



*Gates Cactus
and
Succulent Society*

NOVEMBER 2008

NEXT MEETING: " WEDNESDAY " 7:30PM " NOVEMBER 5th

AT THE SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY MUSEUM

I- 10 AT CALIFORNIA STREET IN REDLANDS, CA.

**IT IS NOVEMBER AND
THE AUCTION IS HERE.**

More info following the President's Message

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Now that the dark day of the year is past, and if you didn't get too bloated from all those calories, we come to a more festive season. In addition to Thanksgiving this month, and if you're thankful for your financial stability, November 5th is time for a short wise investment opportunity: Our annual Gates fund raising auction. Hopefully, we all ARE bringing a nice plant to donate to the cause. The auction is our main source of funds for the club year. The proceeds fund our speaker honorariums, Society expenses of our BBQ Potluck and the upcoming annual Christmas Party, as well as the trophies and ribbons for the Show and Sale. And, most importantly, the

OPEN GATES club newsletter. Your Board recently voted to slightly change our dues structure effective January 1, 2009. Up to and until then the annual renewal remains the same. Starting January 1st, the membership dues, and renewals, will be \$15 per year with the Open Gates E-Mailed to you and \$20 per year for the standard snail to slime its way to you. Now, doesn't that make email both sound and feel better?

So come early to view the loot, I mean plants, being auctioned. You will need to obtain a bidding number, free of charge, to participate. Cash and checks only, please.

See you there! mjpg

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LEADERSHIP TEAM -- 2008

AUCTION INFORMATION

This info worked well in past years so here it is again

Our annual plant auction time has arrived once again. This is the evening when you bring that "one or more, good plants" to our meeting. It will be specially grown, perfectly groomed and labeled, Right? The better the plant, the more \$\$ the auctioneers can pull from the audience. This is necessary because the Auction is our major fund raiser; it supports the expenses of our Spectacular Xmas Party, the BBQ (wasn't it Great!) and many of our other activities during the year. The auction meeting always has been and should continue be a fun get together with lots of spirited bidding especially when a large, rare or specimen plant is on the block.

To make this a worthwhile auction **we need both your plant(s) and your bids.** If you can't bring a plant, plan on buying one (or more). Or, In lieu of bringing a plant you might want to bring a cake, pie, cookies, Cactus Jelly or jam, all homemade of course!! We'll auction them and/or eat them!

Speaking of eating, we usually have a good turnout and quite a few guests in attendance. Soooo, We could use some extra goodies. Several members have volunteered to help in the kitchen for this event. They can always use another hand if you're so inclined.

To keep the evening moving, we have a few procedures or routines. We need your help to make it work. First off, **PLEASE, PLEASE** try to arrive early, for it takes time to receive your plants and situate them for display so as to intrigue the bidders.

Then **To BID you MUST obtain a bidder's number** by registering with our treasurer Karen Roholt or one of her helpers. As you enter the Fisk Auditorium, they will be around to the left front.

Your bid **WILL NOT** be honored without a bid number because as plants are sold, the auctioneer calls out the bid amount and your bid number to the record keepers. They will track

what you buy and how much you owe. This keeps them rather busy so we don't promise "checkouts or pay ups" while the auction is in progress. However, they will try to accommodate those who wish to leave at the break (8:45). Checkout is a slow process, so be patient especially at the end when everyone wants to get out quickly.

Now, **for the bidding**, speak up and speak out so the auctioneer can recognize your bid. If we do miss you, **wave and yell**, but get our attention, for **when the auctioneers say sold the plant is SOLD!** Head Auctioneer Buck will have several so far, unnamed helpers to conduct the auction,

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The minimum incremental bid is 50 cents up to \$10 and \$1 after that. However, you are encouraged to **use jump bids** to move quickly to what the plants are really worth. Speaking of worth, if you wish you may put a tag in with your donated plant showing a suggested minimum bid. 'Sure would be a big help to the auctioneers.

This promises to be an interesting evening and there will be many fine plants (we hope) for us to savor or lust over **and buy.**

Do your 'plant loving neighbors a favor and bring them along to this exciting event. **Your guests do not have to be members to bid or donate.** However, they must register to obtain a bidder's number.

Have fun, enjoy, and we'll be out by 10 PM! There you have it, all the minutia and all the details. I've repeated it all again because of all our many new members. And many of our senior members can't remember the rules from last year. Right Joe? Hopefully, there will be few questions and no misunderstandings at the meeting.

LAST MONTHS PROGRAM

Mark Muradians Program on **Cacti of Bolivia** using multi-media projection was outstanding. We learned a lot and were amazed at his beautiful pots. Thanks for being with us Mark.

We had a Two very enjoyable events in October, The Home Garden Tour and The BBQ. Both went off as planned on beautiful days.

THE HOME GARDEN TOUR

We all need to thank ***the Greens, the Craigs and the Marinos*** for hosting a fantastic Home Tour on October 18. As a group, they are all relative new-comers to the Cactus and Succulent hobby, but in short time they all, in their own ways have embraced it. Thanks all for making it a great day.

Buck

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THE 21st ANNUAL GATES BBQ

Our Annual BBQ on October 4 at Sims' Tree Learning Center (TLC) was a great success. 50 members and families enjoyed the activities and fun events. We especially enjoyed the TLC Museum and the elegant set up provided by Susan, her mom, Audrey and Helen Hughes. We appreciated all their efforts for our comfort. The Highlight of the day was the Cook-off.

And the Winners of the 6th Annual Gates Cactus Cook-off were:

- 1st Michael Mazgai "Guacamole with Cactus Pear, Papaya and Tomatillo"
- 2nd Mary Alice McGrew "Jewel Peach Pie with Cactus Pear Glaze"
- 3rd Rene Hernandez "Chorizo con Nopales"
- 4th Yvonne Hemenway "Opuntia Fruit Magarita"
- 5th Rene Hernandez "Ensalada de Nopales"
- 6th Anna Marie Granillo "Prickly Pear Jelly Cheesecake"
- 7th Karen Roholt "Mexican Rice and Cactus"

Yvonne

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ONE GOOD PLANT

MINI-SHOW RESULTS FOR OCTOBER 2008 SUCCULENTS STAPELIADS AND RELATIVES

Betty Anne Kent and Dennis Kucera judging

INTERMEDIATE

- 1st Judy Horne small, 6" pot or less Hoodia species
- 2nd Judy Horne Stapelia variegata
- 2nd McGrew's Stapelia grandiflora
- 3rd Janet Burnham Trichocaulon officinale

ADVANCED

- 1st Barry, Kim Urman Small, 6" pot or less Stapelia scitula
- 1st Tony Marino Hoodia Gordonii
- 1st Joella Olson Caraluma penicillata
- 2nd Joella Olson Ceropegia fusca

ADVANCED

- 1st Barry, Kim Urman LARGE, over 6" pot Huernia levyi
- 1st Dennis Kucera Stapelia gigantea
- 2nd Buck and Yvonne Huernia macrocarpa
- 2nd Dennis Kucera Hoodia gordonii

MINI-SHOW RESULTS FOR OCTOBER 2008 CACTI ARIOCARPUS AND MELOCACTUS

- 1st Greg McKinley Ariocarpus retusus

INTERMEDIATE

- 1st McGrews LARGE, over 5" pot Melocactus zehntneri
- 2nd Carlos Ruiz Melocactus glaucescens

ADVANCED

- 1st Joella Olson small, 6" pot or less Ariocarpus retusa
- 2nd Joella Olson Ariocarpus kotschonbeyanus
- 3rd Tony Marino Melocactus ernesti

ADVANCED

- 1st Buck and Yvonne LARGE, over 6" pot Melocactus ernestii
- 2nd Bob Laughlin Melocactus matanzanus

MINI-SHOW RESULTS FOR OCTOBER 2008 DEAD CACTI AND SUCCULENTS

Grim Reaper = Dave Jackson judging

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- 1st Gregg Bicknell DEAD !

INTERMEDIATE

- 2nd Roholt small, 6" pot or less Dead Guys
- 3rd Roholt Dead

INTERMEDIATE LARGE over 6" pot
BEST IN SHOW WINS THE COFFIN

1st Sim's employee Dead Euphorbia
1st Sim's employee Dead plant

ADVANCED small, 6" pot or less
1st Joella Olson Dead Plant
2nd Dennis Kucera Melocactus "finis"

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DUES ARE DUE

Yes, It Is That Time again. The dues remain at \$12, Twelve Bucks, a dollar a month. Membership is from January 1 to December 31.

BUT, BUT, BUT-----Our Board directed that ON January 1st. the New and Renewal Dues will be \$20 for PO mail and \$15 for email. The Board is asking you to consider receiving "The **Open Gates** Newsletter" by email. You'll receive it earlier (maybe, even on time!), pictures will be in color and the Society will save over \$1 per issue.

To make it easier on me, and to pick up mistakes on our mailing list, I'll have some 09 Renewal slips at the Meeting. You'll need to fill one out in order to renew. There is a place for your e-mail address.

Please bring your check book if you wish to renew at this meeting.



OTHER TABLES

The Refreshment Tables will be open for the November 2008 Meeting. Hopefully, we will have a crowd so If you can, bring some extra 'Goodies' like fruit or cookies. We do appreciate your support of our very popular *Refreshment Tables*. And a special thank you to those who frequently bring the goodies we enjoy so much. What a great bunch we have.



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THE NEWMAN ACHIEVEMENT AWARD.

Previous Recipients: (* deceased)

- 1976 COL. J. W. DENNISON*
- 1977 DAVIS NEWMAN*
- 1978 HELEN HERMAN*
- 1979 JOYCE TATE*
- 1980 MARIAN BELL
- 1981 GONAH SCHRECKENGAST*
- 1982 BRIG. WILL MOLLET*
- 1983 SYLVIA GOULD*
- 1984 MEL PARKS
- 1985 JOE CASEY
- 1986 LEO & LILLIAN PICKOFF
- 1987 ELEANORE POUNDS*
- 1988 EDITH CRINKLAW*
- 1989 JOE CASEY
- 1990 DAGMAR HERT*
- 1991 DORIS LUTZ*
- 1992 PEGGY PARKS
- 1993 JOE GARDNER*
- 1994 DIANE PARK
- 1995 HOWARD CRAIG*
- 1996 RIC & MARILYN NEWCOMER
- 1997 HELEN HUGHES
- 1998 AMBER JONES
- 1999 KIMBERLY & BARRY URMAN
- 2000 JANET BURNHAM & JUDY HORNE
- 2001 DENNIS KUCERA
- 2002 LOIS UTTER*
- 2003 HELEN & BERNIE TEUNISSEN*
- 2004 BUCK HEMENWAY
- 2005 EVA DYE
- 2006 CHRIS & KAREN ROHOLT
- 2007 BOB LAUGHLIN

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**Calendar of Garden Events - 2008**

\*Nov 8-9 San Gabriel Valley C&SS Winter Show & Sale, LA Co. Arboretum, .301 N. Baldwin Ave. Arcadia, CA.

\*Dec 6-7 Orange Co. C&SS Show & Sale, Fullerton Arboretum, 1900 Associated Road, Fullerton, CA. 714-870-4887.

\*Jan 17, 2009 Desert Forum, members of CSSA Affiliate Clubs free admission at the Huntington. Save the date. Get a flyer at the Xmas meeting.