



*San Gabriel Valley  
Cactus & Succulent Society*

**COMMUNIQUE**

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**August Meeting:  
Thursday,  
August 12 at 7:30 pm**

Meetings are held on the  
2nd Thursday of the month  
at **7:30 pm** in the Palm Room,  
Los Angeles County Arboretum,  
Arcadia.

**Mini-Show Plants:**

**CACTUS —  
Favorite Cactus**

**SUCCULENT—  
Favorite Succulent**

**Study Group:**

Study group will meet on Wednesday,  
August 18th in the Palm Room,  
Los Angeles County Arboretum at  
7:30 pm. The topic will be:

***Copiapoia***

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***President's Message***

Are you ready for the Intercity Show and Sale? This really is the "Biggest Show on Earth". Our participation is vital in making this show the largest and most successful Cactus and Succulent display anywhere, every year. The show is contested in three levels of experience, so you are competing against hobbyists of like experience. Bring a few plants to get a feel for it. Be sure to attend and take in this unbelievable annual happening. August 14 & 15 at the Arboretum - see the article for details. Be sure to wear your badge and enter through the side gate.

Thanks to our terrific speaker in July, Nick Wilkinson. His Landscaping with Succulents talk was very entertaining and inspirational.

We will have a board meeting at 2:00 PM on Sunday afternoon at the Intercity show. We'll probably meet in the shade of the trees near Ayres Hall as we have in the past. Please try to attend as we have number of important business items to attend to.

Are you planning to attend the annual Symposium at the Huntington Library? The date is Saturday, September 5. The club will award two honorariums, to members who have not already won and who have paid up membership, for this event. John Lavranos will be the featured speaker. He will also speak to our club at our September meeting.

We will be looking for members to serve the club in upcoming elections. If you have a desire to serve on our Board of Directors or to fill one of the executive officer positions, please let one of the current officers know. We will appoint a nominating committee at the board

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## July Mini-Show Results

### *Cacti - Thelocactus, Stenocactus*

#### **Novice**

1st	Hannah Nguyen	T. rinconensis
2nd	Ken Shaw	T. macdowellii
3rd	Louise Stack	S. xiphicanthus
3rd	Louise Stack	S. lloydii

#### **Intermediate**

1st	Rita Gerlach	T. rinconensis
2nd	Rita Gerlach	Stenocactus species
3rd	Barbara Nolan	Stenocactus species

#### **Master**

1st	Frank Nudge	S. erectocentrus
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### *Succulents - Pachypodiums from Madagascar*

#### **Novice**

1st	Jairo Ramirez	P. densiflorum v, brevicalix
2nd	William Molina	P. lamerei
2nd	Tom Howard	P. horombense
3rd	Daniel Veelik	P. lamerei

#### **Intermediate**

1st	Alan Hooker	P. horombense
2nd	Cindy/Calvin Arakaki	P. horombense
3rd	Cindy/Calvin Arakaki	P. rosulatum

#### **Master**

1st	Jim Hanna	P. brevicaule
2nd	Vince Basta	P. rosulatum
3rd	Buck/Yvonne Hemenway	P. lamerei

meeting.

Those of us who braved the heat enjoyed our annual picnic. Thanks to Joe Clements for arranging the space at his wonderful succulent playground, Pitzer College. Also thanks to Tommy Dodson and Horace Birgh for bringing the cold drinks and Louise Guerin for picking up the chicken. Bill Gerlach is our Games Master. Thanks for the water balloons and opuntia pads.

See you at the meeting

Buck Hemenway

## ***This Month's Program***

Our speaker for August will be Doug Dawson. Doug is a retired teacher who lives in the Phoenix area, and is very active in all things succulent there. He is particularly fond of the small low growing succulents of South Africa, in particular Lithops.

Doug was part of a group that traveled in South Africa last September and his program is "Namaqualand, South Africa". This magical place with the most diverse populations of succulent plants on earth provides a wonderful backdrop for a very educational and interesting program.

We will meet in the normal place, the Palm Room, even though the Intercity show will be undergoing setup.

## ***Study Group***

### **Wednesday, August 18th • Copiapoa**

The study group is an informal, hands-on learning experience that is fun for expert and novice alike. Come and learn from the experience of others. We are always happy to share our knowledge.

Meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm in the Palm Room at the LA County Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia.

Be sure to take a look at the Club's website at [www.sgvcss.com](http://www.sgvcss.com). Thanks to Gunnar Eisel for managing our website. If you wish to receive your **COMMUNIQUE** on-line please notify the editor at [yvonne@pricklypalace.com](mailto:yvonne@pricklypalace.com).



**Plants Of The Month**

Enter your specimen plants in our monthly mini-show. It will help you prepare for the real shows and give you an additional opportunity to show others your pride and joy. If you don't have any of these species of plants you can learn about them at the meeting.

CACTUS OF THE MONTH —

*Favorite Cactus*

SUCCULENT OF THE MONTH —

*Favorite Succulent*

25<sup>th</sup> Intercity

Cactus and Succulent Show and Sale

August 14 -15, 2010 9:00 - 5:00

Los Angeles County Arboretum

301 N Baldwin Ave

Arcadia, CA



Information:	Tom Glavich	626-798-2430
	Jim Hanna	562-920-3046
	John Matthews	661-297-5364
	Peter Walkowiak	858-382-1797
	LA Arboretum	626-821-3222

## ***25th Annual InterCity Show***

**T**his month is the 25th Annual InterCity Cactus and Succulent Show. This is a joint show put on by the San Gabriel, Los Angeles and Long Beach Clubs. It has grown to be the **largest and best show in the world!**, with the Open Class having the most competitive entries seen anywhere. At the same time this is one the friendliest and easiest shows for the novice and advanced growers to enter. There are three classes, with the novice growers (less than 40 blue ribbons) competing against other novices, and the advanced competing against other advanced growers. There are plenty of people to help identify plants if you are unsure of names or spelling, and people to help with last minute staging touch-ups and placement of plants. If you have a succulent you have grown, bring it, we will help you get it placed and named properly. We all start out as novices, and have all benefited from years of help.

Entry times are from 1 – 7 on Wednesday August 11, 8 AM to 10 PM on Thursday August 12th and 8 AM to 5 PM on August 14th.

Your participation in this show is important for many reasons. The InterCity Show is one of our main sources of new members. The wonderful plants grown and staged for a show are what originally attract a surprisingly large number of our members. We need to keep this up. Attracting new members is where the Novice and Advanced entries are so important. The Open class entries can be overwhelming, but most people think that with a little help they can grow plants that are competitive in the Novice or Advanced Classes. They come to our meetings after the show, and often become life-long members. New members join when they see current members participating and at the show. The plants are wonderful, but it is the personal contact that really makes all the difference. You make a big difference to the quality and friendliness of the club by just being there.

All three clubs have to pay for meeting rooms and speakers. Club dues only pay for newsletters and postage. The money for the room rental and speakers comes from the shows. Please enter the show; we need your help to make this a great and memorable show. Please attend the show as well, and bring a friend or neighbor. The extra attendance makes all the difference. When you attend you will find your enthusiasm for these wonderful plants getting an enormous boost.

Along with every InterCity Show there is an awards banquet and Auction. The Banquet is held at Carrow's Oak Room near the Arboretum. The auction has a selection of plants, from the surprisingly affordable, to the very rare and expensive. Make a reservation with Evelyn Stevens. This is a dinner you will not forget. We always sell out, so don't delay on this.

No show would be complete without a sale. We have one of the best of these as well. We have local vendors, many who saved their best for this show, as well as vendors from San Diego, Tucson, New Mexico, and the Bay Area. There will be great plants and spectacular pots all for sale. There is a pre-sale on Friday starting at about 1:00 pm for participants and helpers with the show. Public Sales start at 9:00 am on Saturday.

We need help with Set-Up on Wednesday Morning. Tables arrive around 9:00 am. The table company sets them up, we push them into place, and then set out table cloths, and category spaces. We also need help with set-up on Friday as we adjust categories, making room for new plants, and organizing the show. On Saturday and Sunday we need volunteers to help at the cash registers, to help at the plant holding table, to answer questions at the hospitality table, and to provide a watchful eye on the show and sale. No experience is necessary and no expert knowledge is needed.

Show T-shirts are still available. They will be available on Thursday night, and go on sale to the general public on Friday at a higher price.

Please participate in this wonderful event!

*Mark your calendar now!*

# CSSA 2011 CONVENTION



April 24 - April 29, 2011

Marriott Hotel - Mission Valley

San Diego, California

*Watch for future updates*

[www.cssainc.org](http://www.cssainc.org)

Hosted by the San Diego Cactus & Succulent Society

## Confirmed Convention Speakers

Myron Kimmach – Banquet

Tom Knapik

Jackie Poole

Debra Baldwin

Julia Etter/Martin Kristen

Guillermo Rivera

Tom Glavich

Marlon Machado

Karen Zimmerman

Andrew Hankey

Todd Masilko

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

**August 14 and 15** — 25th Annual Intercity Show and Sale at the LA County Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia. For more information call Tom Glavich at 626-798-2430 or John Matthews at 661-297-5364.

**September 4, 9:30 am to 4:30 pm** — Huntington Botanic Gardens Succulent Symposium. Symposium fee is tentatively set at \$75 which includes lunch. Fee for optional dinner presentation is \$25. Reservations are required and will be accepted beginning in August.

**September 26, 12:00 noon** — Long Beach Cactus Club Annual Plant Auction. 18127 South Alameda Street, Rancho Dominguez.

**November 6 and 7** — San Gabriel Valley Cactus and Succulent Society Winter Show and Sale at the LA County Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia.

A favorite cactus:  
(*Copiapoa tenuissima*)



A favorite succulent:  
(*Euphorbia obesa*)

**San Gabriel Valley  
Cactus and Succulent Show and Sale**

**Sat. and Sun. November 6 & 7, 2010 9 to 4**

Los Angeles Arboretum and Botanic Garden  
301 N. Baldwin Ave. Arcadia, CA

Information, Please contact Tom Glavich 626-798-2430  
Jim Hanna 562-920-3046, Manny Rivera 626-780-6957

## Refreshment Signup

These club members have signed up to provide refreshments at our August meeting.

**Una Yeh  
Betty Farfan  
Yolanda Roybal**

The first three club members who sign up and bring refreshments each month will receive a **FREE** plant as thanks.

### 2010 Plant-of-the-Month and Study Group Topics

	Cacti of the Month	Succulent of the Month	Study Group
Aug.	Favorite Cactus	Favorite Succulent	Copiapoa
Sept.	Astrophytum	Bursera, Commiphora	Mammillaria
Oct.	Ariocarpus	Sansevieria	Tips and Tricks for Successful Growing
Nov.	Opuntia	Asclepiad	Winter Seed Workshop