



Gates Cactus
and
Succulent Society

DECEMBER 2009

NEXT MEETING: " WEDNESDAY " DECEMBER 2nd.

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 in progress and will be 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 second 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 attacks and killings in Pakistan and Afghanistan that shocked us. 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.

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



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Here Are The Christmas 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 and Thank the preparers in the January Open Gates, and honor them at the meeting next month.

In addition to the meat dishes prepared by repeat 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 cold water and 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 2nd Meeting. Start now to think about, "What should I bring? Which favorite dish of mine?" Then make it and bring it! **Don't** bring serving tools, we have more than enough left over from previous years!! **Do** tape your name on the bottom of the dish (address labels?)

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 **servicing at 6:30** and the food will still be HOT! 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 Judy and Janet**, will be there, working on the

setup, ask them 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 music program by a Special Performer.

Buck Hemenway, made the arrangements, and will tell us about the musician when he introduces him. We were very fortunate to get him.

ONE FINAL WORD ON THE PARTY.

This is a membership only affair. Membership means dues paid members, (Yr2009) ,their families, and *their house guests*.



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Merry Christmas!? I read where a lawsuit was filed by a pro tolerance group because a store clerk said just that. It seems a contradiction to me, but.... our December meeting is our annual Christmas Party where all the members will hopefully "tolerate" whatever eccentricities any of us may (and probably do) have. It is a potluck and since some members are slow eaters(?), plan on coming early. There will be entertainment, though not the Madrigal group we've heard the past few years.

Next year we have or are planning several activities: we will probably have TWO spring home tours, a June field trip to several coastal gardens, a July trip to the Fullerton Arboretum and Orange County Cactus and Succulent's Summer Sale and an October trip to Anza Borrego. More details to follow.

Come on out and enjoy the festivities Wednesday night.

MINI-SHOW REWARDS FOR 2009

Fifteen members of our club with the highest Mini-Show point totals will be choosing a hand made pot from potter Joe Wujcik, this December Christmas meeting. Who will be number one with the highest number of points? I want to thank all of you enthusiastic participants for all the wonderful plants you brought for the shows this year. I was especially pleased last October when you brought in Opuntia's, Euphorbia's, and handsome dead plants, 51 plants total. You made the Mini-Shows a success. Thank you novice judges for working with me. The complete Mini-Show point totals of all this years participants will be in the January 2010 newsletter.

Dennis Kucera

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

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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

To all we send our best wishes.

- 12/07 Barbara Lauck (67)
- 12/07 Rene Hernandez (45)
- 12/12 Jan Gallo-Rini (69)
- 12/19 Jacque Johnson (??)
- 12/21 Helen Teunissen (84)
- 12/24 Carmen Strzelec (??)
- 12/25 Christmas
- 12/26 Dennis Bauers (57)
- 12/28 Dana Klatt (67)
- 12/29 Kathy Conway (58)



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 (62)
- 12/21 Dana Klatt & David (14)
- 12/31 Barbara & Karl Lauck (30)

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

And remember:

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



THE ELECTION

The election of officers for Gates was held during the November meeting.

Our Leadership Team 2010, as elected by the members present, will be:

President.....Mike Green
Vice-Pres.....Don McGrew
Secretary.....Lynn Thrane
Treasurer.....Karen Roholt
Past Pres.....Buck Hemenway

Our 2 newly elected Board Members are:

Rene Hernandez and Tony Marino

Our 2 returning Board Members are

Judy Horne and Dan Griffith

Our Past President, a voting board member, remains Buck Hemenway as Mike Green was reelected as President.

The positions of Newsletter Editor and Show and Sale Chair are Board level positions. Persons occupying those positions are appointed by the new Board of Directors to serve two-year terms, coinciding with the officers terms. The positions have full Board of Directors rights and obligations.

Thank you to all who served on the nominating committee.

I know this will be a great Board who will do a good job in leading the Gates Cactus and Succulent Society for the next two years.

Sincerely,

Barry Urman

Nominating Committee Chairman

Congratulations to our newly elected Officials.

When you see them, thank them, and all the Officers and Directors for their service to our Society.

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MINI-SHOW DIRECTOR FOR 2010 BUCK HEMENWAY

After 12 years (since 1998) as Mini-Show Director, I, Dennis Kucera, am retiring. Buck will take over in January 2010. He will bring many new ideas and new articles for our Mini-Shows. Of course he may ask one of you to be a novice judge at the meetings. See his list of plant subjects for the 2010 Mini-Shows in this newsletter. You may ask him at the meetings or call him for more info on these Mini-Show subjects. He can give you internet addresses also for looking up more info. Lynn Thrane will be the secretary for Gates Board of Officers and will help Buck by collecting the entry forms after the Mini-Shows and write up the results for the next news letter. I will bring the entry forms for each meeting. See you all December 2nd at our Christmas Party.
Dennis

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2010 Gates C&SS Mini Show Subjects

January	Hooked Spined Mammillaria Aeonium, Sempervivum, Sedum
February	Rebutia, Sulco, Weingartia Miniature Aloes (Adult rosette smaller than 10" diameter)
March	Chilean Cacti, Caudicform, Pachycauls
April	Epiphytic Cacti Haworthias, Gasterias
May	Best Staged Cacti Best Staged Succulent
June	Gymnocalycium Succulent Bromeliad
July	Photograph Photograph
August	Parodia (Notocactus) Medusoid Euphorbias
September	Ariocarpus Aizoaceae (No Lithops)
October	Matucana, Submatucana, Oroya Stapeliads Dead Plant
November	Auction

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NEWMAN AWARD

The *Hazelle and Davis Newman Award* is given annually, to a person or couple, who served the Society with contributions of time and talent and have not been so honored before. The nominations must be in writing (none from the floor!) and presented or emailed to either Joe or Buck prior to the beginning of the December meeting.

NOMINATION, for 2009— One Received.

We nominate *Joella Olson* to receive the Hazelle and Davis Newman Award for 2009.

Joella has been an active member of the Gates Cactus and Succulent Society for many years. She frequently volunteers as a Mini-show Judge and shares her ever expanding knowledge of succulents with our members. She has worked as a clerk for the judges at our Annual Show and Sale for a number of years. Joella travels from her home in Southern Riverside County for most of our club functions and field trips. She has an almost perfect attendance record for our monthly meetings in Redlands. Joella contributes much to the Gates C&SS and it is our pleasure to nominate Joella Olson for the Hazelle and Davis Newman Award for 2009.

Barry & Kim Urman

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



Calendar of Garden Events - 2009

Dec. 4-6, 10 to 4, Orange County C & S S Winter Show and Sale. Fullerton Arboretum, 1900 Associated Road, Fullerton CA. Info: Vince Basta 714 267-4329.

2010

Jan 16 Huntington Botanical Gardens Desert Forum, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA. info: 626-405-2160.

Don't miss this event! Talk to other members who attended last years event. You'll get to go to and see a lot of 'behind tue scenes' areas at the Famed Huntington Gardens.

FLYER ATTACHED.

Jan 30, 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



HOSTESS DUTY LAST MONTH.

And we need to THANK *Ann Reynolds, Manny Michelson and Sonia* and all their helpers for working the kitchen during the last meeting. Their great service and all the food(s) were both plentiful, Thanks to all the donors.

Visit the Gates Cactus & Succulent Society at

www.gatescss.org

THE HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS
INVITES CSSA MEMBERS AND AFFILIATE CLUBS TO A
FREE

Desert Forum

Saturday - JANUARY 16, 2010

9:30 to 10:00 A.M. REGISTRATION

Assembly and registration at the entrance pavilion. (Bring your club name badge.)

**(If you bring a sack lunch please write your name on the bag and it will be transported to the teaching greenhouse for later consumption.)*

10:00 to 12:00 A.M. TOUR OF THE DESERT GARDEN

Knowledgeable staff will be stationed throughout the Desert Garden and Desert Conservatory. Aloes will be flowering.

12:00 to 1:30 P.M. REFRESHMENTS, SALE, AND LUNCH

Light snacks and beverages will be served in the teaching greenhouse. Sack lunch; or visitors may go to the Huntington Cafe (no reservations required).

Tea Room - Reservation required several days prior (626) 683-8131.

Plant sale in the Desert Nursery.

2:00 to 3:00 TALK

Welcome by Jim Folsom.

Information related to the CSSA.

Location: Ahmanson Classroom.

Topic: "The future of the Desert Garden."

3:00 to 4:30 P.M. FREE TIME

Visitors are free to tour the Gardens and Galleries on their own until closing time.



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