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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

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Greetings and salutations, fellow succulent plant fanciers!

Now that Winter is upon us I have to wonder, "Where's the rain?!" It's hard to believe how saturated we were last year at this time, and I have to wonder if one season can really force the garden hose out of my hand that easily. I'll admit I'm usually keen on growing everything as hard as possible, and watering everything as sparingly as possible, but I'm beginning to think it's time to whip out the sprinklers for a weekend drenching!

January and February are such special months here in San Diego, with the plethora of flowering succulents and cacti that we can grow in the out of doors. The best aspect of a dry winter like we've been having is the superior flowering display. Last year, for instance, I remember holding out to photograph a flowering *Aloe pseudorubriolacea* until the rains subsided. When the rains finally did settle down, the flowers were seriously beaten up, and really not worth taking a picture of. So what's my excuse this year? Well a lot of the Aloes

seem to have burnt tips on their floral displays so anything less than perfect isn't grabbing my attention. See? I'm spoiled!!

Our January meeting was interesting and well-attended, with Woody Minnich's latest trip to Argentina being incredibly well photographed, with amazing detail and description. I am something of a *Gymnocalycium* fan, so it's always interesting to get a glimpse of these plants in habitat. The opportunity to hear about their native habitats is an important barometer to helping most of these plants flourish in cultivation. Thanks again to Kelly and Woody for coordinating another top-notch program for us!

I mention at the meeting that we had an open position on the board of directors since John Durham has decided to uproot his domicile (and Susan Wunderlich) and move to Tucson, Arizona. Ever the dedicated photographer, John's had a real knack for catching the flavor of the SDCSS meetings, shows and sales, and other events on digital film. Our old friend Tom Knapik has volunteered to fill John's role on the board, and will be serving for the next two years in his absence.

As we head into February and

Maihueiopsis darwinii, in the desolate Patagonian wilderness of Chabut Province, Argentina. (Photo- Kay Quijada)

preparations are underway for our annual Winter Show and Sale, let's all extend a huge thanks to the Sales Chairs, Chris Miller and Joe and Kratz, and our Show Chairs Terry Parr and Phil Kent. Anyone who did not have the opportunity to sign up at the last regular meeting to help out, feel free to contact any of us for more information on what/how you can help.

There will be at least one new thing at this year's show and sale, we'll have an informal judging of the show plants with prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards with open Q&A between the judges, entrants, and audience.

The board decided we just aren't getting enough participation in terms of show plants, so we thought an enticement might be in order. The thought also came up that perhaps some folks were getting hung up on the idea that they were only to display winter-growing things at this show. Not true! Anything that's interesting to you is what we want to know about, and the opportunity to discuss it with others is the purpose of the San Diego Cactus and Succulent Society.

See you all at the Show and Sale!!

Mark Fryer

Judged by Woody Minnich

Cactus

1st - *Turbini/Gymnocactus saueri v. septentrionalis*
Jurgen Menzel

2nd - *Mammilopsis senilis*
Andrew Wilson

3rd - *Stenocactus obovalletus*
Peter Wakcowiak

Succulents

1st - *Othonna retrorsa*
Rudy Lime

2nd - *Dudleya candida*
Elibet Marshall

3rd - *Othonna reticulata*
Rudy Lime



Aloe aculeata

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For Your Information



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The due date for submission of articles (Plants of the Month) & Information on the Program/ Speaker will be the meeting preceding the intended issue (approximately one month ahead of time). The due date for letters, regular columns "brag table" winners and the Presidents Message will be one week later. All submissions are to be made to the Editor.

THE LIBRARY CORNER



Dear Friends,

The Dewey Decimal Classification System runs numerically from 000s to 900s, in the following way:

- 000 Generalities
- 100 Philosophy & Psychology
- 200 Religion
- 300 Social Sciences
- 400 Language
- 500 Natural Sciences & Mathematics
(One of my favorite categories by the way)
- 600 Technology (Applied Sciences)
- 700 The Arts
- 800 Literature & Rhetoric
- 900 Geography & History

Oh, heck, I love 'em all. Don't you!?

Botanical sciences is found under 580 with:

- 581 Botany
- 582 Spermatophyta (Seed-bearing plants)
- 583 Dicotyledones
- 584 Monocotyledones
- 585 Gymnospermae (Pinophyta)
- 586 Cryptogamia (Seedless plants)
- 587 Pteridophyta (Vascular cryptograms)
- 588 Bryophyta, and
- 589 Thallobionta & Prokaryotae

630 is the category for Agriculture

535 is the category for Garden crops (Horticulture)

FYI, 718 is the category for Landscape design of cemeteries. I don't know about you, but suddenly I feel a whole lot more at ease just knowing that.

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FYI, 795 is Games of chance. {Good to know!}

Now, you may be asking what does all this mean and why? Well, some may already know the answer. I'm wagering that most of us don't. So what we're going to do is learn together.

One of my heroes, American librarian Melvil Dewey, born Melville Louis Kossuth Dewey in Adams Center, New York on December 10, 1851, is best known as the inventor of what came to be called the Dewey Decimal System of Classification.

Remember from before that a "call number" is a unique address for a location of a book on a library shelf. And remember that the "call number" itself is composed of two parts, (1) the Dewey Decimal Classification and (2) the Cutter number or book number.

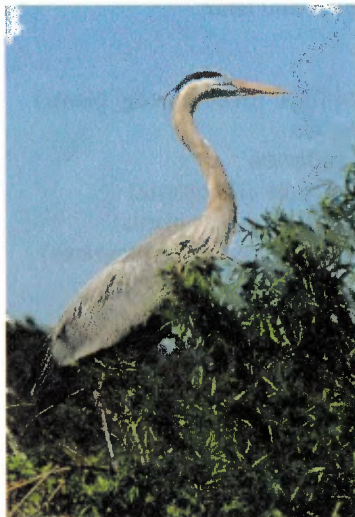
Well, that's all for now. Over the coming months we will come to know and understand more about our precious library and its operation.

By the way, we have four (4) nesting pairs of Great Blue Herons in the large trees around our house. They are spectacular. We have been watching them bring in nesting materials (rather large twigs and such). Their call sounds a bit like that of the extinct Velociraptor dinosaur (like in the "Jurassic Park" movie). Incidentally, 598 is the Dewey category for Reptiles and Birds. Interesting, huh? Until nest time . . .

Your Lovely Librarians,

Jan and Phil Kent

(Sources of information for this article were found on the Internet)



What's the Status?

By, Chris Miller. Photos- Juergen Menzel. Identification- Kelly Griffin

Old World Succulent Garden

The Garden is alive with *Aloe* blooms from yellow to dark orange. This is the best time of year to visit the Old World Succulent Garden. It's not too hot and since we haven't had a lot of rain, all of the plants very are visible and very



Euphorbia polygona

photogenic.

We also have some interesting *Euphorbias* in bloom for those of you who don't find *Aloes* enough. As of 21 January we still had a *Pachypodium lameri* in bloom.

Bert Elder has been busy working on building up the walls in the lower garden and setting up flood controls in

the gully to help with washout issues. Richard Yorba has help with the gully and done his share of weed pulling. Sarah Yorba and Tom Collins have been working on weed control and you can certainly see their results.

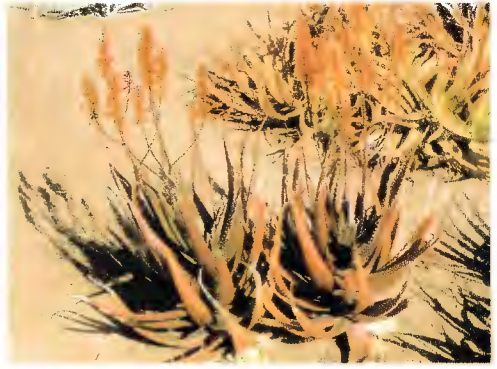


Aloe (hyb.) ferox X aborescens

When the rains start in the next month or so we will need more help to keep the weeds under control, because it is better to get them as come up rather than when they are two feet tall. We also have signage issues to take care of and during the next month we



Aloe cf. hybrid



Aloe cameronii

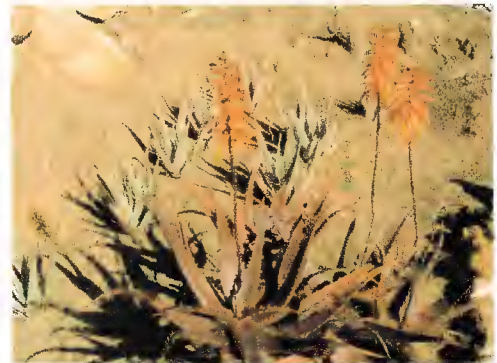
will start planting additional plants. So lots to and it is made easier by many hands. We start at 8 for the next couple of months and work for 4 hours. You are welcome when you have time available and it isn't a life time commitment, one or more Saturdays would be appreciated. If you are interested call Chris at 61-258-9810 or e-mail her at c.miller@cox.net.



A. vanbalenii



Aloe cf. hybrid



A. cameronii

SAN DIEGO CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY

WINTER SHOW AND SALE

SATURDAY ONLY, FEBRUARY 11, 2006

9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

ROOM 101

CASA DEL PRADO

BALBOA PARK

I have a feeling that this year's first Show and Sale, the "Winter Show and Sale," will be like none that has come before. What, you say, is going to make it so special? It's you. No matter what your favorite plant is, you are sure to enjoy the unique beauty of this plant gathering. So come and shed those Holiday pounds and make some new friends. And don't forget admission is free. Now for some details, folks.

For members who want to help with setting up, doors to Room 101 will be open at 7:00 a.m. Show and sale doors open at 9:00 a.m. Anyone interested in showing or selling plants, please come between 7:00 a.m. and 8:45 a.m. for set up, so we will be ready for the public. Plants for exhibit must be clean, healthy (pest-free), and dry.

A separate Show area will be cordoned off in the back of the room. There will be one entrance/exit to the Show area for security purposes. The sales tables will be in the front of the room nearest the doors to the outside. For security reasons, we will have a separate entrance from the outside and a separate exit to the outside.

Any Society member who didn't have time to volunteer before the show or forgot, please feel free to volunteer at the Show. The Show will certainly appreciate your help.

Thank you all for your cooperation and plan on having a good time. And now for a really big Show!

Your 2006 Winter Show Chair, Phil Kent

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Happy New Year from me, Collette Parr, your Membership Chair! If you ever have any questions on when your membership expires, or when you last paid your dues, I am the person to ask. My contact information is on the back of this newsletter, so feel free to e-mail or call me if I can help.



However, I can communicate with you in a special way. Take a look at your address label and look at the line your name is on. Above that line is either a message from me, or the

date your membership expires. I always give you lots of time to renew your membership and lots of warnings before your membership expires. I also believe in a reasonable grace period if you cannot get your checks in before your membership expires! After all, we want more members – the more the merrier!

At the time I ran off the last set of newsletter address labels from the membership database I maintain for the SDC&SS, we had approximately 220 members, but we are always looking for more people with whom to share our wonderful hobby and interesting, eclectic members! Pam Badger wanted me to mention that if anyone wants newsletters to take to interested friends and neighbors to invite them to join, we have plenty of extras. They can be found with the greeters right as you walk into each meeting.

So, just to be sure you know exactly who I am, here's a picture of me and I'll bet you're going to say – "I've seen that person before!" Now, the next time you see me, come on over and introduce yourself. As the membership chair, I know a lot more of your names than your faces, and would love to be able to put the two together more often.

UPCOMING EVENTS

2006

Feb 11th: San Diego CSS Winter Show and Sale, Room 101, Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park; sdcss.com

April 8 & 9th: South Coast CSS Show & Sale, at So. Coast BG, 26300 Crenshaw, PV; 310-832-2262

April 22 & 23rd: South Bay Epiphyllum Society Show & Sale; same addr; info call: 310-831-1209

May 6 & 7th: Sunset CSS Show & Sale, Veterans Mem. Ctr, 4117 Overland, Culver City 310-822-1783

May 21st: Huntington Plant Sale, 10-5pm, Huntington BG, 1151 Oxford Rd, San Marino; 626-405-2160

May 21st: Epiphyllum Society Show & Sale; Los Angeles County Arboretum; 310-831-1209

June 3 & 4th: San Diego CSS Summer Show & Sale; Room 101, Casa Del Prado, SD; 619-477-4779

June 10th: Gates CSS 29th Show & Sale; Sale: Sat, Sun 9-4; Show opens 1pm Sat. after judging; Jurupa Mountain Cultural Center; 7621 Granite Hill; Glen Avon: CA 909-360-8802

June 30: July 2nd: CSSA Annual Show & Sale – Huntington Gardens, Plant sale June 30, July 1st, 2nd; Show July 1st, 2nd; Huntington BG, 1151 Oxford Rd, San Marino; 626-405-2160 or 2277

June or July? LACSS Show & Sale at Sepulveda Garden Center, 16633 Magnolia Blvd, Encino, CA info: 818-363-3432; Set in lovely community garden, just off 101 freeway a couple exits west of 405. Will probably be combined with bromeliad society show.

Aug 19 & 20th: 21st Annual Intercity Show & Sale at the LA County Arboretum; Largest Cactus & Succulent show in world; Long Beach, LA CSS and SG CSS clubs work together on this show. Info 818-998-9306

Sept 2nd: Huntington Botanical Gardens Succulent Symposium, all day at HBG; These have been going on for years; There is a fee for this, they include tours of special areas, meal and plant auction. Renowned speakers from all over the world give talks.

Sept 24th: Long Beach CSS club annual auction at Dominguez Adobe, 18127 So. Alameda St, Compton, CA (Dominguez Hills)

Oct 14 & 15th: San Gabriel CSS Annual Show & Sale, at LA County Arboretum, exit Baldwin off 210, Arcadia, CA. And be sure to leave time to tour the grounds, it will have cooled down this time of year.

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