August 2016



The next meeting of the SGVCSS will be Thursday, August 11th at 7:00 pm in the Palm and Bamboo classrooms at the Los Angeles County Arboretum.

> Mini-Show Plants for August:

Favorite Cactus

Favorite Succulent

Next C&S Workshop: Wednesday, August 17th at 7:30 pm in the Palm Classroom

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President's Message

As I write this, we are preparing for the 31th Annual Inter-City show. By all indications, the show will be the best one ever. The show is Saturday, August 13th and Sunday, August 14th. It represents the highest quality and quantity of plants in our hobby. You will not find a better C&S show anywhere on earth! We are proud that our club is a key player in the quality of plant entries and organizational skills required to maintain the excellent of the show. Please tell all of your friends and introduce them to our wonderful hobby.

Each year I ask you to enter plants and participate in this great show. There are many reasons you will want to do this. First and foremost, there is a greater "sense of

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belonging" when you enter some plants. You will look closer and more carefully at your plants, compare notes with other entrants, and improve your growing and staging skills. Finally, there are many visitors who have never seen these kinds of amazing plants. It is our best source for new, enthusiastic members. We especially need novice entrants. You may be surprised how well you do!

Your help at the Inter-City show is needed in two areas. First, lots of help is needed for set-up on Wednesday morning and teardown on Sunday afternoon. The table rental company will set up the tables. We just need to push the tables into position and add table cloths. Also, we need help for clerking Friday afternoon and night. Please lend an extra hand by volunteering a bit of your time and enthusiasm to ensure this will be our best show ever. Please contact Tom Glavich at tglavich@sbcglobal.net or 626-798-2430 if you are able to help. There is another benefit to volunteering and participating: The sales area will be open for pre-sale at 2:00 p.m. Friday, August 12th.

Finally, due to the Inter-City show setup, our regular meeting will be in the Palm and Bamboo classrooms this month.

See you at the Inter-City and next meeting!

Gunnar Eisel President, SGVCSS



Regular Club Meeting Thursday, August 11th

The San Gabriel Valley Cactus and Succulent Society meets at **7:00 pm** on the second Thursday of the month in Ayres Hall at the Los Angles County Arboretum in Arcadia. Visitors are welcome.

Cactus and Succulent Workshop Wednesday, August 17th

Topic: Stapeliads

The C&S Workshop will meet on in the Palm Room at the Los Angeles Arboretum at 7:30 pm

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.

Workshops are held the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm in the Palm Room at the Los Angeles County Arboretum, Arcadia.

> **Note ** Membership Dues are Due!
> Your 2016 Club membership renewal can be paid at the next meeting or mailed direct to Mary Brumbaugh, 2123 Pinehurst St., Glendora, CA 91741.

Regular membership is \$20 per year or \$30 if you request the Communique by mail. Make checks to SGVCSS.

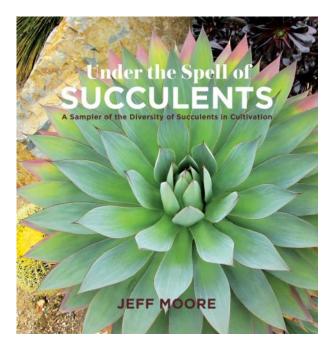
Speaker for August Jeff Moore Under the Spell of Succulents



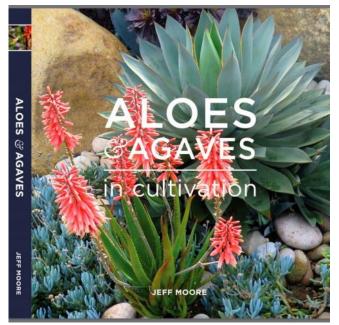


The title of my talk will be the same as my first book, which is 'Under the Spell of Succulents'. The talk/power point follows the flow of the book, which is an overview of succulent plants in cultivation and how we engage with them as hobbyists. I'll talk about growers and collectors, container and landscaping gardening, as well as show the main succulent groups or categories. There's not a lot of new information for long time cactus club members, but I keep it entertaining with some nice images and tales from the nursery. I'll also talk briefly about my new book on aloes and agaves. Both books will be for sale, and I'll bring plants for sale too.

I've operated my nursery in Solana Beach for 24 years. In the talk I describe the route which took me into opening my nursery and making the books. I'm married with two sons in college



This is the cover of Jeff Moore's first book.



This is the cover of Jeff Moore's second book.



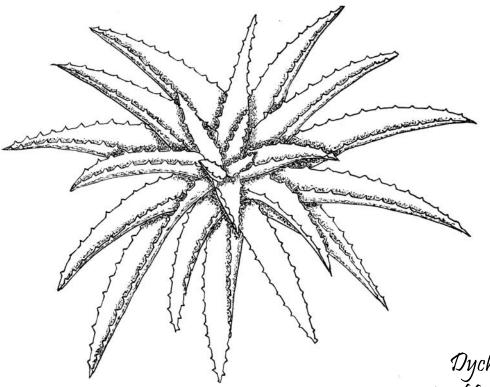
Our Picnic! Winners of the famous Opuntia Toss

Martin Ostler, 1st place Jean Mullens, 2nd place Peter Kimbrell, 3rd place

San Gabriel Valley Cactus and Succulent Society Plants of the Month Cacti: Bring your favorite Succulent: Bring your favorite Enter your favorite in the Mini –Show on Thursday, August 11th and then leave it at the Arboretum as an entry in the Inter-City show for Saturday and Sunday, August 13th and 14th.



31st Annual Inter-City Cactus and Succulent Show Schedule



Dyckia 'California'

9 - 5 August 13 - 14 2016 Los Angeles County Arboretum 301 N Baldwin Ave Arcadia Competitive entries shall be as follows:

NOVICE Exhibitor has won no more than 40 blue ribbons total in recognized CSSA shows.

ADVANCED Exhibitor has won 41 or more blue ribbons. No Commercial sellers.

OPEN Exhibitor must have won 80 or more blue ribbons or be a commercial seller of Cacti or Succulents

All entrants must register their total entries in the show registrar prior to placement

Set Up Times

Wednesday, August 10th from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m., Thursday, August 11th from 8:00 am to 9:00 p.m. and Friday, August 12th from 9:00 to 5:00 p.m.

PRE-SALE

The sales area will be open for pre-sale at 2:00 p.m. Friday, August 12th for workers and participants. Plants from pre-sale must be paid for and removed from the show not later than 7:00 p.m. Friday, August 12th , or the plants will be placed back in the sales area.

Judging will begin at 5 p.m. on Friday, August 12th

Saturday, August 13th from 9 am to 5 pm - Show and Sales are open Sunday, August 14th from 9 am to 5 pm - Show and Sales are open

> *Take-out Time is Sunday the 14th from 5:00 p.m.* All Plants must be removed Sunday Evening

Saturday Night Banquet and Auction

The Saturday night Banquet and Auction has been a show tradition from the start. It's a great time to argue the fine points of showing and judging, and meet many fine people from the other clubs and from out of town.

A feature of each of the banquets has been an auction of spectacular plants (and most surprisingly affordable) from some of the best growers. These are often the ones that appear on the trophy table in years to come.

Same great location as last year: Coco's Restaurant, Oak Tree Room, 1150 W. Colorado Blvd. Arcadia, at the SE corner at Michellinda. Social hour starts at 5:30pm with dinner served at 6:30pm. The dinner will be the old favorite: Carved beef and chicken, with vegetables, salad, drinks and dessert.

The cost of the meal is \$32.00 for adults and \$16.00 for children from 5 to 10 years, including tax and tip. Please contact our Show Treasurer, Evelynn Stevens, for further information 626-303-1239 or evelynns@prodigy.net. Make checks payable to ICCSS c/o Evelynn Stevens 216 S. California Ave. Monrovia, CA 91016

If you plan to attend the auction only, please register with Evelynn as the number of walk-ins is limited.

Walks and Talks

Saturday August 13

11:00 AM Basic Cultivation Rob MacGregor

12 Noon Trophy Table Tour Woody Minnich

1:00 PM Repotting your Succulents and Cacti Sandy Chase

2:00 PM The Genera Pachypodium and Adenium Peter Walkowiak

> 3:00 PM Propagation Joe Stead

Sunday August 14

11:00 AM Basic Cultivation Steve Frieze

12: 00 PM Staging Cacti and Succulents Karen Ostler

1:00 PM Care and Culture of Dyckias John Martinez

2:00 PM Educational Tour of Fantastic Plants not on the Trophy Table Manny Rivera

Plant of the Month Cacti

- Jan Hooked Spine MammillariasFeb Echinocactus & FerocactusMar Rebutia, Sulcorebutia & Weingartia
- Apr Discocactus & Melocactus
- May Stenocactus & Thelocactus
- June Gymnocalycium
- July Blossfeldia & Frailea
- Aug Favorite cactus
- Sept U. S. Natives
- Oct Parodia & Notocactus
- Nov So. American Opuntieae

Plant of the Month Succulent

Pelargonium & Sarcocaulon Othonna & Senecio Small Aloes Kalanchoe Millii type Euphorbias Ficus & Dorstenia Cucurbitaceae Favorite succulent Cyphostemma Retusa haworthia Adromischus & Avonia

2016 Cactus and Succulent Workshops

Jan Pelargonium
Feb Plant Identification
Mar Small Aloes
Apr Spring Seed Workshop
May Vegetative Propagation
Jun Gymnocalycium
Jul Staging Workshop
Aug Stapeliads
Sep Succulent Landscaping
Oct Ariocarpus
Nov Winter Seed Workshop
Dec no workshop

August Refreshments Mary Aparicio Roberta Eisel Jean Mullens Sharon Sedillo Una Yeh

July Mini Show Results

Master division – Cactus

1st: John Matthews - Blossfeldia liliputana 2nd: John Matthews - Frailea schilinzkiana 3rd: Ken Shaw - Frailea grahliana

Master division – Succulent

1st: John Matthews - Ibervillea tenuisecta

Intermediate division – Cactus

1st: Barbara Hall - Frailea pygmaea v. aurea
2nd: Glen & Linda Carlzen - Frailea castanea
3rd: (tie): Barbara Hall - Frailea castanea
3rd: (tie): Barbara Hall - Frailea ybatense

Intermediate division – Succulent

1st: Robert Feldman - Trochomeria debilis 2nd: Tricia Kangrga - Kedrostis africana x punctate

Novice division – Cactus

1st: Matt Dunaj - Blossfeldia liliputana

Novice division – Succulent

1st: Jeff Delzell - Gerrardanthus macrorhizus

Calendar of Upcoming Events.

August 13 & 14 — Intercity Show and Sale. Saturday and Sunday from 9 am to 5 pm. Los Angeles County Arboretum, 301 North Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia. Information: Tom Glavich 626-798-2430 or Artie Chavez 818-482-8795

September 3 — Huntington Botanical Gardens Succulent Symposium, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino. All day Saturday at the Huntington. Info: 526-405-3504

September 10 — Long Beach Cactus Club Annual Plant Auction, Saturday from 12 noon to 5 pm. Rancho Los Alamitos, 6400 Bixby Hill Road, Long Beach. Info: 562-631-5876

October 8 & 9 — Bakersfield Cactus and Succulent Sale. Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm. Sunday from 11 am to 4 pm. East Hills Mall, Center Court, 3100 Mall View Road, Bakersfield info: 661-831-8488

October 22 & 23 — Palomar Show and Sale. Saturday from 9 am to 5 pm and Sunday from 10 am to 4 pm. San Diego Botanic Gardens, 230 Quail Gardens Road, Encinitas. Info: hciservices@gmail.com or 858-382-1797

November 5 & 6 — San Gabriel Valley Cactus and Succulent Society Show and Sale. Saturday and Sunday from 9 am to 4 pm. Los Angeles County Arboretum, 301 North Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia. Info: Manny Rivera 626-780-6957 or John Matthews 661-714-1052.

SGVC&SS LEADERSHIP TEAM - 2016

Gunnar Eisel, President Buck Hemenway, Past President Horace Birgh, Vice President Louise Guerin, Secretary Margie Wilson, Treasurer Rebecca Mallonee, Director Mary Brumbaugh, Director Jean Mullens, Director Shaun Adams, Director Dean Elzinga, Director Tom Vermilion, 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



New Cactus Club

It was only a matter time. It's been 38 years or so since a new cactus and succulent society was formed in the area. Say hello to the Conejo Cactus and Succulent Society (CCSS) - a CSSA affiliated club meeting in Newbury Park, Ventura County (midway between the Santa Barbara club and the Los Angeles club.

We hope to see lots of members from those two clubs as well as any other of the C&S clubs in our area. Of course we will attract most of our new members from the Ventura County area who may not have ever had a C&S club so close to them. The focus of CCSS will be worked out as the interests of new members is surveyed. There will be great presentations with perhaps some new speakers hiding in the area. Also a chance to catch a presentation possibly missed from your home club as we plan to have the out-of-town speakers making the rounds as well. And a chance to meet a whole new group of C&S enthusiasts who may be attending a club event for the first time. Field trips, home garden visits, plant sales and more.

The meeting will be the first Monday of every month. The first meeting is planned for October 3, 2016.The meeting place is the Borchard Community Center at 19 Reino Road, Newbury Park, CA 91320. The meeting will start at 7:00. Contact Linda Holub at (805)-501-0761 or email conejocss@hotmail.com for more info.

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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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