that may be of interest to many of you.

Coming out very soon is, at last, a new book on Sansevieria! For those of us interested in this fascinating group of plants there has really been nothing for quite a while. The only book that has been available was *Sansevieria Trifasciata varieties* by **B. Juan Chahinian** and it covered only a single species (however a species that has a LOT of variation in it). Fortunately, this same author, who is one of the foremost authorities on Sansevieria and is the current president of the **International Sansevieria Society**, has written a new book covering the entire genus and many of the species. It includes chapters on hybrids, display, cultivation, propagation, a key to the species and a complete list of Sansevieria species with detailed descriptions and their authorities. If you have an interest in Sansevieria or just want to learn more about his group you will want to investigate this book.

The second title I would like to discuss is a new one on Aloes. There is also very little available in print on these interesting plants. Currently in print is, *The Guide to the Aloes of South Africa*, a 2003 update of a book originally published in 1996, and *The Aloes of Malawi* published in 2004. This year, however we have a terrific field guide to the Aloes of Namibia entitled *Aloes aristocrats of Namibian Flora*. This book is softbound and 96 pages and is just loaded with terrific color pictures of the plants in habitat and useful information not only on identification but culture as well. It will also be very reasonably priced between \$20 - \$25 dollars and should be available in the next month or so.

In future columns I hope to cover other new and interesting books in more detail and to continue to keep you up to date on what's coming out as well as provide some advice on which books are

good for specific needs and interests. If you have suggestions for topics for this column or want more specific information about anything discussed please don't hesitate to contact me at

<Kevin@RainbowGardensBookshop.com>



THIS and THAT

Leo Pickoff

Cynical sayings: Never miss a good chance to shut up.
Rules of the Air for Pilots: . The ONLY time you have too much fuel is when you are on fire.

We are beginning to feel that summer has arrived. This great deduction is based on temperatures ranging from mid 90s to almost 100. Fortunately, overnight temperatures drop way down to 75°F. Drops any lower, I'll have to get the electric blanket out. Humidity is only in the fifties. That is stifling but it can and probably will get worse. That is enough about the good weather. Just wanted you to know that you are not the only ones enjoying weather that the Chamber of Commerce can brag about.

We got to visit with Ric and Marilyn when they were out here for a wedding in San Antonio (San Antone is the name I have used all my life.) It was nice talking about the plants that once consumed our waking hours. They brought pictures of their collection. What a pity they don't enter in shows.

Ipomoea holubii. The name *Ipomoea* comes from the Greek *ips*, worm, and *homoios*, resembling. The genus includes Morning Glory (*I. purpurea*) and Sweet-Potato (*I. batatas*) among others.

There are 500 species in this genus growing in the tropics and subtropics. Their habitat is the Americas and the Old World. The ones with big tuberous roots are Old World plants and do not resemble a worm as the name implies.. At least, I have never seen a worm that looks like the 7" tuber pictured above.

In so far as the species *holubii*, I haven't been able to find it listed anywhere. It is just being sold with that name. What species is it? Your guess is probably better than mine.