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*IT'S TIME FOR OUR
WINTER SHOW AND SALE!*

Saturday February 10, 2007, 10:00am-4:00pm
Room 101 Casa Del Prado
Balboa Park, San Diego CA

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Everyone!

What a great meeting we all had in January; Ric and Marilyn New-comer's POM (Plant Of the Month) talks really set a high-mark for us to try and achieve in the year ahead, and Jeff Moore's talk on his undersea-themed succulent gardens was typically informative and entertaining. Thanks to everyone who contributed with their questions and attentiveness.

Kudos to Jan and Phil Kent, our finely feathered librarians over the past few years. Jan and Phil have decided to move on to other things and we wish them well in their future endeavors. Allen Clark, bless his heart, has stepped in to the role of librarian, and he will be soliciting help from some of you in the near future since he is interested in expanding the library committee. You can look to the EYF for further details in future issues.

I want to thank Sara Schell for taking on the role of hospitality, an often overlooked but extremely important position in an organization as large as ours; Thanks Sara!

Thanks to everyone who brought additions to our normal monthly regalement, and Rudy Lime in particular, for his stalwart consistency in keeping tabs on things. We've discovered the "locked" cabinets in the kitchen don't lock as well as we might hope, and looking back on our budget for paper-plates, napkins, and paper cups we suddenly realized the SDCSS may have been unknowingly subsidizing other plant groups' regalement the past few months. Not to worry, we've addressed the situation.



On the cover and in the President's Message: Collette Parr captured the hard work and excitement that went into the 2006 Winter Show and Sale.

With such a marvelous selection of Brag plants on display at this past month's meeting, it really boosts my feeling of confidence about us being ready to display and show our plants in February. As you undoubtedly already know, if it's February, then it's time for our annual Winter Show and Sale.



I know with all the enthusiasm in this group, we're going to have a terrific one! Remember our start time is a little later than usual, but we'll still have a solid two hours to get everything set up before our guests arrive. Fortunately we've had a really good number of you sign up to help out, so as long as everyone comes through and we get just a few more last-minute volunteers, all will be well. There should be more information in this issue of the EYF, so read on and enjoy! Remember, this is the best time of year to get your feet wet at showing if you haven't tried it before, since there's no formal competition and it really only involves bringing your plants in for a one-day sitting.

Our freezing temperatures lately have been really educational. What's the old cliché? Adversity is the mother of all invention? I look forward to hearing from more of you the kinds of observations some of you have undoubtedly made over the past few weeks.

Keep warm and see you soon,

Mark Fryer
January 20th, 2007



SDCSS Winter Show and Sale

February 10th, 2007

Show & Sale Times:

10:00am to 4:00pm

The Winter Show and Sale is once more upon us and the frost in January is going to make showing plants a challenge. The Winter Show is more casual than the summer show. In the past we have asked for winter growing plants, which confused me, because as far as I could tell most of my plants grow year round. Anyway, with the frost we are looking for any plant that looks great. So clean up those special plants of yours that as Elibet would say "Are calling out to you, Take me with you!" This is a show that educates without getting real complicated. Please bring your plants between 8 and 9 so we have time to set up. There will be judging with coupon prizes like last year.

We had a great response at the meeting for volunteers, but as usual we still need a few more. For the kitchen crew, we need some desserts. If you are interested in helping in the kitchen with a dish or labor please contact Pam Badger. The show area always can use more security. The purpose of the security in that area is to safe guard the plants and to talk to the public about the plants The sales area will need some help with set up, so if you get up early, we will be kicking into gear at 8:00.

So bring your plants for show and come enjoy the company as well.

Chris Miller

January Brag Table Winners

Cactus:

1 st	Juergen Menzel	<i>Eulychnia castanea v. spiralis</i>
2 nd	Juergen Menzel	<i>Digitostigma caut-medusae</i>
3 rd	Peter Walkowiak	<i>Neoptera sp.</i>
3 rd	Unknown Cactophile	<i>Mammillaria spinossisma</i>

Succulent:

1 st	Alex Cardenas	<i>Agave titanota crest</i>
2 nd	Peter Walkowiak	<i>Euphorbia anroginosa</i>
3 rd	Peter Walkowiak	<i>Alvinopsis rubralineata</i>
3 rd	Peter Walkowiak	<i>Uncarina pelata</i>

Fyi

(For your Information)

VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED: The SDCSS has been asked to provide a member to give a talk about cacti or the desert to a group for developmentally delayed adults. The PEERS (Pride, Education, Environment, Relationships & Self Esteem) meet in Santee on Thursday evenings from 5:30-7:00. Date would be your choice. Great opportunity to promote the SDCSS. Please contact Steve or Kathy Harris for details.

BOXES NEEDED: Our meetings are in need of boxes for the sales area. These can be any where from 8" X 12" up to 2' x 2'. For ease of transport the boxes can be broken down. We have the necessary tape to reassemble. Shoe boxes and beer flats are also excellent. Also, our sales people are running out of handled paper bags. Any members who might have these please bring to the meetings. We have storage so number is no problem. Please see Joe Kraatz.

Sdcss vista library display

By Joe Kraatz

I installed this display in the Vista Library for the Month of January 2007. Education and publicity for the SDC&SS was it's purpose. Definitions of deserts, cacti, and succulents were incorporated with supporting photographs. Publicity for the February 07 show and the website was also included. Plants were supplied by Mark Fryer and myself.



Kudos to Joe for his impressive display and hard work!

IMPORTANT UPDATE ON THE ANZA-BORREGO POWELINK ISSUE

Submitted by Mark Fryer and Andrew Wilson

From Kelly Fuller at kdfuller.blogspot.com:

The State Parks Commission is meeting February 8 regarding the proposed Sunrise Powerlink transmission line. SDG&E wants the Commission to take away designated state wilderness inside Anza-Borrego Desert State Park to build the Powerlink. All the environmental professionals I've asked believe this would be the first time wilderness would be taken away for a development project, ever, in the United States.

Every single last lover of Anza-Borrego is needed at the hearing that night. If you don't give a hoot about Anza-Borrego but care about wilderness elsewhere, you're needed too. This will be the only hearing on the subject in southern California. There won't be a San Diego hearing.

Stop this horrific precedent from being set.

California State Park Commission meeting Thursday, February 8,
7:30p.m.
Borrego Springs Resort
1112 Tilting T Drive
Borrego Springs, CA 92004

The Anza-Borrego Desert Natural History Association also has a web page up about this meeting:
www.abdnha.org/pages/07/powerlink.htm

Library notes

By Allen Clark

The San Diego Cactus and Succulent Society has a new librarian, assisted by a reconstituted library committee. The committee at present consists of myself, Don Hunt and Chris Miller. We have room for more help in this effort. Please come and talk to me at the upcoming show, or at subsequent regular meetings.

First, we would like to thank Phil and Jan Kent, our immediate predecessors, for their efforts.

Our immediate goals include:

1) Making the library more easily accessible to the members. We will make every effort to be open for business at 10 a.m. at regular meetings. We do ask that if you arrive earlier, you hold onto books you are returning until one of us appears. Please do **NOT** just lay books on the table by the door. This is a security risk.

2) Completing an inventory of books and periodicals.

3) Completing our data base.

One final note: The library will not be available at the February meeting, which is our winter show. We will be back at the March meeting. The good part is that you'll have an extra month to study those books you checked out in January, right? Of course, we'd also really like to get back the books you've had since Jimmy Carter was president. So, please search deeply.

Thanks!

<p>The due date for submission of article (Plants of the Month) and 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 President's Message will be one week later. All submissions are to be made to the Editors.</p>
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WHAT'S THE STATUS?

Baja and Old World Succulent Garden

By Chris Miller

Well Saturday January 20th was a relief in many ways. We explored the gardens the way all of us have explored our yards and greenhouses this month, hoping for the best and finding more damage the more we look. The gardens actually faired better than many of our yards. The leaves on the *Euphorbia milii* and the *Pachypodium lamerei* were frost burnt, but the stems look good for the most part. The *Euphorbia ingens* have some damage along the edges and the fire sticks are beige instead of red, but overall the aloes look good and some of them look spectacular. The prettiest damage award goes to an Aloe with a glorious purple frost damage on the leaf tips. There were some frost damaged buds, but over all it was a relief that we had no major losses.



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So the garden is still worth the walk to get there and we highly recommend you come out for a visit. We have a new volunteer, Mike Livingston, so thank him for his hard work when you see him!



Photos: Juergen Menzel

UPCOMING EVENTS

2007

Feb 17: San Diego Horticultural Society free mini workshop, "Flowering Plants for Drought-Tolerant Gardens", 9:30am-11:00pm, 9601 Ridgehaven Ct., Kearney Mesa, Environmental Services Green Building, info: Randy Blum 858-492-5036, rain cancels, no reservations required.

Mar 2-4: San Diego Spring Home/Garden Show, Fri Noon-7:00pm, Sat 10:00am-7:00pm, Sun 10:00am-5:00pm, Del Mar Fairgrounds.

Apr 7-8: South Coast CSS Show & Sale, South Coast Botanical Gardens, 26300 Crenshaw Blvd, Palos Verdes, info: 310-832-2262.

Apr 21: Encinitas Garden Festival, 10:00am-4:00pm, this year will feature gardens of Olivenhain, tickets available from the Encinitas Chamber of Commerce, info: 760-753-6041, \$20 in advance, \$25 the day of the event.

Apr 22: Earth Day 2007, Balboa Park, 10:00am-5:00pm.

Apr 26-29: Southern California Spring Garden Show, 10:00am-9:00pm Thurs & Fri, 10:am-8:00pm Sat, 11:00am-6:30pm Sun, South Coast Plaza, 3333 Bristol St., Costa Mesa.

Apr 29: South Bay Epiphyllum Show and Sale, South Coast Botanical Gardens, info: 310-833-6823.

May 25-30: CSSA 32nd Biennial Convention at the Seattle Airport Double-Tree Hotel. Reception May 25, presentations May 26, 27, 29, 30 and field trips May 28.

Jun 2-3: San Diego CSS Summer Show & Sale, Balboa Park, Room 101, Casa Del Prado, info: 619-477-4779.

Jun 9: Gates CSS Show and Sale , 9:00am-4:00pm, Jurupa Mountains Cultural Center, 7621 Granite Hill Dr., Glen Avon, info: 909-360-8802.

Jun 9-10: Los Angeles CSS Show and Sale, Sepulveda Garden Center, 16633 Magnolia Blvd., Encino, info: 818-363-3432.

Jul 6-8: CSSA Annual Show and Sale, Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Rd., San Marino, info: 626-405-2160 or 2277, plant sales July 6-8, show July 7-8.

Aug 18-19: Intercity Show and Sale, L.A. County Arboretum, 301 North Baldwin Ave., Arcadia, info: Tom Glavich 626-798-2430 or Barbara Hall 818-368-6914.

Sep 2: Huntington Botanical Gardens Succulent Symposium.

Nov 10-11: San Gabriel Valley CSS Show and Sale, L.A. County Arboretum, 301 North Baldwin Ave., Arcadia.

Dec 1-2: Orange County CSS Show and Sale, 10:00am-4:00pm, 1900 Associated Rd., Fullerton, info: 714-870-4887.

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