



Sweepstakes Winner

Plants of the Month

Holiday Dinner

Save the Date!

2017 events are coming soon!

Open Gates

A publication of the
Gates Cactus & Succulent Society

NEXT MEETING, WEDNESDAY, December 7th at 6:00 PM

AT THE REDLANDS CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 1307 E
 CITRUS AVE, IN REDLANDS, CA

From the President:

The holiday season is upon us so it's time for some celebration and relaxation. What better way to wrap up this year full of succulent events than to end it with the best event yet. Our annual holiday potluck is a time to enjoy the warm comfort among fellow succulent enthusiasts and to share a bit of good ole festive home cooking. All members (family) are invited to attend this final monthly meeting and bring your favorite holiday dish. I hope you remembered which dish you had signed up to bring. The main dishes and drinks are confirmed so bring your dish.

Due to scheduling conflicts, the high school chamber choir will not be able to perform at this year's party. Rest assured, holiday music and festivity will still fill the air. The club's 2016 mini-show winners will be recognized along with a special award presentation. Every member/family will also get a special holiday surprise to take home so don't miss this awesome evening. Did I mention all the yummy food that will be waiting to fill you up?

Included in this newsletter will be the list of plants for the 2017 club's monthly mini-show. This will give you an opportunity to plan accordingly in preparation for your plant entry. The program chair, Woody Minnich, is busy at work coordinating speakers for our meetings next year. The list of speakers and topics will be included in a future newsletter as it becomes available. As always, if you have a request or recommendation for a particular speaker/topic, please share your thoughts with any Board members.

This is also the time to consider nominating a club member for the Hazelle Newman Achievement Award. The award recognizes a member (couple) who has made significant contributions to the club/society over a period of time. This could be to a person who is no longer active but who has made significant contributions in the past. All nominations must be made in writing to the President by December 31, 2016.

On behalf of the Board, I sincerely thank you for making 2016 such a busy memorable year for the club. Your enthusiastic involvement with the club keeps us all remembering why we love succulents so much. Do have a wonderful and warm holiday season and may the New Year bring everyone wellness and happiness.

- Phuc

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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 committee, they can use your help from about 5:00 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 completely fill out the Mini show entry forms. **Incomplete forms will be disqualified.**

Cactus

Novice

Small

Large

Intermediate

small

Large

Advanced

Small

Large

Succulents

Novice

Small

Large

Intermediate

Small

Large

Advanced

Small

Large

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.

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.

Previous Recipients (* deceased)

- 1976 Col. J.W. Dennison*
- 1977 Davis Newman*
- 1978 Helen Herman*
- 1979 Joyce Tate*
- 1980 Marian Bell*
- 1981 Gonah Schreckengast*
- 1982 Brig. Will Mollet*
- 1983 Sylvia Gould*
- 1984 Mel Parks*
- 1985 Joe Casey*
- 1986 Leo & Lillian Pickoff
- 1987 Eleanore Pounds*
- 1988 Edith Crinklaw*
- 1989 Joe Casey*
- 1990 Dagmar Hert*
- 1991 Doris Lutz*
- 1992 Peggy Parks
- 1993 Joe Gardner*
- 1994 Diane Park
- 1995 Howard Craig*
- 1996 Ric & Marilyn Newcomer
- 1997 Helen Hughes
- 1998 Amber Jones
- 1999 Kimberly & Barry Urman
- 2000 Janet Burnham & Judy Horne
- 2001 Dennis Kucera
- 2002 Lois Utter*
- 2003 Helen & Bernie Teunissen*
- 2004 Buck Hemenway
- 2005 Eva Dye
- 2006 Chris & Karen Roholt
- 2007 Bob Laughlin
- 2008 Frank Nudge
- 2009 Joella Olson
- 2010 Mike Green
- 2011 Yvonne Hemenway
- 2012 Don & Mary Alice McGrew
- 2013 Tony Marino
- 2016 Phuc Huynh

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 by printing a copy of the form from this letter and filling it out completely before you arrive. Please print legibly and bring the correct amount of payment with you to our next meeting or you can mail in your renewal.



A few photos taken on the October field trip.



Plants of the Month for 2017

Cactus	
	2017
January	White Spined Mammillaria
February	Rebutia, Sulco, Weingartia
March	CA, NV, AZ Natives
April	Gymnocalycium
May	Best Staged Cacti
June	Echinopsis
July	Photograph
August	North American Columnars
September	Crested, Monstrose, Variegates
October	Opuntiadeae AND Dead Plant

Succulent	
	2017
January	Aeonium, Sedum, Sempervivum
February	Rosette (smaller than 10" diam)
March	Pelargonium, Monsonia
April	Succulent Bromeliad
May	Best Staged Succulent
June	Stem Succulent Euphorbias
July	Photograph
August	Lithops
September	Stapeliads
October	Crested, Monstrose, Variegates AND Dead Plant



GATES CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY
New Member / Renewal

Date: _____

Renewal Year: _____

Name: _____

Spouse, S/O: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Annual Dues:

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\$35 Newsletter delivered by Mail

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\$ _____ Total Paid

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