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July Meeting

Saturday, July 19th, 1980
11:00 am

Quail Botanical Gardens
Ecke Family Building
Encinitis, California

Annual Picnic

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The Annual July Picnic-Saturday, July 19, 1980

The picnic will be held in the Ecke Family Building at the Quail Botanical Gardens.

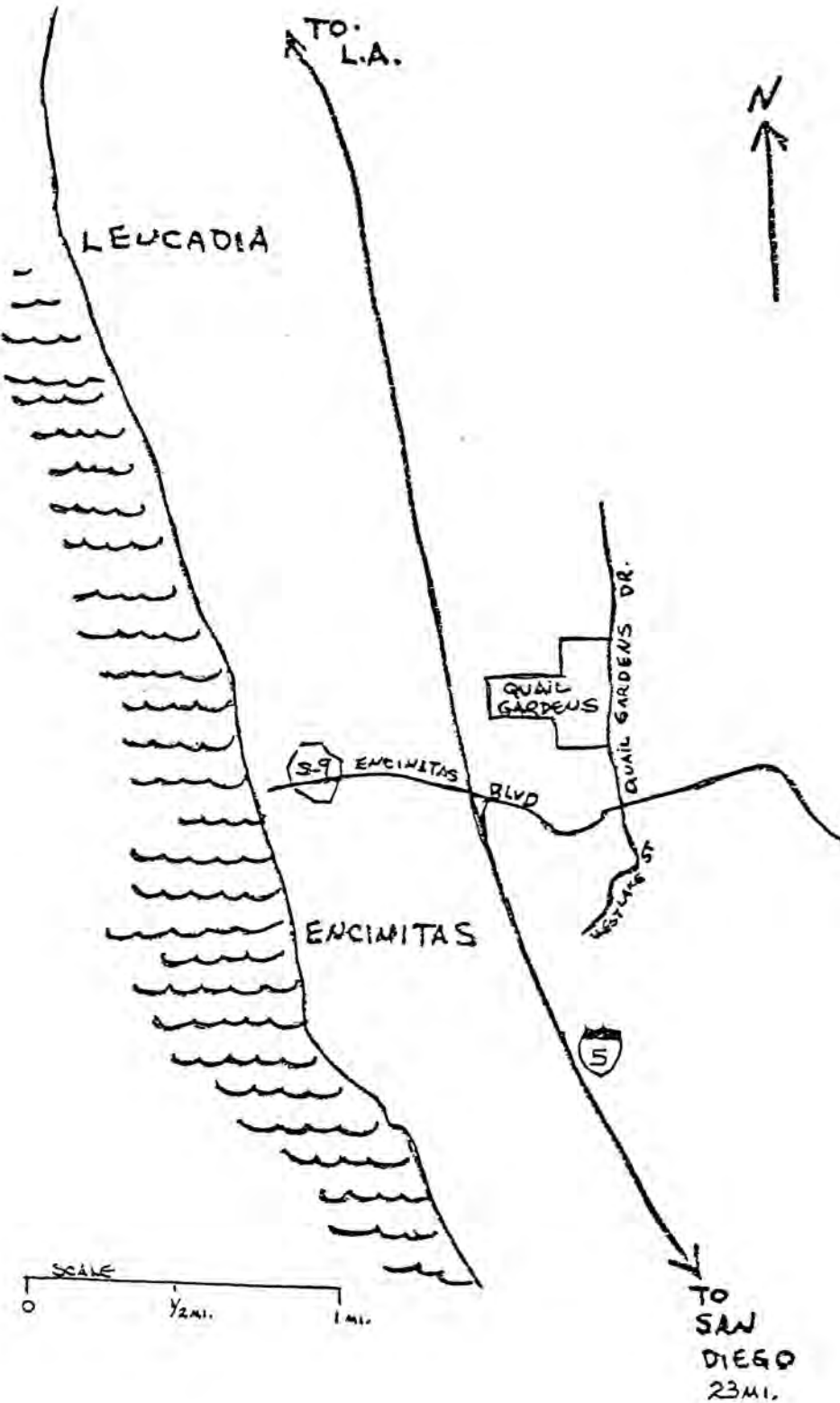
Since this occasion will be a potluck, you should bring a main dish, salad or desert that will feed 6 or more people. This annual event will start at 11 am, and it is recommended that all members attending should bring their own place setting (plates, silverware and glasses).

Punch and coffee will be provided by the Society, and there will be a stove and refrigerator at the picnic site for members to use.

In addition, there will be some exceptional plants auctioned off after eating.

This gala affair allows all of us to visit with old friends and to make new ones, so we hope to see all of you on July 19th.

*California Quail=Lophortyx californica californica from The Birds of Golden Gate Park, San Francisco by Joseph Mailliard, Published 1930, Page 52.



Open House News

The San Diego Cactus & Succulent Society would like to thank all those men and women who worked so strenuously to make this Annual Open House, Plant Show and Sale, more successful than in past years. We received many, many favorable comments from the judges and the viewing public.

There were innumerable potential winners on display, and below is a partial listing of awards presented at the exhibit:

Best Cactus - Phillip Corliss Plaque
Shirley Berry - Pyrrhocactus cachetiensis

Best Succulent - Ruby Falk Plaque
Peg Bryant - Kalanchoe thyrsiflora "Solar Eclipse"

Best Exhibit - Reuben Vaughan Plaque
Michael Buckner - "Succulent Collection"

Best Educational Display - C.S.S.A. Award
Gerald & Jim Dice - "Succulent Plants & Convergent Evolution"

Most Artistic Display - Walter & Hazel Scott Plaque
Michael Buckner - "Succulent Collection"

Best Mexican Plant in Show - Dudley B. Gold Trophy
Leroy N. Phelps - Euphorbia misera

Best Aloe in Show - Barbara Jeppe Trophy
Henry Varney - Aloe schweinfurthii

High Point Winner - Sweepstakes Trophy
Martin Mooney

There were 945 plants shown, 241 ribbons won (84 1st places, 80 2nd places and 77 3rd places), 28 exhibitors and 563 plants entered into individual competition (in different classes).

Member Interviews: Leroy Phelps

by Marcia Monroe

Lee grew up in Logan, Ohio, and after attending local schools, he served in the Army for four years. Subsequently, he acquired a Bachelor of Science degree at Ohio State University, and a Ph.D. at USC, Los Angeles, California. In addition, Lee has worked for the Eli Lilly Company, and for two years he was engaged in research at the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, Georgia. At the present time, he is a professor of microbiology and immunology (a specialist in immunology) at San Diego State; he has two children, Lauren 16 and Keith 13.



In the early 1960's Lee became interested in traditional bonsai, and when he first started to collect cacti in the middle sixties, he "hated succulents"; then he discovered that succulents made excellent bonsai and on many occasions he has been called upon to demonstrate this unique art form to our Society and to other civic groups.

Lee is a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, American Institute for Biological Science, American Society for Microbiology, and Society for General Microbiology, England. He is a Charter Member and past Member of the Epiphyllum Society, and at one time he was very active in the Tropical Fish Society specializing in aquatic plants.

He has been a member of the San Diego Cactus & Succulent Society since 1967, and at the moment he is a member of the Board; he is a past member of the Education Committee writing "Plant-of-the-Month" for our Newsletter. Too, he is Vice-President, past Board Director (10 years) and past Chairman of the Research Committee for CSSA.

For two consecutive years, besides receiving numerous other awards at the San Diego Cactus & Succulent Society's Annual Show, Lee has won the Ruby Falk Plaque for "Best Succulent in Show". A few years ago at the National Show sponsored by CSSA, he was awarded the Franklin Crosby award for "Best Succulent in Show". Lee enjoys judging the most and he has presented programs on grooming and judging of plants to our Club and to other groups.

He has a special interest in pachypodiums, melocacti, caudiciforms, traditional bonsai and succulent bonsai, and in his spare time he visits one of his favorite nurseries to select plants that will develop into future show pieces.

Through the years Lee has become well-known for his matchless auctioneering performance at the Annual Christmas Meeting and at the Annual Picnic, and the funds gained from these two events help to support the San Diego Cactus & Succulent Society.

Consideration for Transferring Seven
Cacti to Appendix I

Dr. Ronald E. Monroe

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Endangered Species Technical Bulletin V: 3, 5; 1980) is currently seeking information on the status of seven species of Mexican cacti with the goal of transferring them from Appendix II (threatened species) to Appendix I (endangered species) of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (see Federal Register; January 4, 1980). The plants, their locality(s) and the reason(s) for the proposed transfer are as follows:

Ariocarpus agavoides; Tamaulipas, Mexico, over-collecting for horticultural purposes.

Ariocarpus scapharostris; Nuevo Leon, Mexico, over-collecting.

Aztekium ritteri; Nuevo Leon, Mexico, over-collecting and rarity in habitat.

Echinocereus lindsayi; Baja California, Mexico, virtually extirpated from habitat by collectors.

Obregonia denegrii; Tamaulipas, Mexico, massive over-collecting.

Pelecyphora aselliformis; San Luis Potosi, Mexico, over-collecting, rarity and restricted distribution.

Pelecyphora strobiliformis; Tamaulipas and Nuevo Leon, Mexico, over-collecting, rarity and restricted distribution.

Persons having any valid information on the above-mentioned species, including distribution, population status, trade utilization, potential threat(s) to the species from trade, protection afforded them or information on similar species are invited to submit data and comments to:

Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Wildlife Permit Office
Washington, D.C. 20240 --
through March 4, 1980

Joyce L. Tate, Fellow of the Cactus & Succulent Society

Joyce Tate was born in Dallas, Texas, and when she was ten her family moved to the Hemet-Jacinto Valley area in California. It is here that she received her formal education. Later, her family moved to Los Angeles where Joyce attended UCLA, majoring in botany and history. She married Harry Tate in 1932; then they became members of CSSA. They joined the Southwest Cactus Growers in 1934, a Los Angeles adult education class, with Don and Murray Skinner as the instructors. Afterward, the Group's name was changed to the Los Angeles Cactus & Succulent Society of which the Tates are Charter and Honorary members.

Joyce helped to organize the Gates Cactus & Succulent Society in 1959 becoming a Charter member, and later, President, and she has been its Affiliate Representative for many years. In 1961 she was appointed to the CSSA Board of Directors, and remains on it as "Plant Uses Chairperson". In 1965, with the Gates Society's backing, she proposed that CSSA sponsor a Cactus & Succulent Show at the Los Angeles County Arboretum. The Show was so successful that it became an annual event. Too, Joyce has been called on to judge at numerous shows.

In 1969 the San Diego Cactus & Succulent Society's Board of Directors made her an Honorary Member, a distinction of which Joyce is very proud. As "Plant Uses Chairperson" for CSSA, she compiled the Cactus Cook Book which contains recipes of succulent plant ingredients. The book was first published in 1971 by the CSSA and it was so successful that the cook book went into its fourth printing in 1978.

Donating her collection of 200 Aloes to Jurupa Mountains Cultural Center, Riverside, California, in the early 70's, they are now housed in the Centers Botanical Garden. Joyce has worked at several Riverside nurseries as well as the Desert Nursery. She has lectured on succulents throughout the Southwest, usually relating them to historical events, and Joyce addressed our Society on "The Native Uses of Succulents Around the World" in 1978. She also writes for publication. Representing CSSA as one of their official delegates, Joyce & Harry Tate attended 'Aloe 75' in Rhodesia and while there they enjoyed seeing these plants in habitat. One of their most unforgettable experiences was an unexpected visit to the Namib Desert in Southwest Africa to view the remarkable welwitchias.

Joyce is a Fellow of CSSA and this honor was awarded to her in May of 1979 at the Society's 50th Anniversary Convention for her devoted work on "Economic Uses of Cactus & Succulents, and Editor of the Society's Cactus Cook Book".

Belonging to CSSA and San Diego Cactus & Succulent Society, Joyce is also a member of the following botanical societies: Gates, Los Angeles, Henry Shaw and Tucson Cactus & Succulent Societies; Colorado Cactophiles; Desert Botanical Society (Phoenix); California Native Plant Society; Aloe, Cactus & Succulent Society of Rhodesia; South African Aloe & Succulent Society; Botanical Society of South Africa (Kirstenbosch) and the National Cactus & Succulent Society of England.

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The San Diego Cactus & Succulent Society is open to all persons interested in growing cacti, other succulents, and exotic plants. Meetings are held the second Saturday of each month at 1:30 pm in Room 101, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park. Board of Directors meetings are held after the general meetings. Annual dues are \$7.00 per family. Single copies of Espinas y Flores are 60¢.