



*Gates Cactus
and
Succulent Society*

DECEMBER 2008

NEXT MEETING: " WEDNESDAY " 7:30PM " DECEMBER 3rd

AT THE SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY MUSEUM

I- 10 AT CALIFORNIA STREET IN REDLANDS, CA.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Pretty much the same as last year and hopefully it will be as GOOD or better than 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. Because it is on the first Wednesday It is almost as early as it can be this year, on the third day of December. And now it is HERE.

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. I used to say "Hopefully the peace and serenity of the Christmas season will be with us to calm our

concerns related to war, terrorism and unrest." Unfortunately, we are still reeling from the attack and killings in India that shocked us out of our complacency. In our humility we can offer prayers for the victims. And may we pass to each other the seasons message of peace, love, tranquility and harmony.

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



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LEADERSHIP TEAM -- 2008

ONE FINAL WORD ON THE PARTY.

This is a membership only affair. Membership means dues paid members, (Yr2008) ,their families, and *their house guests.*



THE ELECTION

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

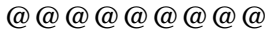
- Board Member: Dan Griffith 2009-10
- Board Member: Judy Horne 2009-10

Congratulate and Thank our two newly elected Directors when you see them.

You might thank them and all the Officers for their service to our Society.



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



**The Officers and Board Members
wish you all the
JOY and HAPPINESS of this
Christmas Season.
May it be your best one ever.**

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

To all we send our best wishes.

- 12/04 Marie Hibbings (86)
- 12/07 Barbara Lauck (66)
- 12/07 Rene Hernandez (44)
- 12/12 Jan Gallo-Rini (68)
- 12/19 Jacque Johnson (??)
- 12/21 Helen Teunissen (83)
- 12/24 Carmen Strzelec (??)
- 12/25 Christmas
- 12/26 Dennis Bauers (56)
- 12/28 Dana Klatt (66)
- 12/29 Kathy Conway (57)



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 (609)
- 12/21 Dana Klatt & David (13)
- 12/31 Barbara & Karl Lauck (29)

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

And remember:

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



We owe a big THANK YOU to all who helped to make the Auction a Great Success. We made \$1500 for the Society.

DUES----DUES----DUES

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 (no cash!).

If you are not attending this Meeting (and why aren't you?) You may send your dues to: GCSS % joe Casey, 307 Westwood Lane, Redlands, CA. 92373. Be sure to include Phone number, email address, birthdays and anniversaries.



Christmas Light Traditional Timeline

- 1879 Thomas Edison invents the electric light bulb.
- 1882 Edison colleague, Edward Johnson, decorates with the first Christmas Lights.
- 1885 Edison's company begins making mini light bulbs for decorating.
- 1895 Grover Cleveland is the first president to decorate the White House tree with electric lights.
- 1903 Made by Ever-Ready Co., the first string of lights cost \$12, an average Man's weekly wages.
- 1921 Safety requirements set up for Christmas tree lights by Underwriters Laboratories.
- 1923 The Tachon connector allows strings of lights to be connected.
- 1927 The Christmas Light Trade Association (est. 1925) merges to form the National outfit Manufacturers Association (NOMA).
- 1945 MONA introduces bubble li8ghts.
- 1957Modget lights are introduced.
- 1964 Flashing midget lights become popular.

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



Calendar of Garden Events - 2008/2009

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

***Jan 17, 2009** 2nd Annual Desert Forum, members of CSSA Affiliate Clubs free admission at the Huntington.

***Jan 31**, Aloe Walk. Jurupa Mountains Cultural Center. 9:30 - 11:00 AM. 7621 Granite Hills Drive, Riverside, CA. 951-685-5818
plant sales at Granite Hill Garden Nursery



The Huntington Botanical Gardens
invites CSSA members and affiliate clubs to a free

DESERT FORUM

On Saturday, January 17th, 2009
Rain or Shine

- SCHEDULE OF EVENTS -

- 9:30 – 10:00 A.M. **REGISTRATION**
Assemble and sign in at the Entrance Pavilion
Bring your club name badge or CSSA membership card
Leave your sack lunch (with your name written on the bag)
to be transported to the Teaching Greenhouse
- 10:00 – 12:00 Noon **TOUR OF THE DESERT GARDEN**
Knowledgeable staff will be stationed throughout
the Desert Garden and Desert Conservatory
Aloes will be flowering
- 12:00 – 1:00 P.M. **WELCOME, REFRESHMENTS & LUNCH**
Proceed to the Teaching Greenhouse
Pick up sack lunch that you dropped off at Registration
Light snacks and beverages will be served
CSSA Welcome Table: Laurel Woodley
Note: Visitors have two other lunch options:
- Huntington Café (no reservations required), or
- Tea Room (advance reservations required: 626-683-8131)
- 1:00 – 4:00 P.M. **PLANT SALE**
Desert Nursery opens for sales and browsing at 1:00 P.M.
Cash, checks and credit cards accepted
Plants may be stored in the Teaching Greenhouse after purchase
until end of day (with your name written on the tags)
- 2:00 – 3:00 P.M. **FORUM**
Proceed to Ahmanson Classroom
Led by Director of the Gardens, Jim Folsom
Q&A session to follow
- 1:00 – 4:30 P.M. **FREE TIME**
Attendees are free to tour the gardens and galleries
until closing time