



San Gabriel Valley Cactus & Succulent Society COMMUNIQUE

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The next meeting of the San Gabriel Valley Cactus and Succulent Society will be the holiday party Sunday, January 7 at 5 pm in Ayres Hall at the LA County Arboretum in Arcadia. Please arrive early.

Cactus and Succulent Workshop
Wednesday, January 17.
Topic: to be determined
The C&S Workshop will meet on in the Palm Room at the Los Angeles Arboretum on Wednesday, at 7:30 pm

Mini –Show Plants for December and January
None.
No mini-shows for either month.

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ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

Holiday Party & Potluck Dinner on Sunday, January 7 in Ayres Hall at the LA County Arboretum. Help us celebrate the club's 50th anniversary.

Park in the side parking lot and enter through the gate next to the hall.

Setup starts at 3:00 p.m., and **WE NEED YOUR HELP** to set up tables and the room. Dinner starts at 5:00 p.m. The club provides plates, cups, and utensils. Club members provide main dishes, appetizers, salads, relishes, side dishes, and desserts. Please bring that yummy casserole your family begs for....anything you'd like to share. And please bring enough to feed both you and your guests (one dish per person ensures that we have enough food for everyone). There are some **fantastic** cooks in our club, and the meal is always outstanding.

Please call your dinner coordinators **Rebecca Mallonee** (714)299-1304 or **Mary Brumbaugh** (626)201-8615 to volunteer your set-up/clean-up services, or for questions.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

We have limited access to the kitchen, so plan your dish accordingly.

No warming up before serving, nor washing dishes after dinner.

Break out those crock pots and warming trays.

Gift Exchange: Anyone may participate in this optional activity. Bring one cactus, succulent, or related item per person. It must be in good condition (something you would like to receive). Attach a label with your name on one side and the species on the other. The item that is deemed most desirable will be sold during the auction. The person who brought in that item gets first pick from all remaining items. The person who brought *that* item gets to pick next, and so on

Holiday Plants: Each member receives a Holiday Plant as a gift from the Club. Members are invited to bring in plants from previous Holiday Parties to show how well they have been grown.

Holiday Party (continued)

Plant Auction: Bring Money! This is a great opportunity to purchase or sell rare or specimen sized plants. Items will be auctioned by some of our knowledgeable members.

Auction Rules are:

- * Must be a club member to sell.
- * Limit of 2 plants or cactus/succulent-related items per member.
- * Other items may include artwork such as paintings and pottery, or just neat items with cactus/succulents on them.
- * Plants must be mature, well-grown specimens.
- * Club gets 25% of the proceeds, seller gets 75%.
- * Label your auction items with your name and the minimum bid you'll accept.
- * If the item is a donation to the club, then indicate such.

SEE YOU SUNDAY, January 7th!

NO MEETINGS IN DECEMBER

Happy Holidays!

Hope to see you in January!

NO REGULAR MEETING IN DECEMBER!

NO WORKSHOP IN DECEMBER!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I'd like to clarify our meeting schedule for December and January. We usually have our holiday dinner in December and we actually had Ayres Hall reserved for it this year but in February the Arboretum let us know that they had canceled our reservation and had booked a large exhibition for much of November and December. The earliest we could get the hall would have been the weekend before Christmas. Most of us felt this would result in a very low turnout and several of our regular volunteers said they would not be able to help since they had other obligations that close to Christmas. The board decided that the next best time to have our annual dinner would be in January so we booked Ayres Hall for January 7th.

Since Ayres Hall was booked most of December and only the smaller classrooms downstairs would be available, we decided to forgo the December meeting altogether. Our December and January meetings will be:

December - No meetings

**January 7th - Annual pot luck and awards dinner
including all activities we
normally have at the Holiday dinner.**

January 11th - 2nd Thursday of the month - No meeting

January 17th - Workshop meeting downstairs in the Palm room

Tom Vermilion

Your **DUES ARE DUE** unless you paid them at the November meeting.

MEMBERSHIP IS TWENTY DOLLAR\$.

You can pay at the SUNDAY, JANUARY 7th Party

Or you could pay by writing a check payable to SGVCSS

And mail it to Tori Wilson, membership

501 San Luis Rey Road,

Arcadia, CA 91007



**Field Trip to the LIVING DESERT
Saturday, January 20
The cost is \$30.00.
This includes the bus trip
AND entrance to the Living Desert.**



It's a bus trip, but not this bus.

Bus Trip to the Living Desert Zoo-Gardens & Nursery

Saturday, January 20, 2018

Bus will leave at 8:30 a.m. sharp from the northwest corner of the Santa Anita Mall parking lot which is across the street from Ayres Hall. It is approximately a two hour drive. For those in the East San Gabriel Valley we can make a stop at the Park & Ride in San Dimas, just off the 10 freeway at the Fairplex exit.

Cost is \$30.00 and this includes the admission fee. While you are there you may purchase an All Day Shuttle Ride for \$6.00, or you may purchase \$6.00 tickets to ride on a camel. Please wear comfortable shoes. You may bring a lunch and eat in either one of the 3 picnic areas, or you may want to eat in either of the 2 cafes.

The Zoo includes many African and desert animals including giraffes, cheetahs fossa, birds and reptiles. The gardens includes an aloe garden, cactus garden, palm garden and a natural desert garden with bursea microphyllas. Newly added is a G-scale large model train exhibit. Now, if your legs and feet start to give up on you, you can go to the Bird & Animal Amphitheater to rest — be sure to check for the specific times for the performances.

When we leave the Living Desert, we will go to Moller's Garden Center, which is close by. Our last stop will be at the Mariscal Cactus & Succulent Nursery. They have informed us that they will bring in some extra nice plants for us to buy. So bring your wallets! By now, you should be getting tired and may want to snooze on our way back home.

Please make checks payable to **SGVC&S** and mail it to:

Margie Wilson, Treasurer
501 San Luis Rey Road, Acadia, CA 91007

Or you may bring your check to our New Year Holiday Party on January 7, 2018. Hope you all can make it.



You can't take a train to the Living Desert. But you can see lots of model trains. They have a huge model train layout.

This photo of a model train
is from [pinterest.com](https://www.pinterest.com)

**The SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CACTUS and
SUCCULENT SOCIETY NEWSLETTER
(THE COMMUNIQUE)
WILL NO LONGER BE MAILED
effective January 2018.**

The cost of printing and mailing the newsletter is much more than the extra \$10.00 per year we have been charging for mailing the newsletter.

But you can get the Communique on a computer.

If you don't have access to a computer, you can ask a friend to print the newsletter for you or go to a public library and read it there. Most libraries will print the newsletter (for an additional charge).

There will be 10 printed copies of the newsletter at each meeting.



NO MORE SNAIL MAIL.

Photo from Wikipedia.

A note from the membership chair

Dear members,

Thank you for making 2017 a great club year. Wonderful meetings, workshops, and huge shows make us one of the more active local clubs.

Due to Arboretum scheduling, there will not be a December or January meeting. In order to get the Communique to the correct members and to get the roster out on time, we are asking that membership fees be mailed ahead of time or submitted at the January Party. Please do your best to be prompt so you can be in the roster.

The membership fee for the emailed Communique is \$20. Due to rising costs (and so we can add more wonderful color pictures), we will no longer be mailing the Communique. Those of you currently receiving mailed copies will be receiving an options letter in the mail before the beginning of the year.

Let's make 2018 a great year starting with the January party. I hope to see you there.

Tori Wilson, Membership Chair

Please make **\$20 checks payable to SGVCSS.**

Please mail to: **501 San Luis Rey Road, Acadia, CA 91007**

Road Arcadia, CA 91007

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL TROPHY WINNERS
2017 SGVCSS 24th ANNUAL WINTER SHOW AWARDS

CACTI

Best Cactus Novice	Shaun Adams	Mammillaria plumosa
Best Cactus Advanced	Kathryn Boorer	Copiapoa hypogaea
Best Cactus Open	Karen & Martin Ostler	Obregonia denegrii
Best Ariocarpus	Kal Kaminer	Ariocarpus retusus cv cauliflower
Best Mammillaria	Greg & Anna Cavanaugh	Mammillaria plumosa
Best Epiphytic Cactus	Sharon Sedillo	Rhipsalis boliviana
Best Gymnocalycium	Karen & Martin Ostler	Gymnocalycium ochoterena
Best Rebutia/Sulcorebutia	Peter Walkowiak	Cintia knizel
Best Opuntia	Greg & Anna Cavanaugh	Tephrocactus geometricus
Best Echinocereus	Peter Walkowiak	Echinocereus dasyacantha

SUCCULENT

Best Succulent Novice	Shaun Adams	Haworthia splendens v splendens gm452
Best Succulent Advanced	Gunnar Eisel	Adromiscus marianae herrei
Best Succulent Open	Peter Wealkowiak	Adenium swazicum
Best Agave	Dick Hammer	Agave victoriae-reginae
Best Mesemb	John Matthews	Lithops lesliei
Best Haworthia	John Matthews	Haworthia cv. Reikoden
Best Madagascan Euphorbia	Petra Crist	Euphorbia francoisii v crassicasulis
Best Euphorbia	Greg & Anna Cavanaugh	Euphorbia shoelandii
Best Dorstenia	Manny Rivera	Dorstenia gigas
Best Crassulaceae	Petra Crist	Tylecodon reticulatus
Best Geraniaceae	Manny Rivera	Pelargonium mirabile
Best Pachypodium	Peter Walkowiak	Pachypodium saundersii
Best Winter Growing Succulent	Peter Walkowiak	Ceraria namaquanum

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL TROPHY WINNERS
2017 SGVCSS 24th ANNUAL WINTER SHOW AWARDS
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JOINT

Best Collection	no entry	
Best Mutant	KalKaminer	Ariocarpus fissuratus cv “Godzilla”
Winter Theme	Matt Del-Tufenkian	Opuntia erinacea
Best Baja Plant	Peter Walkowiak	Ficus palmerii
Best Mexican plant	Robin Petersson	Ortegocactus macdougllii
Best Miniature	Kathryn Boorer	Blossfeldia liliputana
Best Staged Plant	Petra Crist	Pelargonium mirabile

SWEEPSTAKES

High Points Cacti Novice	Alex Sierra
High Points Cacti Advanced	Kathryn Boorer
High Points Cacti Open	Karen & Martin Ostler
High Points Succulents Novice	Shaun Adams
High Points Succulents Advanced	Kathryn Boorer
High Points Succulents Open	Peter Walwowiak
Sweepstakes Winner	Kathryn Boorer

THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED AT THE WINTER SHOW

We want to acknowledge (as best as we can recollect) all those who helped to make the 2017 Winter Show/Sale run so smoothly. These efforts include setup, teardown, and everything in between - manning cash registers and credit card machine, handling club vendor tags, keeping carryout boxes available, manning holding table and exits /entrances, helping customers with their purchases, manning information desks, helping entrants with identifying their plants, providing interior and exterior security, providing educational talks, judging, clerking, providing food and drink (especially the judges'/clerks' dinner and the auction dinner), and last but not least, getting the final checks to the vendors.

For all of the above efforts, thanks to (apologies in advance to anyone we missed) Tom Glavich , James Lemos, Jim and Roberta Hanna, Ken Hanke, Louise Guerin, Evelynn Stevens, Louise Stack, Stephen Dorsey, Robert Yamasaki, Donald Sneberger, Lynn and Chester Olson, Sharon Sedillo, Allie Brandt, Matt Dell-Tufenkian, M A Bjarkman, Vince Basta, Barbara Newman, Shaun Adams, Steve Ball and Mary Carroll, Peter Christie, Cindy Arakaki, Jerry Williams, Joe Wujcik, Walter and Susan Weststeyn, Danny Veelik and Betty Farfan, Hank Warzybok, Woody Minnich, Peter Walkowiak, Sandy and Shelly Chase, Karen and Martin Ostler, Rob MacGregor and daughter Megan, Tim Harvey, Artie Chavez, Tom Vermillion, June Wong, Kal Kaminer, Solomon Leyva, Arnold Chaney, Matt Maggio, Petra Crist, Chuck Everson and Jerry Williams, Pablo Gonzalez, Steve Frieze, Clifford Meng, California Cactus Center, Gunnar Eisel, Peter Sharp, Richard Salcedo, Richard Roosman, Camille Rutkowski, Margie and Victoria Wilson, Rebecca Mallonee , Mary Brumbaugh , Irene Chew, Barbara Hall, and all our members who entered their wonderful plants in the show, and especially to our customers who bought all the sales items and gazed at all the impressive show plants.

As you can see there are lots of things to be done and a lot of people doing them. However, there were times when not enough volunteers were available so we need more members to volunteer at our next show. You don't need a lot of plant experience for most of these tasks. You just need to volunteer. Just one hour of volunteering when you come to the show will help greatly.

Manny Rivera, Show Chair
John Matthews, Sales Chair

SGVC&SS LEADERSHIP TEAM - 2017

ELECTION FOR THREE DIRECTORS AT THE HOLIDAY PARTY ON SUNDAY, JANUARY

Three directors are stepping down.

Mary Brumbaugh,
Rebecca Mallonee, and
Jean Mullens

Nomimated to serve a two year term as directors are:

Irene Chew
Donn Muhleman
Richard Salcedo

- Tom Vermilion, President
- Gunnar Eisel, Past President
- Vince Basta, Vice President
- Louise Guerin, Secretary
- Margie Wilson, Treasurer
- Rebecca Mallonee, Director
- Mary Brumbaugh, Director
- Jean Mullens, Director
- Gunnar Eisel, Director
- Sharon Sedillo, Director
- Kal Kaminer, Director
- Manny Rivera, Winter Show Chair
- John Matthews, Winter Sales Chair
- Tom Glavich, Inter-City Show Chair
- Jim Hanna, CSSA Affiliate Rep
- Gunnar Eisel, Website Chair
- Woody Minnich, Program Chair
- Tori Wilson, Membership Chair
- Cindy Arakaki, Librarian
- Richard Roosman, Newsletter Editor



Winter is almost here.

Photo from 123RF

****Note **** Join the San Gabriel Valley Cactus and Succulent Society. Membership Dues are \$20 per year Your 2018 Club member dues can be paid at the next meeting or mailed directly to Tori Wilson
501 San Luis Rey Road,
Arcadia, CA 91007

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Plant of the Month Mini Show Results

November 2017

Open Cactus

- 1st place — Gunnar Eisel — *Oreocereus celsianus*
2nd place — Gunnar Eisel — *Ferocactus acanthodes variegata*
3rd place — Gunnar Eisel — *Gymnocalycium variegata*

Open Succulent

- 1st place — Gunnar Eisel — *Gasteria species variegata*

Intermediate Cactus

- 1st place — Louise Stack — *Opuntia linguiformis*

Intermediate Succulent

- 1st place — Tom Howard — *Agave “Snow Glow”*

Novice Cactus

- 1st place — Richard Salcedo — *Opuntia cochenillifera variegated*
2nd place — Shaun Adams — *Sulcorebutia species*

Novice Succulent

- 1st place — Minh Au — *Haworthia limifolia variegata*
2nd place — Shaun Adams — *Agave victoriae-reginae variegated*
3rd place — Richard Salcedo — *Gasteraloe scorpioides variegated*

Hey Everybody,

thought I'd let you know about a new book just off the press, **The Xerophile**. This book is a photographic treasure featuring the unusual and special cacti and other succulents from around the world, all in their native habitats.

The authors of this book are three young men from the LA area and they operate the Cactus Store in Los Angeles. Carlos, Max and Jeff have great new visions and their book features plants as they are seldom seen and the photographs are from many of the really obsessed field explorers including: Graham Charles, Howard Gates, Paul Hoxey, John Lavranos, George Lindsey, Joel Lode, Martin Lowery, Woody Minnich, Reid Moran, John Redman, and many others.

I'm sure we'll be seeing and hearing more from these young, new inspirations to our hobby.

Please see the attached photo of two of the four contributors, whose dedicated energy has made this book happen.

In photo, Carlos Morera, Woody Minnich major photographic contributor and Christian Cummings. Photo by Gunnar Eisel

Please put this info, photo in your newsletter.

Cheers,
Woody



2018 CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**SAN DIEGO Cactus & Succulent Society Show and Sale****SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10****1548 El Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101, San Diego, CA
information: 619-990-2051****ORANGE COUNTY Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale****THURSDAY, MARCH 22 from 6 pm to 9 pm****FRIDAY, MARCH 23 from 9 am to 7 pm****SATURDAY, MARCH 24 from 9 am to 6 pm****Anaheim United Methodist Church****1000 South State College Blvd. in the City of Anaheim
information: 562-587-3357****SOUTH COAST Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale****SATURDAY, APRIL 7 from 9 am to 4 pm****SUNDAY, APRIL 8 from 9 am to 4 pm****South Coast Botanical Gardens,****26300 Crenshaw Blvd., Palos Verdes,****information: 310-378-1963 or <http://www.southcoastcss.org>.****HUNTINGTON PLANT SALE****SUNDAY, APRIL 29 from 10 am to 5 pm****Huntington Botanical Gardens****1151 Oxford Road, San Marino****information: 626-405-3504****SUNSET Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale****SATURDAY, MAY 5****SUNDAY, MAY 6****Veterans' Memorial Center, Garden Room, 4117 Overland Ave.,
Culver City, information: 310-822-1783**

2018 CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS (continued)**SOUTH BAY Epiphyllum Sociey Show & Sale****SUNDAY, May 6 from 9 am to 4 pm****South Coast Botanical Gardens, 26300 Crenshaw Blvd.,
Palos Verdes. Information: 310-833-6823****GATES Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale****FRIDAY, MAY 11 from 9 am to 4:30 pm****SATURDAY, MAY 12 from 9 am to 4:30 pm****Land Scapes Southern California Style, 450 East Alessandro Blvd.,
Riverside. Information: 909-626-4197****LONG BEACH Cactus Club Show & Sale****SATURDAY, MAY 19, from 10 am to 4 pm****SUNDAY, MAY 20, from 10 am to 4 pm****Rancho Los Alamitos, 6400 Bixby Hill Road, Long Beach
information: 562-631-5876****CENTRAL COAST Cactus & Succulent Show & Sale****SATURDAY, MAY 26 from 10 am to 4 pm****SUNDAY, MAY 27 from 10 am to 4 pm****Ludwich Center, 864 Santa Rosa, San Luis Obispo,
info:rmation: 806-237-2054 or www.centralcoastcactus.org****SAN DIEGO Cactus & Succulent Show & Sale****SATURDAY, JUNE 2****SUNDAY, JUNE 3****1548 El Prado, Balboa Park, Room 101, San Diego,
information: 858-382-1797****LOS ANGELES Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale****SATURDAY, JUNE 9 from 9 am to 4 pm****SUNDAY, JUNE 10 from 9 am to 3 pm****Sepulveda Garden Center, 16633 Magnolia Ave, Encino
information: www.lacactus.com**

2018 CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS (continued)**CSSA Annual Show Show & Sale****FRIDAY, JUNE 29 SALE ONLY FROM 10 am to 5 pm****SATURDAY, JUNE 30 SHOW and SALE from 10 am to 5 pm****SUNDAY, JULY 1 SHOW and SALE from 10 am to 5 pm****Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino
information: 626-405-3504****ORANGE COUNTY Cactus & Succulent Show & Sale****THURSDAY, JULY 19 from 6 pm to 9 pm****FRIDAY, JULY 20 from 9 am to 7 pm****SATURDAY, JULY 21 from 9 am to 5 pm****Anaheim United Methodist Church****1000 South State College Blvd. in the City of Anaheim
information: 949-212-8417****ANNUAL INTERCITY Cactus & Succulent Show & Sale****SATURDAY, AUGUST 11 from 9 am to 5 pm****SUNDAY, AUGUST 12 from 9 am to 5 pm****Los Angeles County Arboretum, 301 North Baldwin, Arcadia
information: Tom Glavich 626-798-2430 or John Martinex****HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDEN Succulent Symposium****SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1. All day at the Huntington.****info:rmation: 626-405-3504****LONG BEACH Cactus Club ANNUAL PLANT AUCTION****SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 from noon to 5 pm****Rancho Los Alamitos, 6400 Bixby Hill Road, Long Beach, CA 90615
information: 562-631-5871**

2018 CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS (continued)

BAKERSFIELD Cactus & Succulent Society

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6 from 10 am to 5 pm

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7 from 11 am to 3 pm

St. Paul's Church, 2216 17th Street, Bakersfield CA 93304

Free Admission and Parking

information: 661-831-8488

PALOMAR CACTUS 7 & SUCCULENT SOCIETY FALL SHOW & SALE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5 from 10 am to 5 pm

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6 from 10 am to 3 pm

San Diego Botanic Gardens, 230 Quail Gardens Road, Encinitas, CA

information: brita_miller@yahoo.com or 858-776-7216

SAN GABRIEL CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW & SALE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3 from 9 am to 4 pm

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4 from 9 am to 4 pm

Los Angeles County Arboretum, 310 North Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia

information: Manny Rivera 626-780-6957 or John Matthews

661-714-1052



THE HUNTINGTON

LIBRARY, ART COLLECTIONS, AND BOTANICAL GARDENS

1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, California 91108 (626) 405-2100

DESERT FORUM

Saturday, 13 January 2018

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 9:00 – 9:45 **Registration**
Please bring your CSSA or affiliated club badge or membership card for admission. In order to receive free admission, you must arrive by 9:45. Late arrivers will need to pay for Huntington admission.
- 9:00 – 10:00 Coffee and doughnuts will be available in the lower part of the Desert Garden
- 9:00 – 11:00 **Desert Garden**
- Knowledgeable staff and docents will be stationed throughout the Desert Garden and Desert Conservatory
 - Aloes will be flowering
- 11:00 – 1:00 **Plant Sales – (exclusively for CSSA and club members)**
Gate opens by the Teaching Greenhouse at 11:00 for plant sales. ***Please, no early bird shopping, and no shopping after 1:00.***
Cash, checks, and credit cards accepted
- 1:00 – 5:00 **Free Time**
Participants are welcome to tour the gardens and galleries from 10:00 to 5:00.

Lunch:

- The café in the visitor center features a variety of sandwiches, salads, and grilled items
- The tea room at Liu Fang Yuan is an option for Asian food
- The coffee shop by the Store offers a small selection of pre-made options

2017 WINTER SHOW TROPHY TABLE WINNERS



Top Row (from left to right):

**Greg Cavanaugh, Alex Sierra, Robin Petersson,
Peter Walkowiak, Dick Hammer, Kal Kaminer**

Bottom Row (from left to right):

**Anna Cavanaugh, Shuan Adams, Karen & Martin Ostler,
John Matthews, Manny Rivera, Gunnar Eisel, Petra Crist &
Lucy**



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Newsletter of the San Gabriel Valley
Cactus and Succulent Society
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Huntington Park, CA 90255

FIRST CLASS MAIL

If you have a cactus or succulent related event that you would like to have announced in the **COMMUNIQUE**, forward the information to the address below. Please verify the event date. Articles, Notices and Corrections can be sent via email to: richardinwalnutpark@msn.com or via mail to:
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P.O. Box 5222, Huntington Park, CA 90255. Material must be received by the 20th of the month to be considered for publication in the next issue of the **COMMUNIQUE**.