



*Gates Cactus  
and  
Succulent Society*

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**DECEMBER 2005**

**NEXT MEETING: " WEDNESDAY " DECEMBER 7th**

**AT THE SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY MUSEUM**

**I- 10 AT CALIFORNIA STREET IN REDLANDS, CA.**

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year to all of the members and families of the gates Cactus & Succulent Society. Of course, I'm writing this the day before Thanksgiving, so Happy Turkey Day as well.

From my point of view, we've had a terrific year; lots of wonderful speakers, a successful show and sale, fun barbeque, a terrific members' garden tour, other tours, great dead plant meeting, and our auction. Our annual Christmas pot-luck is upon us. We've seen the beginning of our Gates web site and communication with a large percentage of our members electronically. Our membership is growing and the bank account is in good shape. Most of our members' plants survived the wettest season in SoCal history. It doesn't get any better.

We're looking forward to even more activities and fun in 2006 (is that a date or a weight?). Our speaker line-up is well along towards completion for the year. We'll be trying a few new twists, such as a propagation meeting in April with several different members providing a look at their own special propagation methods. We will see new speakers as well as a few old friends during the year. Our field trip to Quartzsite on January 28 should be a lot of fun. Don't forget the Aloe Walk on January 14.

I'm personally sad to see Jill Coleman step down as our Vice President. Her advice has been very beneficial to the group over the last 4 years. **Thanks very much for all of your help Jill.**

Now for the present. Look for details, regarding the Christmas Pot-luck, elsewhere in this newsletter. Be sure to try to get there to start eating by 6:30. Have your dishes down and

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ready to serve by then.

Remember, the Christmas Pot-luck is for members of the society and their immediate families (significant others) only.

We will honor one of our own with the Hazel-Newman Award during the evening. See this newsletter for the nominations.

**Aloe Walk, January 14, 2006**

This will be the 6th annual Aloe Walk at the Jurupa Mountains Cultural Center. Saturday January 14 at 9:30 AM. No charge to Gates members. Come and enjoy the fabulous aloe blooms and other succulent wonders at the Center. The gardens ever changing and maturing before our eyes.

**Quartzite Field Trip, January 28, 2006**

Join us on this exciting day. We are renting vans and will go as a group. See the flyer in this newsletter.

**Landscape Design Study Program, February 22 & 23, 2006**

Learn about this fascinating topic in a certificated program taught by Landscape Design professionals. See Flyer in this newsletter.

So once again, Merry Christmas! See you at the meeting.

*Buck*

**.MINI-SHOW AWARDS ARE PRESENTED IN DECEMBER**

At our December Christmas party the 10 persons with the highest point totals for the 2005 Mini-Shows will receive beautiful pots handcrafted **by Joe Wujcik**. Last year it was more fun and more of a surprise to announce the 10 winners at our Christmas party rather than publish the winners in this Open Gates. This year we will do the same! The results will then be printed in the January 2006 Open Gates Newsletter.

**Dennis Kucera**

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

**To all we send our best wishes.**

- 12/02 Dan Copeland (56)
- 12/07 Barbara Lauck (63)
- 12/16 Gayle Lease (58)
- 12/21 Helen Teunissen (80)
- 12/25 Christmas
- 12/26 Dennis Bauers (53)
- 12/28 Dana Klatt (63)
- 12/29 Kathy Conway (53)
- 12/30 Stuart Lease (59)



We offer special good wishes to those having birthdays in December; they usually get short changed, being in the shadow of the Great Christmas Birthday.



**DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

- 12/09 Eleanor & Don Grecian (57)
- 12/21 Dana Klatt & David (10)
- 12/31 Barbara & Karl Lauck (26)

**Have a Great Celebration mixed in with all the other holiday activity!!**

**And remember:**

**A Love Shared  
Is A Love Doubled.**

# CHRISTMAS PARTY

Pretty much the same as last year and hopefully it will be as GOOD as last year.

Thanksgiving and the Black Friday Sales are barely behind us, and like it or not, it's time to plan for our Christmas Meeting. It is as late as it can be this year, on the seventh day of December.

This is our last get together for the year and usually a most joyous occasion. We will enjoy a terrific pot luck, finish up the remaining Society business matters and celebrate the achievements of Society Members. We will be entertained and receive a present. Hopefully the peace and serenity of the Christmas season will be with us to calm our concerns related to terrorism and unrest. Maybe, just maybe, some of this seasons peace, love, tranquility and harmony will rub off on the troubled spots around our world.

You newer members, read on. The old timers can zip ahead to the following items!

## Here are the Xmas Party details.

The Gates C&SS had a wonderful year and we will have a Great Big Party to close it out. December is here and our meeting time *is* near. We're going to have good food, good entertainment and good visiting to make for an enjoyable evening. With the Gates Society, we get to celebrate the earliest holiday party of the Christmas season, and it is less than a week away!. The potluck runs pretty much like the BBQ, that is, you bring a food dish, hot or cold, **AND/OR** a dessert dish. **The Society will provide sliced turkey**, with gravy and dressing and a **baked ham**, prepared by our members. We'll cover the preparers in the January Open Gates, and honor them next month.

In addition to those meat dishes prepared by volunteer members who have done a great job of

it in the past, We will have rolls and butter, and a large bowl of "smashed potatoes" ( I love to say that!). The Society will provide the drinks (hot coffee, hot tea plus a cold punch) and all the necessary plates and silverware, plastic, of course!. The great food we receive at the buffet line is not finger food. *You can be assured that* the food and dessert will be fiesta quality and will be in great abundance. You don't want to miss the December 7th Meeting. Start now to think about, "What should I bring? Which favorite dish of mine?" Then make it and bring it! Don't forget to put a serving tool in each dish, with your name on it.

**MOST IMPORTANT.** This meeting starts **earlier**, plan on being at the Museum by 6:15. That's **6:15 PM** walking in the front door with your dishes!! We will then have only 15 minutes to set up and arrange the serving lines. Be prompt and be quick so we can begin **servng at 6:30**. If we start on time, and if the events of the evening proceed in a reasonably timely manner, we be on our way home shortly after 9:00 PM.

The serving tables are always crowded, full of your great food dishes. **Someone**, most likely **Eva Dye and Helen Hughes**, will be there, working on the setup, ask if you want help, placing your offerings. Above all, **please try to be prompt** to avoid the upheaval necessary if we have to position your late dish on the serving table after our members have formed on both sides of the buffet tables and are filling their plates. **Please??**

**NEW MEMBERS.** *This is your special invitation--* **new members, we want you to make the extra effort to attend this meeting**; you will enjoy the evening and get to know the other members. Speaking of 'other members', please offer the 'new guys' a special greeting and show our hospitality by inviting them to join us at our tables so they can feel genuinely welcome in our Society and be with friends.



## CHRISTMAS PARTY PROGRAM.

The evening will be devoted to eating, drinking, voting, entertainment, and a lot of visiting. It will conclude with a free plant, a "Christmas Present" from your Society. Be sure you get a free ticket for this event. One ticket per member please.

At some point in the middle of the evening, hopefully, about 7:45pm, we will be treated to a great vocal program by the **Rubidoux High School Madrigal Singers**

This wonderful Choral Group will probably invite us to join in on a few Christmas Carols. Better warm up the voice now.

Our President, Buck Hemenway, made the arrangements, and will tell us about the group when he introduces them. We loved them last year!! We can expect an entertaining half hour and we look forward to their encore performance.



### ONE FINAL WORD ON THE PARTY.

*This is a membership only affair.* Membership means dues paid members, (Yr2005), their families, and *their house guests.*

**MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND A VERY  
HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**FRIENDSHIP  
IS A GROWING THING  
THAT BLOSSOMS EVERYWHERE**

**Yr 2005 DUES ARE DUE**, and will be accepted by our **Membership Person, Joe C.** Dues are **\$12.00, individual or family.** You **must** renew by 3/15/05 for continued membership and to be included on the **Yr 2006 Membership List.** *Yes, there will be one this year.*

The December meeting is busy, but if you wish to renew your membership during this meeting, give **Joe C.** a check, No Cash!

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### ELECTIONS

Last month before the Auction, we elected the proposed slate of Officers. There were no other candidates. They were elected by acclamation.. We will 'swear them in at this meeting. Those elected to serve for two years were:

- President: Buck Hemenway
- Vice President: Mike Green
- Secretary: Kathy Conway
- Treasurer: Karen Roholt
- Board Member: Joe Casey
- Board Member: Dennis Kucera

The two carry over Directors, who will serve one more year, are Ina O'Kane and Vince Conway.

We appreciate Jill Colemans service as VP.

Congratulate and Thank them when you can.

## HAZELLE & DAVIS NEWMAN AWARD.

Each year at the Christmas Party (December Meeting) we vote for a Society member to receive this award of honor. NO nominations will be taken from the floor The nominations have to be written and given to President Buck., or Joe C.

The nominations received, are published in this December O/G. and will be read by the President. We'll then vote and announce the winner during the Christmas Party. The Award will be presented during the January 2006 Meeting.



### NOMINATIONS, for 2005— Two Received.

I nominate **Joella Olson** for the Newman award. Joella has been a member of GATES for over seven years and during that time, she has faithfully commuted to meetings from Hemet for 3 years and from Fallbrook for the past four years. She regularly participates in our monthly meetings by bringing quality plants for our mini-show competitions and for our raffles and has made significant contribution by assisting in the judging our mini-shows before we switched to the recent system of different members judging the mini shows each month. She also always contributes many high quality plants to our annual show and sale and has won several top awards. Another position that she has repeatedly filled is that of clerking for the judges at the annual show and sale. She is always available during those days to help wherever needed. Joella is certified as a Flower Show Judge by National Garden Clubs, Inc. which means that she is qualified to judge all types of horticulture; however, her specialties are cacti, succulents and iris and she willingly and eagerly shares her knowledge and experience with our members at every opportunity. Jill Coleman

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I nominate **Eva Dye** to receive the Newman Award this year. Since joining us 13 years ago she has involved herself in many of our Society functions. She participates in our Mini-Shows and displays specimen plants during our Annual Shows. She is a frequent donor of mature raffle plants, most of which she has propagated and grown for this purpose. Her ability to produce prize winning plants is rewarded by the many winning ribbons she has accumulated over the years.

She helps with the setup, display and clerking activity to get the Annual Show ready for judging. She enjoys and joins most trips and club garden tours especially if we remember to take her along. (She doesn't have much of a car!). At our two major food events, BBQ and Christmas Party, she can be found assisting in setting up and cleaning up the public areas. She is an outstanding Gates Society member always doing the mundane tasks that are often overlooked or avoided. She deserves the Newman Award.

Joe Casey

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### ---- QUOTE: Giving With Spirit

**It's not how much we give  
but how much love  
we put into giving.**

**And Mother Teresa Said:  
Forgiveness is the final form of love.**



SIMS TREE LEARNING CENTER

COMING EVENTS

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JAN. 14th, 2006

ROSE SELECTION, PLANTING & PRUNING WORKSHOP

9 A.M. – 3 P.M.

6111 APPALOOSA AVENUE

RIVERSIDE, CA. \$5.00

(951) 685-6662

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JAN. 21ST, 2006

DECIDUOUS FRUIT TREE PRUNING WORKSHOP

9 A.M. – 3 P.M.

6111 APPALOOSA AVENUE

RIVERSIDE, CA. \$5.00

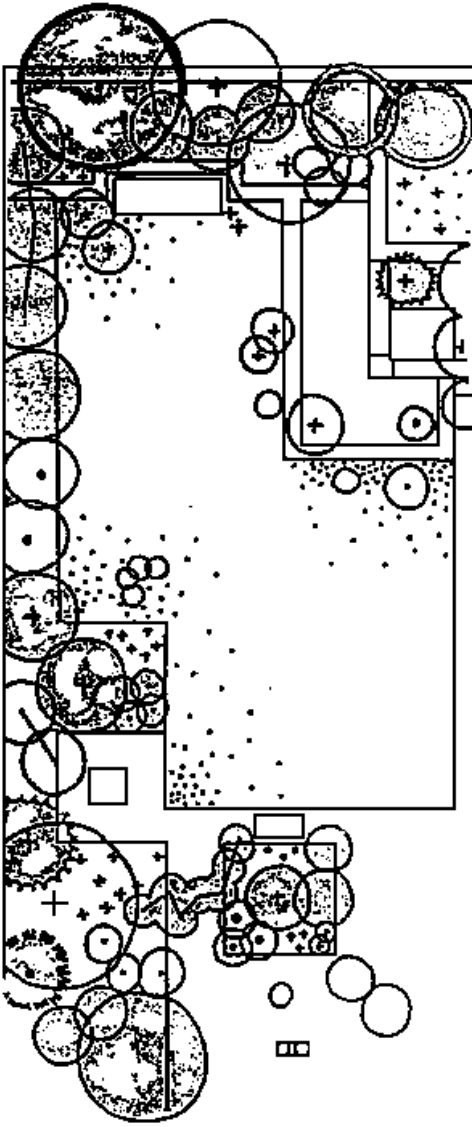
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PLEASE RSVP IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND.

# Landscape Design Study Program

.. a four course program designed to educate garden club members and the public to recognize good landscape architectural practices and to serve as guardians of natural and man-made landscapes.



**Course 1 will be held  
February 22 & 23, 2006 at  
The Jurupa Mountains Cultural Center  
7621 Granite Hill Dr.  
Riverside, Ca 92509**

## Topics of Discussion

|                                                |                                 |
|------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Space, Design and People                       | Design for the Environment      |
| Principles and Elements of<br>Landscape Design | Public Landscapes               |
| The Private Garden                             | Development of Landscape Design |
| Basics of a Site Plan                          | Landscape Design Resources      |
|                                                | Planning Your Home Grounds      |

Course Fee is \$50.00, \$25.00 for one day.

Additional courses will be held in  
July 2006, February 2007, July 2007

Successful completion of all four courses entitles the student to  
Hold a certificate as a

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# TOUR TO AMAZING QUARTZSITE, AZ

When: Saturday, January 28, 2006

Itinerary: Leave from Museum at 8:00 am  
Arrive Quartzsite 11:00-11:30 am  
Box lunch provided on board

Shopping and sightseeing 12:00 - 4:30 pm

Leave Quartzsite at 5:00 pm  
Arrive at Casino for dinner 6:30 pm

Dinner (and gambling?) till 8:00 pm  
Arrive back at Museum around 9:30 pm

How: 15-passenger van

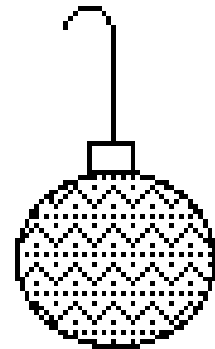
Cost: \$25.00 each  
Includes transportation, box lunch and refreshments enroute. Dinner is on your own.

To reserve your place, make your check payable to *Gates C&SS* and give it to Yvonne Hemenway by December 15, 2005.  
Any questions please call Yvonne at 951.329.7387.

# THIS and THAT

By Leo Pickoff

MERRY  
CHRISTMAS!



THIS IS OUR SECOND CHRISTMAS IN AUSTIN. WE WILL MISS VISITING WITH EVERYONE; THE TABLE PILED HIGH WITH GOOD FOOD; THE DESERT TABLE LOADED WITH ALL THE SWEETS I SHOULDN'T EAT BUT EAT SOME ANYWAY. IT HAS BEEN A YEAR WITHOUT MEETINGS TO ATTEND, NO BAR B-Q, NOR AN AUCTION. HOWEVER, OUR FLOWER GARDEN HAS PROSPERED AND THE BUTTERFLIES CAME TO EAT. LILLIAN PLANNED WELL. WE WISH Y'ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

*Leo & Lillian*