



# Open Gates

A publication of the  
**Gates Cactus & Succulent Society**  
**December 2017**



NEXT MEETING, WEDNESDAY, December 6th at 6:30 PM  
AT THE REDLANDS CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE  
1307 E CITRUS AVE, IN REDLANDS, CA

**From the President:**

We've had another memorable and exciting annual plant auction last month. Thank you everyone who donated plants to the auction. They certainly made an impression for bidding. Big kudos go out to all those who joined us for a night of auction, election, and Woody's presentation. Yes this was an abridged auction night and many of you may have wanted a more "traditional" bigger auction. Rest assured we will have more auction opportunities during the coming year during our general monthly meeting. Congratulations to our recently elected officers for serving the next two years to help make this club even more fun.

What do you think of the garden tour last month? Weren't those gardens full of inspirational cactus and succulents design? I certainly am amazed at the collection of plants and how they are integrated into their respected garden home. Thank you to Helen and the Romans and the McGrews for sharing their succulent passion with us. This goes to show how even in different microclimate, our beloved cactus and succulents can thrive beautifully given the proper "green thumb."

Onto this last month of the year, we shall celebrate with the December holiday potluck dinner. I know everyone will be busy with other holiday activities, but I hope you will be able to share your time at the club's festivity. Remember which food category you had signed up to bring and if you didn't get a chance to sign up, please bring your favorite potluck food entrée/dessert. Besides delicious eateries, we will enjoy holiday music among friends; we will announce results for the 2017 mini-show winners and every member/family will receive a holiday gift from the club.

As close out 2017, I am truly grateful to be amongst so many cactus and succulent enthusiasts. Thank you everyone for making Gates CSS another successful and wonderful year. Let us take a moment to remember those members who will no longer share another holiday with us but also to remember to welcome and cherish new members who will be making Gates CSS even greater into future years. Happy Holiday, Merry Christmas, and Season's Greetings. Warmest regards, Phuc.

**Plants of the Month**

**Cactus –**

**Succulent –**

**Save the Date!**

New Events list coming soon!

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**Leadership Team 2017**

## **Our Program This Month**

### **HOLIDAY PARTY**

The Gates C&SS has had another fantastic year and we plan to close it out with a terrific Great Big Party. The annual event provides that perfect evening to relax, enjoy fabulous food and have a chance to schmooze with old and new friends in the club. Very little business, just a good social evening.

Take note of the time. We start the evening early, so we can enjoy it at our leisure. Plan to **arrive by 6:00**. We like to start serving no later than 6:30.

Here are the details:

Tables are set and decorated by our committee, they can use your help around 5:45 pm.

At November's meeting, a food list was passed around. Please bring the dish you signed up to for. If you signed up to bring a turkey, or ham, please carve the meat before bringing it our dinner. There won't be any space or time to carve once the meeting begins.

The club also provides all of the necessary plates, cutlery, cups etc. We have plenty of serving utensils (lots left from previous pot-lucks), so don't bother to bring yours, just the dish to serve it from.

Again, the **party will begin at 6:00!**

### **Mini Show Results**

Please remember to CLEARLY fill out the Mini show entry forms. **Incomplete or illegible forms will be disqualified.**

**Please note, we will no longer have the Large and Small categories.**

### **Membership Renewal**

It's time to renew your memberships. The dues for **mail** membership are \$35 dollars and **email** membership renewal is \$20 dollars for the year. A membership renewal form is on the last page of this newsletter for your convenience. You can renew your membership with Ann Reynolds at our next meeting or you can mail in your renewal.

### **Ask the Experts**

Have a mystery plant? would you like to know the species name of your plants? Well the experts are here to help! Bring in your plant, or a good picture, to our next meeting and we will call on our expert members to help solve your mystery.

### **Too many plant cuttings? Extra pots?**

*Clean them up and Donate them!*

Our club is always accepting donations, just drop them off at the monthly meeting ticket table. All funds for donations go directly into the club and are used towards future events.

## Annual Potluck/ Cactus Cook-off

Thirty club members and families enjoyed a mildly warm but fun evening to savor delicious potluck food and taste some wonderful cactus food! Thank you to all of those who helped with the food shopping and preparation and the cooking, of course. Another big appreciation goes to Judy Horne for hosting!

Cactus Cook-Off Result:

1 st : Helen Hughes- Cactus and Hominy Casserole

Ingredient: Opuntia

2 nd : Rene Hernandez- Chorizo Con Nopales

Ingredient: Opuntia ficus indica

3 rd : Connie Ramirez- Albondigas with nopalitos

Ingredient: cactus, potatoes, squash, hamburgers

4 th : Diane Teunissen- Cactus Salad Tostada

Ingredient: cactus, cilantro, jalapeno, garlic, lime juice, tomatoes, onion

Helen Hughes - Cactus and Hominy Casserole

- 1 large jar of cactus- drain
- 2 or 3 large cans of hominy- drain
- 1 large onion cut up small
- 1 jar picante sauce, 1 lb. jack cheese, 1 lb. jalapeno cheese
- 1 or 2 Tbsp chopped jalapenos (optional)
- Layer in 9 x 12 inch pan. Bake 45 min. at 350 degrees.
- Can be kept in crock pot to serve potluck or oven baked.



### **Newman Achievement Award**

The **Hazelle and Davis Newman**

**Award** is given annually to a person or couple who have 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 be presented or emailed to the President or the Newsletter Editor prior to the beginning of the January meeting. We will vote on the winner in the February meeting.

# 2017 Upcoming Events

New Events list coming soon.



## **GATES CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY New Member / Renewal**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal Year: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse, S/O: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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