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Call for SCB Nominations!

If you would like to serve on the SCB Board of Directors, please send us your name! The Board meets six evenings a year (bimonthly) to plan the symposium, allocate funds, plan field trips, prepare *Leaflets* for mailing, evaluate grant proposals, and discuss other business. Meetings usually run about 90 minutes. Board members may also serve as officers. This year we will be electing a president, vice-president, and treasurer, as well as several directors-at-large to serve on the Board. Ballots will go out to members in mid-December, so please contact the editor of *Leaflets* by November 30 if you are interested (Editor: Kerry Myers, phone: (909) 809-9337, email: kerrymyers@fs.fed.us). This is a great opportunity for SCB members to lend a hand to ensure that this organization continues to be worthwhile and relevant to its members. No previous experience is necessary.



It is with greatest sympathy that we notify you of the passing of our great friend and Botanist Alan P. Romsper who served as Treasurer on the SCB board for many years, he will be sorely missed and fondly remembered.

There will be a dedication for Alan at the upcoming SCB Symposium as well as more information on a new SCB Grant started in Alan's name for research in desert botany. At the encouragement of those close to him, many books and reports that belonged to Alan Romsper will be included in the silent auction. Many of these are out of print and otherwise hard to find (cash or check only please).

Research Grants from SCB

Members of SCB are invited to submit proposals for the Southern California Botanists' three grant programs. Proposals for both programs are due November 30, 2009.

SCB Grant

SCB sponsors an annual grant program to support member research in botany (e.g. floristics, taxonomy and ecology). Preference is given to research on southern California native species.

Susan Hobbs

Grant for Field Research and Alan Romsper Grant for Research in Desert Botany

This year SCB will be awarding grants specifically for field research. These awards are supported by funds raised in memory of Susan Hobbs and Alan Romsper, long-time members of SCB.

Application instructions

If you are not currently a member, you may send a check for membership with your application. Individual membership dues are fifteen dollars (\$15) until January 1, 2010 and will be raised to \$25 thereafter. Only a limited number of proposals can be funded. The number of proposals will determine amounts, the amount available for disbursement, and the relative quality and merit of proposals. Maximum funding is five hundred dollars (\$500) per person per year. To be considered for a repeat grant, both a progress report and a forecast for the following year's research with a budget estimate are required. A maximum of three years of extended grants may be considered if progress is satisfactory. Grants may cover expendable items (films, supplies, travel) not otherwise available to the researcher. Proposals must contain the following information:

- Title Page
- Description of proposed research, primary objectives, and relationship of the research to researcher's goals (two page limit).

- Anticipated timetable for research, including dates for beginning and completion.
- Budget with justifications, and statement of funding from other sources.
- Brief resume including current position, education, affiliations, qualifications, and anticipated address at completion of research.
- A letter of recommendation from a faculty advisor (if student application), or employer, or professional able to state your history of completing similar projects.

Electronic submissions are encouraged. Please email your electronic submission as a Microsoft Word document to grants@socalbot.org. The subject of the email should read either “SCB Research Grant Proposal” or “Susan Hobbs Grant Proposal”. Those writing letters of recommendation should send their letters to the same

e-mail address. If paper submission is necessary, please send three copies of the proposal to:

Southern California Botanists Grants Committee
c/o Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden
1500 N. College Ave,
Claremont, CA 91711

Proposals must be received by November 30.

Recipients must send SCB a progress report once a year and one copy of the final report, thesis, dissertation, or journal article resulting from supported work. Recipients must acknowledge SCB’s support in any reports, publications, or programs resulting from work SCB supports. Recipients should consider contributing a short article on their work to SCB’s journal, *Crossosoma*.

Anza-Borrego Institute Grants

The Anza-Borrego Institute, the education and research arm of the Anza-Borrego Foundation, has announced its annual offering of two competitive grant programs to assist graduate students conducting research in conservation biology and insect ecology.

For proposal guidelines, please visit the Anza-Borrego Foundation & Institute website at www.theabf.org/scholarships.htm or contact Sally Theriault, Manager, Anza-Borrego Institute at (760) 767-4063.

Mary DeDecker Botanical Grant

The Bristlecone Chapter of the California Native Plant Society is pleased to request applications for the Mary DeDecker Botanical Grant. The program will award two grants of up to \$500 each to promote research and projects that increase understanding and appreciation of the native flora and ecosystems of the Eastern Sierra region. The grant committee will consider proposals from graduate and undergraduate college students as well as elementary, middle, and high school pupils and their teachers. Deadline for proposals is Dec. 8, 2009. For more information please contact: spmjeb@qnet.com.

Upcoming Events

Fall & Winter Events at the Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden

November 8 (Sunday), 9am – 2pm. Annual Fall Plant Sale. Thousands of native and water-efficient plants, including a vast selection of perennials and flowering shrubs, spring bulbs and native wildflower seeds. Experienced horticulturists on-site. Shuttle service. On-line plant list, www.rsabg.org. Sponsored in part by Hines Horticulture. FREE admission and parking for sale customers.

November 14 (Saturday), 10am – 4pm. Acorn Festival. Tongva in native regalia will gather to celebrate harvest season with song, dance and storytelling. Activities, crafts and plants for sale.

*Information for the next issue of LEAFLETS (Vol. 18, No. 6) should be sent to the editor by November 27, 2009. Please email material to kerry Myers@fs.fed.us or mail to: Kerry Myers, Botanist
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November 22 (Sunday) 12:30pm – 4:30pm.
Making gourd baskets and containers. Gourds

and pine needles are easily obtained materials that can be transformed into stunning and rustic-looking containers and baskets. In this class, participants will learn both gourd crafting and basketry skills. Students will prepare and shape a gourd to make the base of a basket to which decorative coiled bundles of pine needles and other plant materials can be attached at the top. Participants will color and design the gourd to create a beautiful, unique vessel for display at home or to give as the perfect gift for the holiday season. All materials are provided and included in class fee. Alice Kotzen, Artist \$42 (\$46 nonmember) Limit: 12 participants Code: 094ART103

November 21 (Saturday) 12am – 3pm. Succulent Wreath Workshop. Learn how to make and care for a living wreath made of succulent plants. Living wreaths can be enjoyed year round, and are attractive, and personal additions to holiday decorations and gift giving. In particular, succulents are hardy plants that are easy to grow and maintain and also vary in color, texture, and form, making them ideal plants for use in this popular craft. All materials are provided and included in class fee. RSABG Staff \$48 (\$53 nonmember) Limit: 12 participants Code: 094ART101

Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden is also offering other classes in horticulture and art that are not listed here. To view a full calendar of events and to register for classes and events, visit the Garden's website at www.rsabg.org.

Membership Dues now Due

Membership dues for the 2010 calendar year (January-December) are now due. If the mailing label on the front of this issue of Leaflets says "Dec09" AND you have not renewed your membership by paying to attend this month's SCB Symposium, please send in your renewal now. If you did pay for the symposium, you are probably paid up. The symposium fee includes a year's membership in SCB, and most of the mailing labels will not yet reflect the new membership expiration date. For those of you

who do need to renew your membership, please fill out the form on the cover of this issue of Leaflets and send it, together with your check (\$15 for individuals or families (until January 1, 2010 then becomes \$25 thereafter); \$25 for organizations (until January 1, 2010 then becomes \$35 thereafter), to

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prickly poppy

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