

Las Brisas



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CVD Newsletter

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Angel Trumpet Flower

Upon seeing this flower on a walk a few years ago, it was love at first sight and it was soon planted in our garden. It began blooming between Good Friday-Easter, like fragrant trumpets announcing the coming of the Resurrection. Notice the light showing through the flowers and the swarming bees hungrily loading up on pollen, their legs resembling swollen suitcases. A true celebration!

District Director's Message



The district year is quickly drawing nigh as we're enjoying spring and also looking forward to summer vacations. But before that, we have the pleasure of CGCI's State Convention on June 5-8, which I hope all our presidents will attend. Be sure to get your registration postmarked and your Hilton Hotel room reserved prior to the May 20 deadline.

I love convention as it truly excites me to see old friends and to meet the new. The great programs are what everyone needs to experience. Knowledge to share with their clubs is what the big gainer is through the workshops, speakers and business meetings. To see it all in symphonic action is to gain appreciation of the truly great organization that CGCI is, all made possible by many dedicated volunteers.

CVD had a busload of club members who enjoyed a refreshing and educational day at the So. Coast Plaza Garden Show on April 24-27. Kudos to Bus Tour Chairman Lorraine Ornelas.

At the last board meeting there was discussion as to the possibility of CVD hosting a CGCI 2016 Winter Board Meeting. Alexis Slafer has met with Robin Pokorski to learn what is required to host a meeting. The information will be shared at the June Board meeting. Come prepared with your input.

Best of everything! Kitty Guzman

The following proposal for changes to the CVD By-Laws were recommended by the CVD Board at the February 26 meeting. This should be presented to your clubs at least 30 days before the CVD General meeting June 25, 2014, where they will then be voted on for approval by the members at large.

Proposal for changes to By-laws

The following changes (additions in bold, deletions in strikethrough) to the Costa Verde District by-laws to bring them into compatibility with the CGCI by laws and with the current practice of our associated plant societies should be sent to the club presidents 30 days before the June meeting:

(ARTICLE VI Dues and Finance - page 28 yearbook)

Section 2. Dues shall be payable July 1 and shall become delinquent ~~November 1~~ **October**

1. Dues shall be payable to Costa Verde District and forwarded to the District Treasurer.

a. Member clubs **and associated plant societies** shall pay annual dues of \$1.00 per capita including Life members. Clubs of fewer than ten members shall pay a minimum of \$10.00.

~~Member affiliates and associated plant societies~~ shall pay annual dues of \$10.00.

Standing Rules changes approved 3/5/2014:

Rules approved and inserted, renumbering old 9 as new 12.

Number 9. Proposed expenses, not included in the Annual Budget, must be presented to the Board and receive approval from the Board, prior to the expenditure, to be eligible for reimbursement.

Number 10. Check Request Form should be submitted within 30 days of the date of the expense. Attach receipts to the Check Request Form.

Number 11. In order to facilitate communications from CGCI to the clubs, Board and General Meetings shall be after each of the fall and winter state board meetings. A general meeting shall be held after the annual CGCI convention.

CVD General Meeting June 25

Our last district meeting will be a potluck with all clubs and societies bringing luncheon foods: salads, main dishes and desserts. Drinks and paper goods will be supplied.

It will be a great time of leisurely fellowship to meet and greet new and long time district club members as we share delicious food after the program.

The program will be the CGCI Award presentations which we are all anticipating. There will be time to appreciate and look over the awards earned by those who went the extra mile for their clubs, the district, as well as themselves. We all profit in sharing the glory and success of each participant and club. Please urge your members to be present for this year end celebration of CGCI awards, food and fun fellowship.

Note that the lateness of the general meeting is because the **CVD Board meeting is June 11** and there are two clubs that meet on the third Wednesday of the month.

Notice to Presidents: District Director Needs Information to Submit to CGCI

It is *imperative* that you notify the District Director as soon as you know the new incoming officers of your club, (especially that of the President and Treasurer which is needed for CGCI). Needed are the names and *full* addresses (plus 4 number zip code), telephone numbers including area codes and email addresses of all new officers, including any individual officer replacement.

Please send in information for District Director to submit to CGCI before June 1, 2014.

This notice is especially for the clubs and societies that are **not** on the CVD two year term , 2013-2015.

CVD needs all *updated* officer information also for next year's yearbook. It is very important that all officer information is kept current.

Mary Lou Heard Memorial Garden Tour 2014 May 3rd & 4th

43 Magnificent Gardens in Full Bloom Await Garden Enthusiasts

Google "Mary Lou Heard Garden Tour 2014" for locations and preview garden photos. The tours are free but donations are accepted at each location. The gardens are located in various coastal cities. The website has all the information you need.

District Plant Sales

We're all celebrating the supernatural powers of spring as our gardens burst forth in all its glorious color and foliage and with very special thanks to the long awaited gift of spring rains.

The clubs and societies usually hold their annual fund raising plant sales from April to May. Riviera and So. Coast Cactus and Succulent Society both held their plant sales on April 11-13.

Riviera was pleased to raise sufficient funds for a large scholarship at their plant sale. On April 17, another fundraiser was held at Drapers and Damons clothing shop to raise even more funds for scholarships. Congratulations!



Above: A stunning succulent creation by Jackie Johnson.

SCCSS had an extremely impressive and successful Show and Sale displaying the talented creative skills of their members. Such perfect succulent and cactus specimens were a breathtaking pleasure to behold. Outside vendors also sold plants and several new members were obtained.



Right is an incredible photo displaying the magic of flash. Without it, the colors of this succulent are very muted. Shed a little light and magic happens.

Long Beach's Plant Sale is on May 17th at St. Gregory's Church, 6201 E. Willow St., L.B. Double your spending fun as it is also in conjunction with the church's Rummage Sale from 8:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.

Hermosa's May Plant Sale is also on May 17, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., at Clark Bldg. 861 Valley Drive, Hermosa Beach. A fabulous Raffle will be held from 12:00-1:00 p.m. In addition to the plants, there will be a Bake Sale, a Trash to Treasures table and Jewelry and Crafts table.