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The Western Region Turns 50!



A warm and sunny San Diego greeted us as we gathered for the 50th Anniversary Annual Meeting at the Crowne Plaza; the first return visit since 1990. There was a total attendance of 176, including 15 exhibitors. Jim Conner, First Vice President, and his Site Committee gathered a large number of corporate sponsors as well as over 300 items for the Silent Auction.

The Pre-Conference Tour had 92 participants who toured Village Nurseries, Hines Nurseries, First Step Greenhouses, Sherman Nursery and Western Cactus Growers with a luncheon stop at South Coast Winery Resort and Spa. Upon their return they mingled with other members and guests at a delightful Poolside Welcome Reception and buffet which lasted into the night.

The Thursday tour began with lunch generously provided by Euro American Propagators followed by a tour of their facility. Then off to Green Meadow Growers, Olive Hill Greenhouses and Sunlet Nursery, followed by a free evening.

Friday was the last day of tours, visiting Plug Connection, Kent's Bromeliad Nursery, Rancho Tissue Technologies and Quail Botanical Gardens. One of the highlights of the meeting was the 50th Anniversary Dinner aboard the Lord Hornblower Yacht as we cruised San Diego Harbor. After dinner, Nevin Smith, President 2008 – 2009, passed the gavel to Jim Conner, the incoming President. Upon the attendees return to the hotel the high bidders picked up their prized plants and other items.

The meeting wrapped up Saturday with Nuggets of Knowledge and New Plant introductions.

There were many and varied speaker topics throughout the meeting and we thank all who shared their time and knowledge with us. You can access their presentations on the Western Region website: <http://www.ippswr.org/>

A very special presentation on the first day was a joint effort by Philip Barker and Don Dillon Sr., "Recollections of IPPS Before, During and After 1960". This explored the origins of IPPS in 1951, through the formation of the Western Region in 1959, to the present and Phil's experiences as a founding member. A plaque of gratitude was presented to Phil who then received a standing ovation from the group.



Founding Member Phil Barker (center) with daughter Tamra Barker (left) and Founding Member Don Dillon, Sr. (right).



Save the Date:
51st Annual Meeting
September 8 – 11, 2010
Bellingham, WA

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Annie Stovall	Merritt College

NEW MEMBERS - 2009

Mike Amaranthus	Mycorrhizal Applications
Felipe Avalos	Driscoll Strawberry Associates
Betsy Baldwin-Owens	Sun Chase Natives and Specialty Plants
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Amanda Klinger	Olds College
Therese Sherwin	Merritt College
Daniel Chappell	Olds College



Jim Conner presenting owner Tony Godfrey of Olive Hill Greenhouses a plaque of appreciation.



Western Cactus Growers

UPCOMING AREA MEETING

Susan Ashley (susanwashley@gmail.com) is planning an Area Meeting for June 10, 2010. Here is the tentative schedule. For more information, please contact Susan.

9 AM: Meet at Elkhorn Native Plant Nursery for a brief talk and tour

1957B Highway 1, Moss Landing CA 95039, (831) 763-1207 www.Elkhornnursery.com

10:20 Depart Elkhorn

10:30 Arrive Succulent Gardens for a brief talk and time for retail sales

2133 Elkhorn Road, Castroville, CA 95012 , (831) 632-0482 www.sgplants.com

12:45 Depart Succulent Gardens and head for Suncrest Nurseries

1:30 Arrive Suncrest, catered lunch, presentation or Nuggets of Knowledge type session

400 Casserly Road, Watsonville, CA 95076, (831) 728-2595 www.suncrestnurseries.com

2:30- ?Explore Suncrest

IN MEMORIAM

Ralph Moore

Ralph S. Moore was born in 1907 to Orlando Moore in Visalia, California. In 1937 he opened Moore's Miniature Roses in California and from then until his death bred over five hundred new miniature rose breeds including the award winning "Little Ann," after his wife, Ann. On May 29, 2003, in downtown Visalia, the Ralph Moore Rose Garden was dedicated to Ralph to honor his achievements as a rose breeder. On January 14, 2007, Moore celebrated his 100th birthday at the Visalia Convention Center. There he received awards from the Royal National Rose Society of Great Britain and the American Rose Society. He also received a flag that was flown over the United States Capitol on January 8, 2007 in his honor. Ralph wrote poetry for over 25 years including the poetry book "Thoughts of Roses". On April 30, 2008, his retail rose business, Sequoia Nursery, closed. Moore gave all his plants and breeding stock, 80 rose patents and a cash donation to Texas A&M University's horticultural sciences department. Moore said he had originally chosen his alma mater, the University of California, Davis, to take care of his stock and research. But he later decided that the program at Texas A&M was better equipped to fulfill the vision he has for the future of roses. The University already had an existing rose breeding program and it maintains the Robert E. Basye Endowed Chair in Rose Breeding. Moore's donation enlarged the rose breeding program to include miniature roses. He died in September 2009, at the age of 102, of natural causes at the Kaweah Delta Medical Center, Visalia, California.

Steve Fazio

Steve Fazio, a Past President of the Western Region, passed away on January 24, 2010. A lifelong resident of Arizona, he attended the University of Arizona and was awarded BS and MS degrees in Horticulture. He devoted his professional life of 46 years as a teacher and student advisor in the College of Agriculture at the U of A. He was beloved by his students and the recipient of numerous national, state, university and local awards. He was named "Professor of the Year" in the College of Agriculture; the U of A "Presidents Club Award"; Alumni "Distinguished Citizen Award" and the L.M. Ware "Distinguished Teaching Award". Steve was a founding member of the Tucson Men's' Garden Club and a judge at the State and County Fair competitions. He hosted radio and television programs and wrote "Tales of a Desert Gardener" for the Tucson Citizen for many years. His greatest gift was a love and concern for others.



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