



SFSCS Newsletter

December 2010

A PUBLICATION OF SAN FRANCISCO SUCCULENT AND CACTUS SOCIETY

Winter Solstice Party

December 21st, 2010

Set-up: 5:00 pm
Libations: 6:30 pm
Dinner: 7:15 pm



It's time once again for our annual Winter Solstice party and potluck dinner. This year our party actually occurs on the longest night of the year, The Winter Solstice. This is your opportunity to share your childhood food, an american classic, or an exotic concoction. Our club will provide the turkey, ham, cranberry relish, and liquid refreshments, but the rest of the menu is yours to cook. **Please bring a dish for 10-12 people, ready to serve.** If it is vegetarian, attach a note to that effect.

We will begin with libations at 6:30 P.M. and eat at 7:15 P.M. We must all clean up and be out of the building by 10:00 P.M.



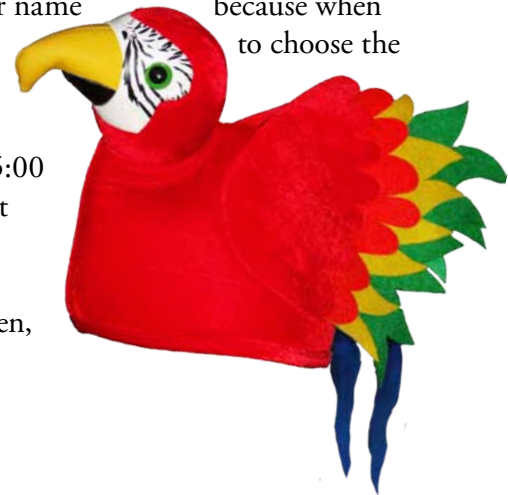
Now remember... as in the European Solstice tradition and celebration... **Wear a hat**, some flowers, twining vines, rosemary, a baseball cap, a garden hat, a veil, or even a tiara! Be creative with your head gear! if you would like to bring a candle in a holder to light up your table, please do! The club will furnish the napery.

There will be a gift plant for each person bought by the Club. An ongoing drawing during dinner will be held to choose your favorite plant (only one!). The plants will be purchased from Succulent Gardens in Castroville.

If you wish to participate in the gift exchange, bring a rooted plant, a garden related item, or a horticultural book. Be sure to label it with your name because when someone chooses your gift, they will then approach you to choose the next item. This exchange also goes on during dinner.

To receive a gift, bring a gift!

Lastly, we also need volunteers to set up and decorate at 5:00 P.M. and to help clean up at the end of the evening. Most of the table decorations can be taken home by you to use for your own holiday events. Lets all make this a great, traditional party! For questions, contact the Solstice Queen, Kaye Rosso at (925) 376-6903.



Notes from the Prez

The end of the year is fast approaching and the number of wet wintery days seem to be increasing! Never fear, the Solstice is nearly here – day length will be increasing and Spring will be not far off!



A big **thank you** to Peter B. for his interesting presentation on South Africa. Having good photos of the flora interspersed with those of many species of fauna made for an entertaining program!

Included with this newsletter is the **membership form** for 2011. Please send in your **renewal** soon so that we can start off the new year with a good number of current members.

The biennial **CSSA Convention** will be held in San Diego from April 24 to 29, 2011. For information on the talks, speakers, banquets and field trips, go to the

website www.sdcss.net/2011convention.html The cost of registration is discounted \$100 for people who sign up before February 15. For those of you who have not been to a convention, this is a good one to attend as it is relatively close and San Diego has many 'succulent' places to visit!

We should all give a great big thank you to the **board members** who served so willingly and well this past year. You have heard the expression "Many hands make light work"—well it took the efforts of many people to make the Club run smoothly! David was V.P. in charge of securing a Speaker and Grower for each meeting; Jim (Holl) was our efficient Secretary as well as organizing the binding of the CSSA Journals; Gary completed his fourth year as Treasurer, keeping our income and expenses well tabulated, an especially big task for the Show and Sale; Casper had the monthly (paper) newsletter printed and mailed; Daryl was in charge of membership, summarizing same for each board meeting; Brian described the plants on the Show & Tell table every month as well as writing a monthly article for the newsletter and reviewing books; Roger helped where needed; Stephen acted as our strong-voiced raffle-meister and helped the treasurer at meetings as well as serving on the nominating committee; Kaye oversaw the monthly meeting refreshments, spearheaded the organization of the annual Show & Sale, melded the two collections of books for our library and reorganized the booklist, served on the nominating committee and once again organized the December potluck, our Winter Solstice Party thus earning her the deserved title of 'Queen of the Solstice'; Tom has brought his design skills to bear as Editor of the newsletter (looks great!) and also sent out the E-newsletter to over half the membership every month; Don attended board meetings as an alternate director; Marilyn (Mangle) was the propagator of the club plants, supplied plants for the raffle every month, organized propagation workdays and prepared a big varied selection of plants for the club table at the Show & Sale; Jim (Haynes) volunteered to be our webmaster and put upcoming programs and articles on our website www.sfsucculent.org Thanks to everyone and also to other members who helped out throughout the year.

Due to time commitments, Jim (Holl) and Casper will not be returning to the board next year but two other members have stepped up to fill the vacancies: Karen Casino as Treasurer and Connie Burnikel who already is librarian will be the new Recording Secretary.

Hope to see you all (or as many as possible!) at the **Winter Solstice Potluck** and don't forget to **wear a hat**—either crazy or creative!!

This is the last newsletter until next year so do enjoy the other celebrations that follow the solstice, that is, Christmas and if you are of Scottish extraction, Hogmanay at New Year!!

Best Wishes!
Helen

CALENDAR—SAVE THE DATES

December 21, 2010

SFSCS Winter Solstice Party, 6:30 pm

January 18, 2011

SFSCS Meeting, 7 pm
Members and the public are welcome.

January 25, 2011

SFSCS Board Meeting, 7:30 pm
All members are welcome to attend.

February 12, 2011

SFSCS Club Propagation, 10 am - 2 pm
Confirm with Marilyn Mangle, 510-799-2754

February 15, 2011

SFSCS Meeting, 7 pm
Members and the public are welcome.

February 22, 2011

SFSCS Board Meeting, 7:30 pm
All members are welcome to attend.

February 26, 2011

SFSCS Club Propagation, 1 pm - 5 pm
Confirm with Marilyn Mangle, 510-799-2754

April 24-29, 2011

CSSA 2011 Convention
San Diego, California
www.sdcss.net/2011convention.html

CONGRATULATIONS!

We once again send our club congratulations to the Yablonsky family on the birth of their second daughter, Ruby, on October 25, 2010! Jennifer, her mother was our former newsletter editor and a succulent plant volunteer at Strybing before the birth of her first daughter, Iris, who now is beginning to teach her baby sister the joys of succulent propagation! Our best wishes and future happiness to all four of you!



WEAR
YOUR
HATS!

Membership: Year End Report

SFSCS has ended the year 2010 with 191 members, down only 6 from our all-time high last year of 197 due to a great effort last year from our previous Membership Chair, Connie Burnikel, especially at our annual show and sale.

The SFSCS membership demographics breakdown includes our East Bay members at 63, San Francisco with 57 members, North Bay has 20 members, South Bay/Peninsula has 44 and 7 others are from other locales in California and out of state. We have also seen members return that have been away for years. Welcome back to you all. Given the state of the economy, it is great to see that interest in organizations such as the SFSCS is still thriving.

Green and Streamline Your Newsletter Delivery to E-Delivery

Thank you to all who have converted to e-delivery of our full color newsletter. We now have a record high of 97 e-mail newsletters going out. Tom Vincze, our Newsletter Editor, has done a wonderful job this year in adding wonderful full-color photos to our newsletter. What better way to view this than to convert your delivery method to e-delivery. Simply note your preference below on the form. You may need to "whitelist" Tom's email address (tvm@thomasvincze.com) under the spam filter settings of your email account with your internet provider so the newsletter doesn't end up in your spam folder. For those of you who prefer a paper version, Gary Anderson is now in charge of the physical mailing. If you have any delivery problems, contact me first at daryl@comcast.net to make sure I have all your information correct.

Please Renew Your Membership

Last year we saw nearly half the membership wait until as late March and beyond to renew their memberships. This makes it very challenging in keeping our newsletter lists up-to-date. If you would be so kind to send in your payments promptly, it would be greatly appreciated by all who do such a diligent job in making sure you get your newsletters. Always, include a completed Membership Form along with your check made out to the SFSCS. Include a form even if all the information is the same. Send them to your Membership Chair, Daryl Du Charme, 7612 Hillmont Drive, Oakland, CA 94605. You may also, bring your completed form and payment to the Solstice Party on December 21 or to our next meeting on January 18.

Daryl Du Charme
Membership Chair

San Francisco Succulent & Cactus Society 2011 Membership Form

Membership dues are payable annually at the start of each calendar year.

Name (s) _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

E-mail _____ @ _____

Would you like to receive the newsletter via E-mail? _____ or Postal Delivery? _____

Primary Membership	\$ 15.00 each	\$ _____
Additional Household Member (s)	\$ 5.00 each	\$ _____
Individual Lifetime Membership	\$ 300.00 each	\$ _____
Additional Lifetime Membership	\$ 100.00 each	\$ _____
TOTAL		\$ _____

SFSCS Use Only:

Date: _____

Total Joining/Renewing: _____

Amt. Paid: \$ _____

Cash or Check No. _____

1) Is this a NEW or RENEWAL Membership? (Please circle one) New Renewal

2) How did you hear about this club? (Please circle one)

Friend / SFSCS Member Referral Strybing Garden Fair Gift Membership Website SF Chronicle Green Event Listing

SFSCS Annual Show & Sale Website Other _____

3) Are you a member of the Cactus & Succulent Society of America (CSSA)? (Please circle one) Yes No

Bring your completed form to any meeting or mail with check payable to SFSCS, Inc. to:
SFSCS Membership Chair, Daryl Du Charme, 7612 Hillmont Drive, Oakland, CA 94605

Behind the Scenes

SFSCS Board Meeting Minutes for November 23, 2010 Recorded by Secretary Jim Holl

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 p.m. All officers were present except David Calibo and Don Gerimonte who were unable to attend.

The November meeting at which there were 64 members and guests, was discussed. Peter Beiersdorfer's program on Impressions of South Africa: Succulents, Flowers, and Animals was discussed. It was refreshing to have the animals featured. Succulents were shown in habitat and then in close up shots. The program interwove animals and plants just as a trip through Africa would. Peter Beiersdorfer was our featured grower. He brought a nice selection of plants. The show and tell plants were Cotyledons, Tylecodons, and Mammillarias. There was a good selection of plants that were described by Brian Kemble. The Silent Auction Plant was an Agave 'Blue Glow' that was provided by David Calibo. It was decided to set a cutoff time for the silent auction plant to be a few minutes after the end of the show and tell portion of the meeting. The pre-tax sales price for the silent auction plant is split with the provider getting 80% and the club getting 20%.

The December meeting is our annual Winter Solstice Party on December 21. Each person attending is asked to bring a dish that will provide a small serving for 10-12 people. Set up is at 5pm. The party starts at 6:30pm. Each member will receive a succulent plant from the club in a drawing. There will also be a gift exchange. If you want to participate, bring a plant or garden item (unwrapped) and label it with your full name.

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed and is reprinted elsewhere in the newsletter. Thank you notes were received from UC Berkeley Botanical Garden, UC Santa Cruz Arboretum, and San Francisco Botanical Garden for donations described in the October Behind the Scenes article.

Approved expenses were \$149.42 for Solstice Party expenses, \$11.00 for Hostess expenses for November, \$71.75 for newsletter expenses, and \$20.08 for propagation expenses.

This month's membership report lists four new members: Steve Stephens, Marc O. and Rina Le Blanc, and Ken Waldeck. The club currently has 191 members.

Membership renewal forms will be included in the next newsletter. December 1 is the submittal date for most articles for the December issue.

Thanks to Connie Burnikel, our new librarian, for putting out books at each club meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT — NOVEMBER 2010

Beginning Balance as of 10/25/10: 36,831.58

Receipts:

Nov Memberships	85.00
Nov Raffle	36.00
Nov Club Plant Sales	12.00
Nov Sales Tax collected	1.58
Total Receipts:	134.58

Expenses:

Sept Speaker honorarium	(100.00)
Oct Vendors	(253.80)
Oct Hostess	(15.98)
Oct Hostess (additional)	(42.94)
Library Book List printing	(22.00)
Aloes of Madagascar book	(150.00)
Plant labels	(7.44)
Name Tags	(9.61)
Check printing charges	(43.02)
Solstice Party Beverages	(70.70)
CSSA Gift Membership	(45.00)
Ruth Bancroft Garden	(500.00)
U.C. Berkeley Arboretum	(1,000.00)
U.C. Santa Cruz Arboretum	(1,000.00)
San Francisco Botanical Garden	(1,000.00)
Total Expenses:	(4,260.49)

Ending Balance as of 11/22/10: 32,705.67

There were no propagation workdays in November. For one day, nobody came, and the other day was rained out. Note that the propagation team does not meet in December and January.

New officers for 2011 were elected at the November club meeting.

Connie Burnikel will be the new Secretary

Karen Casino will be the new Treasurer

Marilyn Mangle will be a new Director

Gary Anderson will be a new Alternate Director

All other positions are unchanged.

June 2011 dates for the club's annual show and sale are June 11 and June 12 with setup on June 10.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 p.m.



San Francisco Succulent & Cactus Society, Inc. (SFSCS) is a non-profit educational organization promoting the study and cultivation of succulent & xerophytic plants. The SFSCS meets regularly on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm in Golden Gate Park at The County Fair Building (Hall of Flowers) at 9th and Lincoln in San Francisco. The general meetings feature educational lectures and displays of plants. SFSCS publishes a monthly newsletter that comes with membership.

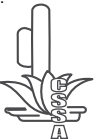
Membership: Annual Individual Memberships dues are \$15.00 per year plus \$5.00 for each additional member of the household. Life Memberships dues are \$300.00 for individuals plus \$100.00 for each member of the household. To join the SFSCS, mail your name(s), address, telephone and e-mail address plus a check made payable to the SFSCS for the correct amount to:
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Individual Memberships dues are \$45.00 per year plus \$10.00 for each additional member of the household. Join CSSA online at shop.cssainc.org or mail your name(s) address, telephone and e-mail address with a check made payable to the CSSA for the correct amount to:
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