



# ***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 Thursday,  
November 9th  
at 7:30 pm  
in Ayres Hall at the  
LA County Arboretum  
in Arcadia.**

**Cactus and Succulent  
Workshop  
Wednesday, November 15th.  
Topic: Winter Seed Workshop**  
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 November  
Variegated  
Cacti  
  
Variegated  
Succulents**

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## This Month's Presentation

Keith Taylor

will give a presentation entitled:

Staging — A different approach

Keith Taylor began collecting caudiciform succulents in 1991 after seeing a large *Cyphostemma juttae* in the ground at a local botanical garden. "I was drawn to size and grotesque shape of the trunk". The *Cyphostemma* he saw is also the first succulent he purchased and is still in his collection of more than 800 plants.

Keith prefers his succulents to look like habitat specimens rather than cultivated plants. He grows them hard, meaning limited water, little to no feeding and hot sun to give them the look of collected plants.

His favorites include *Cyphostemma*, *Fockea*, *Fouquieria*, *Pachypodium*, *Pachycormus*, *Tylecodon*, *Othonna*, *Pelargonium*, *Mesemb*s and *Euphorbia*. Roughly 5% of his collection is tuberous rooted cacti: *Lophophora*, *Peniocereus*, *Turbiniacarpus*, *Mammillaria*, *Leuchtenbergia* and *Ariocarpus*.

In 2008, Keith began creating pots to show off his plants. He believes the pot should compliment, not distract. The main focus should be the succulent. If the pot is too ornate, colorful, or shiny, it draws your eye toward the pot rather than the succulent. Also proportion plays a role. The container needs to be the right width and depth to look balanced. For example, if the succulent is placed in the center of the container surrounded by colorful stones it will look artificial and awkward. Rocks and topdressing add to complete the presentation. His pottery is sought after by C&S collectors as well as bonsai artists due to the natural look of the containers

Keith has always had the "eye" for what looked good. Whether it's in his profession as a pedorthist (design and manufacture of footwear for medical purposes), photographer, cook, or potter. He has also served as president of the Cactus and Succulent Society of Sacramento for 7 years.

Keith sells his work at C&S clubs and shows, bonsai clubs, Facebook, Instagram, and his website. He accepts custom orders and ships worldwide.

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Our speaker Keith Taylor began collecting cacti and succulents in 1991. He created unique containers to show off his specimens in 2010. He has developed a different style of staging by combining plant, pot, rocks and topdressing to create award winning compositions.

Keith will bring plants from his collection and talk about how to combine these elements to create eye catching presentations.

He will also demonstrate his techniques in staging plants.

## San Gabriel Valley Cactus and Succulent Society

### Plants of the Month: Variegates

November 2017

Article by Tom Glavich

All variegates are mutants. Something has gone wrong with the cellular structure of the leaf or stem growth tip (apical meristem) of the plant. As a result of this mutation, chlorophyll is missing from some or all layers of the plant epidermis.

Variegation is known in most plant families, and variegated plants have a place in most gardens. The bright yellow and white of variegated foliage adds pattern and rhythm to many herbaceous borders. In succulent plant shows variegates are generally separated from normal plants and compete against other variegates to put them on an equal footing. Variegated plants grow slower and are generally smaller than non-variegates of the same species. Colored areas are also generally weaker, and more susceptible to fungus, sunburn and other defects. A large well grown variegated plant of any species is truly an achievement.

*Cacti* - Variegates can be found in many genera. *Gymnocalycium* are the most often seen, but some columnar variegates and some *Ferocactus* variegates are also common in cultivation. The odd variegated cactus appears in many seedling batches. Variegated *Turbinicarpus*, *Astrophytum*, *Matucana* and *Ariocarpus* have been seen at some recent shows.

Many cacti are artificially propagated by grafts. The famous 'Red Caps' and 'Yellow Caps' are *Gymnocalycium* or *Lobivia* variegates that have no chlorophyll at all, and live only by being grafted onto a root stock. These are harder to grow well than they appear.

### Great Variegates

*Agave* – A striking form of *Agave truncata*, a common garden Agave, is well known. There are several forms of variegated ***Agave americana***. There are forms with a green center stripe and yellow edges, a yellow stripe and green edges,

a green center and white edges, a white center and green edges, yellow centers and crinkled edges, random yellow and green banding, and dozens more. Other species of *Agaves* have also produced variegates, with the same variety of variegation.

## Great Variegates

**Haworthia** – ‘Gray Ghost’ is a *Haworthia retusa* variegate. There are several *Haworthia limifolia* variegates that look as if they were painted with mustard. Offsets are produced on the flower stalks; these are variegated, as are the flowers themselves.

**Sansevieria** - There are dozens of named and unnamed varieties. Look for Bantel’s Sensation, Futura, Silver Moon, Silver Princess, and variegated varieties of some of the cylindrical forms. Unlike normal *Sansevierias*, these can be difficult to grow. They will not tolerate cold and wet conditions. Sansevieria variegates can only be propagated through the tuber. Cuttings of the leaves will root, but will almost always revert to an unvariegated form. On the other hand, normal *Sansevierias* will often put out a variegated pup. These should be removed from the main plant and grown on their own to preserve the variegation.

**Gasteria** - The Japanese have made an art of *Gasteria* and *Haworthia* variegate cultivation. Read the 2000 CSSA Journal for just a sampling of the wonderful cultivars. Miniature white species, yellow species, even the occasional pink can be found. There are dozens of variegated *Gasterias* shown at our shows, and available from all of the local vendors. Look for *Gasteria* ‘Little Warty’, a nice white and green species, as well as many of the yellow and green species such as the Japanese hybrid *Gasteria* ‘shozodan’.

**Euphorbia** - A number of columnar variegates are available, *E. ammak*, being the one most often seen. There are also some cristate and monstrose variegates as well.

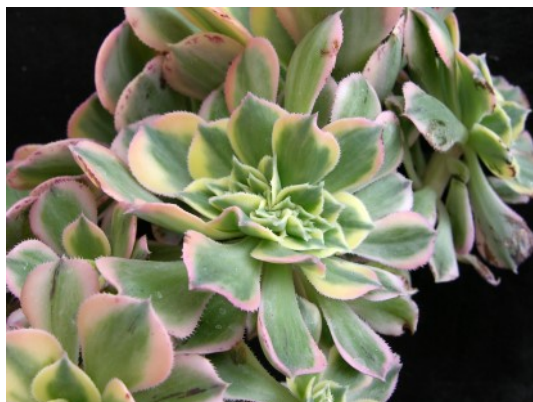
**Crassulaceae** – Aeonium ‘Kiwi’ is only one of the many variegates found and propagated in this large family. A Crested Variegate is shown on the next page.



The photo above is a  
Variegated Gymnocalycium



The photo above is a  
Gasteria armstrongii Variegata



The photo above is a  
Aeonium 'Kiwi' Crested  
Variegata



The photo above is a  
Variegated Monstrose lobivia

*Sources : G.. Rowley, Teratopia*

**Tom Glavich October 2015**

**Photos by Tom Glavich**

## **Cactus and Succulent Workshop**

Workshops are held on the third Wednesday of the month. The workshop is an informal, hands-on learning experience that is fun for the expert and novice alike. Come and learn from the experience of others. We are happy to share our knowledge.

**January 7, 2018 San Gabriel Valley Cactus and Succulent Society Annual Banquet** at the Arboreum.



Cactus with a taco.  
Thanksgiving dinner?  
Photo from 123BF

## **SGVC&SS LEADERSHIP TEAM - 2017**

Tom Vermilion, President  
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**November Refreshments**

The first three club members who sign up and then **bring enough refreshments for at least 30 people** to the meeting will receive a **free** plant.

Bringing Snacks:

- Una Yeh
- Shaun Adams
- Yolanda R

**2017 Cactus and Succulent Workshops**

- Jan Othonna and Senecio
- Feb Caudiciforms and Medusoid
- Mar Crests and Monstrose
- Apr Spring Seed Workshop
- May Vegetative Propagation
- Jun Staging Workshop
- July Echinopsis
- Aug Member Photo Tour
- Sep Astrophytum
- Oct Mesembryanthemum
- Nov Winter Seed Workshop
- Dec None

**Plant of the Month: Cacti**

- Jan Mammillaria clusters
- Feb Copiapoa and Eriosyce
- Mar Crests
- Apr Cephaliated Cacti
- May Miniatures
- June Echinopsis
- July Monotypic Cacti
- Aug Favorite cactus
- Sept Astrophytum
- Oct Columnar Cacti
- Nov Variegated Cacti

**Plant of the Month: Succulent**

- Agave
- Tylecodon and Cotyledon
- Crests and Monstrose
- Haworthia
- Pachypodium
- Miniatures
- Adenium
- Favorite succulent
- Bursera and Commiphora
- Mesembryanthemum
- Variegated Succulents



## **Plant of the Month Mini Show Results**

### **October 2017**

#### **Open Cactus**

1st place — Cindy Aeakaki — *Pygmaeocereus familiaris*

#### **Open Succulent**

1st place — John Matthews — *Lithops olivacea*

2nd place — John Matthews — *Lithops lesliei*

3rd place — John Matthews — *Lithops bromfieldii* v. *glaudine*

#### **Intermediate Cactus**

1st place — Phil Skonieczki — *Espostoa lanata*

2nd place — Louise Stack — *Echinopsis* ‘Sasquatch’

#### **Intermediate Succulent**

1st place — Louise Stack — *Lithops bromfieldii* v. *mennellii*

2nd place — Louise Stack — *Lithops terricolor*

3rd place — Louise Stack — *Lithops planter*

#### **Novice Cactus**

1st place — Richard Salcedo — *Lophocereus schottii* *monstrose*

2nd place — Richard Salcedo — *Pilosocereus azureus*

3rd place — Richard Salcedo — *Pilosocereus tillianus*

#### **Novice Succulent**

1st place — Shaun Adams — *Conophytum* sp.

2nd place — Richard Salcedo — *Lithops hookeri*

3rd place — Tori Wilson — *Lithops salicola*

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

### November 4 & 5 San Gabriel Valley Cactus and Succulent Society Winter Show and Sale

Saturday and Sunday from 9am to 4 pm both days show and sale  
Los Angeles County Arboretum, 310 North Baldwin, Arcadia, CA .  
Information: Manny Rivera 626-780-6957  
or John Matthews 661-714-1052

### ***2018 CACTUS AND SUCCULENT CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS***

#### ***TENTATIVE List 10/3/2017***

- February 10** SAN DIEGO CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SPRING SHOW AND SALE  
BALBOA PARK, ROOM 101,  
SAN DIEGO, CA. INFO 858-382-1797
- MAR. 22-24** ORANGE COUNTY CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY  
SPRING SHOW AND SALE THURS. 22<sup>nd</sup> 6-9PM,  
FRI. MAR. 23<sup>rd</sup> 9-7PM and SAT. MAR. 24<sup>TH</sup> 9-5  
1000 S. State College  
(Anaheim United Methodist Church  
Anaheim, CA INFORMATION CALL 562-587-3357
- APR. 7 & 8** SOUTH COAST CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY  
SHOW & SALE  
SOUTH COAST BOTANICAL GARDENS,  
26300 CRENSHAW BLVD.  
PALOS VERDES, CA INFO: 310-378-1953  
<http://www.southcoastcss.org>
- APR. 29** HUNTINGTON PLANT SALE 1 to 5pm  
HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS,  
1151 OXFORD ROAD SAN MARINO, CA.  
626-405-350

# 24<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL WINTER SHOW



**CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY**

**LA COUNTY ARBORETUM**

**301 N Baldwin Ave Arcadia**

**Sat and Sun Nov 4-5 2017 9 - 4**

Information: [www.sgvcss.com](http://www.sgvcss.com)

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SGVCSS Winter Cactus and Succulent Show  
Our 24th ANNUAL WINTER SHOW

Our winter show is coming soon. That means a lot of our winter growers (Pelargoniums, Sarcocaulons, Tylecodons, Othonnas, Aloes, Conophytums, and Haworthias) are waking up and starting to grow with the cooler, longer nights.

Cacti are looking good on their last effort before they go dormant.

The Show is the fundraiser for our monthly meetings, guest speakers, holiday party, refreshments for show participants, club badges, books, etc. Please support our show! Volunteer, bring plants to show, bring your friends and show them your plants, invite them to the sales area, and tell them about our great society.

Remember we need volunteers: We will need plenty of volunteers on Thursday morning 8:30 am, but we need volunteers Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Show and sale plants are welcome on Thursday from noon to 9:00 pm. All show plants must be in by Friday November 3rd at 4:00 pm.

Also, clerks and helpers are needed Friday during judging which begins at 5:00 pm. It's fun! It gives you the opportunity to hear the judges' comments and learn more about the show.

The sales area will be open for workers and participants from 3:00 to 5:00 pm on Friday, November 3rd.

Plants not paid for by 5:00 pm will be placed back in the sales area.

There are more volunteer opportunities in the sales and show areas on Saturday and Sunday, November 4th and 5th.

2017 Trophy Winners: if you won a trophy last year bring it back to the show. Auction dinner Saturday. It's a great dinner and is your opportunity to buy beautiful and rare specimen plants. it's going to be fun.

For reservations call our Treasurer Margie Wilson (626) 821- 9254.

Any questions call Manny Rivera at (626) 780-6857. See you there!

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# **The 24th Annual Winter Show**

## **Saturday, November 4 and 5, 2017**

### **Show Schedule**

**Set-up** is Thursday, November 2 from 8:30 am to noon (set up tables, show & sales area).

Exhibitors and vendors may bring in plants on Thursday from noon to 9 pm.

**Plant entries** are from noon to 9:00 pm Thursday and Friday from 9 am till 4 pm

**Plant Pre-sale** for workers and participants is Friday, November 3 from 3 pm to 5 pm.

**Judging** begins Friday from 5 pm till 9 pm.

**Show hours** for Saturday, November 4 and Sunday, November 5 are from 9 am to 4 pm.

**Take down** is Sunday, November 5 from 4 pm until close.

### **Show Dinner and Auction**

Saturday, November 4 in Ayres Hall beginning at 5:30.

Dinner will be a special meal, prepared by Richard Jones Pit BBQ Catering. The menu will include three meats: chicken breast, beef brisket (cooked for 16 hours) and pork spare ribs.

Dinner will offer 4 side dishes: BBQ beans, green beans & almonds, mixed green salad, and seasoned vegetable medley.

Also included are rolls, butter, BBQ sauce, beverage, and apple cobbler for dessert. Total cost is \$25 per person. There will be an awards presentation, auction, and lots of fun. All dinner reservations and payment must be in by Thursday, November 2 so the caterer will know how many to prepare food for. Please pay Margie Wilson.



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