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Today's Guest Speaker is Chuck Kline, Horticulturist at Sea World. The program will feature discussion and slides of European Gardens, taken during Mr. Kline's recent travels throughout European countries.---

Frank Granatowski

"Polynesian Paradise" is the theme of our annual open house this year on Mother's Day-Sunday May 14, 1978, is anticipated to exceed all previous shows in number and beauty of flowers. Members will provide their own props this year, which will result in a beautiful variety of individual creative ideas. If any exhibitors need any of the Society's props for their table, they may pick them up at the French's home (3624 Voltaire St., Point Loma) on Saturday March 11 from 10 a. m. til Noon. There is still time to reserve a table or a half of a table. Just contact George French, Show Chairman. ---

George French

The April meeting will be concerned with the upcoming two (possibly three) open to the public flower shows. Howard Jones will discuss our third annual Green Thumb Show at the Wild Animal Park on April 29-30. The Park's own hanging basket Epi-phyllums will be brought out to compliment our cut flowers. Club members will get into the Park free with their membership name tags.

This month, your Editor's membership fees become due. To make sure I do not forget I have placed these two membership poems in this issue as my reminder:

Happy Membership

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Blessed are those who attend meetings, for they shall have friends.

Blessed are they who speak up at meetings, for they shall learn.

Blessed are the brief, for they shall be heard.

Blessed are the good-humored, for they shall bring peace.

Blessed are those with perspective, for they shall be asked for advice.

Blessed are those who can take opposition, and not take offense or feel personally criticized by such opposition, for they shall be sought as leaders.

Blessed are willing volunteers, for they shall gain in stature with each added service which they they have performed.

Blessed are those who do promptly what they have promised, for they shall reap less criticism.

Blessed are those who voice appreciation for a job well done, for those whom they praise will be grateful forever.

---submitted by:

Madeline French
from the Business &
Professional Women's
Club magazine---

DO YOU JUST BELONG?

Gene Schmedding

Are you an active member,

The kind that would be missed

Or are you contented

That your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meetings

And mingle with the flock

Or do you stay at home

And criticize and knock?

There's quite a program scheduled

That I'm sure you've heard about

And we will all appreciate it

If you'll come and help us out.

So come to meetings often

And help with hand and heart.

Don't be just a member

Dig in and do your part.

Think this over Member

You know right from wrong.

Are you an ACTIVE member

Or do you just belong?

Nel 2 #3

WERCKLEOCEREUS, WEBEROCEREUS, AND ECCREMOCACTUS

by Rick Latimer

These three genera consist of members that are unappreciated, unavailable, or just plain rare as of yet. These plants form a bridge that runs from the genus Nyctocereus to Nopalxochia. There was some talk of uniting these three genera into one, but I have not heard anything recently on the matter. I have only seen two members (Eccremocactus bradei just last week at Rainbow Gardens and one of the Weberocereus about five years ago rotting in its pot!) over the years. Since I am not exactly familiar with any of them, I will just list their descriptions just in case someone might run across one in the future and might want to know what they have. As far as I know, all flowers are nocturnal.

WERCKLEOCEREUS

from Costa Rica

- W. tonduzii: stems triangular
not too spiny
5-15 mm. wide flowers funnel-form
white inner, outer green-yellow
7-8 cm. long, 4-5 cm. wide
- W. glaber: stems same as above
but bluish and spinier plant may be a variety of above
flower looks like a small Nyctocereus flower, spiny tube

WEBEROCEREUS

- W. tunilla: stems 2-6 angles
spiny 5-20 mm. wide flowers 6-7 cm. long, pungent odor,
pink outer, inner salmon like a small Ackermannii
- W. biolleyi: stems 4 angles
4-7 mm. wide, spines flowers 5-6 cm. long, pink outer
inner white
- W. panamensis: stems 2-4 angles
5-20 mm. wide, few spines flowers 5-6 cm. long, all white
- W. trichophorus: stems 5-7 angles
8-12 mm. wide long spines and hairs flowers 5-6 cm. long, hairy tube
sweet-must fragrance, pinkish

these plants come from Costa Rica and Panama

ECCREMOCACTUS

- E. rosei: stems flat, 4-8 cm.
from Ecuador wide, 4-6 mm. thick flowers pungent ill-smelling
pink-magenta outer, cream inner
- E. bradei: stems flat, 5-12 cm.
Costa Rica wide, 5mm. thick flowers fuller and less spiny than
above, but less open than below
- E. imitans: stems flat, ric-rac!
Costa Rica probably the most desirable of all
these plants flowers like a small Ackermannii
only its the same colors as the
above two's flowers, fragrance of
wet paint

REFERENCES:

Due to lack of space, I can only briefly mention that the above information was gleaned from several articles in the CSSA Journal in the 1950's and 60's mostly by Myron Kinnach with help by Harry Johnson and Paul Hutchison. The full list will be given upon request.