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Come to the Spectacular Holiday and Awards Party
Saturday, December 3rd—5:30 PM Sepulveda Garden Center
Potluck, Raffle, Plant-Of-The-Month Awards, and Plant Auction

January Program – Buck Hemenway will speak about his recent trip to
Namibia and South Africa

LACSS 2012 Board Members

Roxie Esterle, President
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Manny Rivera, VP, Plant of the Month
Bob Morris, VP, Special Events
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Joyce Schumann, Librarian
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Artie Chavez, LACSS Show Co-Chair

Plant of the Month

Manny Rivera, VP of Plant of the Month, has been asked by members to feature certain types of plants in each category. Please call Manny with your specific requests at 626-579-7954 so they can be considered for the 2012 list.

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DO NOT MISS THE FUN

Come to the Spectacular Holiday / Awards Party

Potluck - Plant Auction - Gift Exchange

December 3rd - 5:30 PM

At the Sepulveda Garden Center

16633 Magnolia Blvd., Encino

- **All members are invited - you may bring one guest**
- **Be sure to sign up at the November meeting**
- **Each attendee is requested to bring one side dish, salad, or dessert (be sure to have all gifts and food at the center by 5:30 PM)**

*We need volunteers to help set up - please call
Barbara Hall at (818) 368-6914*

Come celebrate and have a great time - be prepared to:

- ✿ *Have a great dinner that includes turkey, tri-tip, and ham*
- ✿ *Find out who won the Plant-of-the-Month Awards*
- ✿ *Participate in an Optional Gift Exchange - Gifts must be wrapped and \$15.00 or less (gift exchange participants will receive a raffle ticket)*
- ✿ *Receive a free plant - that we hope you will bring to next year's celebration where they will be judged to determine which has been the best grown*



HOLIDAY PARTY

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO ATTEND THE HOLIDAY PARTY AND SHARE IN ALL THE FESTIVITIES!!!!

HOW THE HOLIDAY PARTY AUCTION UNWRAPS

Every member and all guests are welcome to participate. We ask that if you plan to attend the Holiday Party, please bring a plant or plant related item that may be included in the auction. The items should be something of good quality. The auction is our last fundraiser for the year. The proceeds will help us to bring in top-notch speakers, future field trips, and special workshops.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

2011

So here, we are at the end of another year, and what a year it was! We started the year with many new faces on the Board and the promise to ignite new interest in the club. As the year progressed, we were able to accomplish a number of milestones.

Our Holiday Party was the first event to receive a minor overhaul. Under the guidance of Barbara Hall, the Holiday Party has truly become a member-motivated event. The potluck dinner that has been a hit and an all time delicious high, can only be described as a feast. The auction that highlights the evening proves to be a great success, asking members to donate plants or related items for the auction helps build the club's coffers.

The June Show and Sale, has grown to new heights. Joyce Schumann and John Martinez did a great job in creating a very successful, educational show. We experimented with a number of new and different concepts. The first was a raffle, another was offering the public the chance to purchase books dealing with Cactus and Succulents. What proved to be the most challenging and successful undertaking was the "Kid's Day" Kim and Kimo Thorpe did a remarkable job in bringing our hobby to a new generation. Kim also did a great job in letting the public know about our annual Sale and Show. Her tireless efforts of searching and contacting various sources to publicize our upcoming event produced many new faces and interest in our event.

The Board of Directors assumed the challenge of redefining the club head on. Tim Harvey has done a great job of finding and bringing us new and exciting programs and workshops.

Manny Rivera has been able to stir an interest in the Plant-of-the-Month competition that we have not seen in years.

Roxie Esterle did a remarkable job in finding and coordinating our field trips, a function that was missing for a few years.

Richard Roosman has pulled triple duty as our Membership Chair, sending out our newsletter electronically, and procuring our plants for the Monthly

John Matthews is the man behind the scenes. John is the guy that gets the Chronicle out to our members through the mail. He also is our Inter-City Show chairperson.

John Noster Sr. is the man in the kitchen each month making us coffee.

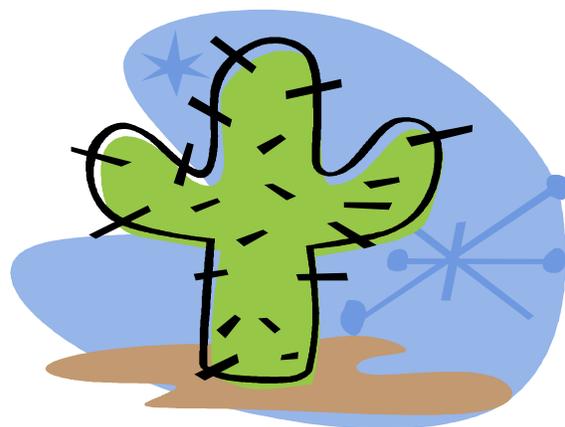
Phyllis Frieze is our contact to the outside world. She does a great job with the Cactus Chronicle. Each month the Chronicle gets better and is a wonderful vessel that allows the club to reach, not only, the members but also the public through our website.

It has been a pleasure to serve you as President for the past two years. I am proud to see the advancements that the club has made during this period of time. My gratitude goes out to the Board of Directors and the general membership for all their hel; it has made the last two years some of the most successful in the long history of the club

I would like to congratulate and welcome the incoming Board and encourage the membership to support them and help to continue improving the club for all of us.

Happy Holidays and a great 2012

Artie



Tribute to Carol Anne Wujcik

On Wednesday, September 28th, 2011, we all lost a great friend, a wonderful and compassionate person and a lover of the world's natural treasures. Carol passed from a heart attack at 7:00 pm in her home in Fallbrook, CA. She was in the presence of her loving husband Joe, their housekeeper and their family of cats. Carol was born on September 1, 1943 in the town of Manhattan, KS and is survived by Joe, her siblings Bill, Peter and Steff, her father, her numerous friends, and all of her special kitties and plants.

Having known Carol for over 30 years, I was asked and am honored to write this tribute to Carol and her amazing life. Anyone who knew Carol, quickly became aware that she was a very compassionate, philosophical and a giving person. Not only did she give so much of herself, to Joe, her friends and her many prized four legged creatures, but she also gave greatly to the betterment of humanity.

Her contributions to the cactus, succulent and bromeliad worlds were never-ending. She was the newsletter editor for many years of the Long Beach Cactus Club and was soon made an honorary life member of this club, the oldest C & S club in the United States. She was also one of the inspirational persons for the foundation of the Inter-City Cactus and Succulent Show. Due to her wonderful ability to promote others, she soon became the pre- and post-show newsletter person for the ICCSS. It was from this forum that her photography and positive journalism were really recognized. She is without a doubt one of the major reasons for the philosophy and great success of the ICCSS show today. Over the last number of years, she and her husband Joe have been producing a superb newsletter for the Saddleback Bromeliad Society. As a writer, photographer and an overall promoter of people, Carol has definitely set the standard and left her mark for all newsletter persons to emulate.

Carol also had a tremendous enthusiasm for the wild outdoor places, especially our own Southwest, USA. Once living in California, she soon became familiar with the stark and dramatic Mojave Desert. On one of her first trips into the Mojave, the Clark mountain region, she was instantly taken by the often spiritual experience of sitting around the campfire and enjoying the stellar light shows. We were lucky to travel with Carol and Joe on numerous trips into the US deserts, as well as many trips into the majestic Baja California, Mexico. During these later trips, Carol quickly learned to embrace the joy of campfire margaritas and philosophical conversations. She was well known for her deep and spiritual questions, such as; "What is the meaning of life?" and "If there is reincarnation, what would you like to come back as?" Carol would often say, "I would like to come back as one of my dogs, they have such good lives." I will always remember myself and a few others dragging Carol up the mountain at Cerro Bola.

My children saw Carol like a godmother and my daughter Sarah said, "I'll never forget going to Carol's home and dressing-up her cats in beads and hearing Carol's most wonderful, joyful laughter." Those of us who knew Carol are very lucky.

I hope we can pass on her love and appreciation for nature's wonders and her desire to bring people closer together.

With love, from Woody and all who knew her.



TENTATIVE
CACTUS AND SUCCULENT
CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2012
UPDATED 11/11/11

- February 11** San Diego Cactus & Succulent Society -Winter Show & Sale
Balboa Park, Room 101, San Diego, CA **Info: (858) 382-1797**
- March 23 & 24** Orange County Cactus & Succulent Spring Show & Sale 9 - 5
1000 S. State College Bl., (Anaheim United Methodist Church) Anaheim, CA
Contact Vince Basta (714) 267-4329
- April 7 & 8** South Coast Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale
South Coast Botanical Gardens, 26300 Crenshaw Blvd., Palos Verdes, CA
Info: (310) 832-2262
- April 14 & 15** Green Scene Plant Sale—Fullerton Arboretum, 1900 Associated Road, Fullerton CA 92831
- April 28** South Bay Epiphyllum Society Show & Sale---9 - 4
South Coast Botanical Gardens **Info: (310) 833-6823**
- May 5 & 6** Sunset Cactus & Succulent Show & Sale
Veteran's Memorial Center, Garden Room, 4117 Overland Ave., Culver City, CA
Info: (310) 822-1783
- May 13** Huntington Plant Sale 10 - 5
Huntington Botanical Gardens
1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA, **Info: (626) 405-2160**
- May 18 & 19** 31st Gates Cactus & Succulent Society Sale 9 - 4:30
Jurupa Mountains Cultural Center 7621 Granite Hill Drive, Glen Avon, CA **Info: (951) 360-8802**
- May 26 & 27** Central Coast Cactus & Succulent Society
Annual Show & Sale 10 - 4
Ludwick Center, 864 Santa Rosa, San Luis Obispo, CA,
Info: (805) 237-2054, www.centralcoastcactus.org
- June 2 & 3** San Diego Cactus & Succulent Society Summer Show & Sale Balboa Park, Room 101, San Diego, CA
Info: (858) 382-1797
- June 9 & 10** Los Angeles Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale, June 11th 9 - 5, 12th 9 - 3:30
Sepulveda Garden Center 16633 Magnolia Blvd., Encino, CA
Info: email: LACSS.Contact@gmail.com
- June 29-July 1** CSSA Annual Show & Sale –
Huntington Botanical Gardens 151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA
Show Opens-June 30th - July 1st--Free to the Public, **Info: (626) 405-2160 or 2277**
- July 27 & 28** Orange County Cactus & Succulent Society Summer Show & Sale
1000 S. State College Bl., (Anaheim United Methodist Church) Anaheim, CA
Contact: Vince Basta (714) 267-4329
- August. 11 & 12** 27th Annual Intercity Show & Sale
LA County Arboretum - 301 N. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia, CA 9 - 5
Info: Tom Glavich (626) 798-2430 or John Matthews (661) 297-5364
- September 1** Huntington Botanical Gardens Succulent Symposium
1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA All Day at the Huntington
- September 23** Long Beach Cactus Club Annual Plant Auction
18127 So. Alameda St., Rancho Dominguez, CA----12:00
- November 3 & 4** San Gabriel Valley Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale
LA County Arboretum 301 N. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia, CA
- November 9 & 10** Orange County Cactus & Succulent Winter Show & Sale 9 - 5
1000 S. State College Bl., (Anaheim United Methodist Church) Anaheim, CA
Contact: Vince Basta (714) 267-4329

Monthly Meeting Refreshments

Each month different members whose last name ends in a particular letter are requested to furnish refreshments for the club. Below is the list, by month, for 2012.

January	A B C D	July	A B C D
February	E F G H	August	E F G H
March	I J K L M	September	I J K L M
April	N O P R	October	N O P R
May	S	November	S
June	T U V W X Y Z	December	HOLIDAY PARTY

Members were selected by the approximate number of members attend each meeting.

Refreshments for the Month of January are furnished by member's names ending in *A, B, C, and D*

Early Membership Renewal

Anyone paying their 2012 membership dues prior to November 30, and before the holiday party on December 3 will receive 2 raffle tickets. If membership dues are paid at the Holiday Party, the member will receive

LACSS Membership Form (Please print the following information)

Name _____ Phone _____

Name of Additional Members: _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

E-Mail Address _____

Send me the newsletter by E-Mail Send me the newsletter by U.S. Mail (\$5 extra fee)

Send me a plastic name badge (\$6.50 each)

Type of Membership: New Member Renewal

Single Membership \$20 annually \$10 1/2 year (July or after)

Family Membership \$25 annually \$12.50 1/2 year (July or after)

Newsletter by U.S. Mail \$5 fee in addition to the membership charge

Cash Check: number _____

General Meeting starts at 7:00 PM on the **first Thursday** of the month at the Sepulveda Garden Center located at 16633 Magnolia Blvd. in Encino between Hayvenhurst and Balboa.
Set-up and social hour starts at 6:30 PM.

Bring a smile! Make new friends! **GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!**

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Upcoming Program for
January 2012

Buck Hemenway

First Class Mail

Holiday Dinner
December 3, 2011

Sepulveda Garden Ctr. 16633 Magnolia Bl. Encino

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