



*San Gabriel Valley
Cactus & Succulent Society*

COMMUNIQUE

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**AUGUST Meeting:
Thursday,
August 9 at 7:30 pm**

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

Mini-Show Plants:

CACTUS:

Favorite Cactus

SUCCULENT:

Favorite Succulent

Study Group:

Study group will meet on Wednesday,
August 15th in the Palm Room,
Los Angeles County Arboretum at
7:30 pm. The topic will be:

Astrophytum

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President's Message

The Inter-City Show & Sale is here! Festivities begin on Wednesday morning August 8 at 8:30 AM. The Show committee can use your help with setup. It is normally done much before noon, with help You can bring plants from noon on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The Sale is open to members of participating clubs on Thursday evening (closing at 7:30 sharp) and all day Friday until Judging starts at about 5:00. Deadline for show entry is 4:30 - don't show up at 4:30 and expect to get your plants on the tables in time. Take a look at the club's web site and in this Newsletter for all the details.

Our meeting on Thursday night is impacted by the Show & Sale. As noted, the main Sale will remain open until 7:30. With this in mind, our normal meeting vendors will not be selling at this meeting. We will have the Mini-Show - these plants can just be moved to the big show after the meeting. We will also have the normal raffle and door prizes.

We will meet outside of Ayres Hall in the Walk & Talk area of the Show & Sale. Yours truly is the speaker. It's a fun talk, and we will be ready to make it enjoyable for all.

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July Mini-Show Results

Discocactus, Melocactus, Uebelmania

Novice

1st	Mark Darby	Melocactus azureus
2nd	Daniel Veelik	Melocactus rubrispinus
3rd	Sharon Sedillo	Melocactus matanzanus

Intermediate

1st	Rita Gerlach	Discocactus araniespinus
2nd	Cindy/Calvin Arakaki	Discocactus araniespinus
3rd	Cindy/Calvin Arakaki	Melocactus sp.

Open

1st	Ken Shaw*	Uebelmania pectinifera
2d	Ken Shaw	Melocactus sp.
3rd	Ken Shaw	Melocactus azureus
3rd	Pat Swain	G. pflanzii v. tomina

Gasteria

Novice

1st	Nilda Howard	Gasteria sp.
2nd	Tricia Kangrga	Gasteria "Marble Mint"
3rd	Shaun Adams	Gasteria sp.

Intermediate

1st	Tom Vermilion	G. armstrongii x barberton
2nd	Rita Gerlach	G. excelsa
2nd	Rita Gerlach	G. "Green Ice"
3rd	Glen/Linda Carlzen	G. marmorata variegata

Open

1st	John Matthews*	G. "Shining Star"
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* BEST IN SHOW

Be sure to take a look at the Club's website at 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.

President's Message - cont'd.

The Board of Directors will meet under the trees at 3:00 on Sunday August 12 during the Show & Sale. One main point of discussion will be the rental of facilities at the Arboretum for 2013.

We will be appointing a Nominating Committee for this year's elections at the meeting. Please let me know if you wish to serve on the committee or on the Board of Directors.

And, finally **BRING PLANTS TO THE SHOW**. Several of our largest exhibitors are not participating this year, so we need your help in keeping this amazing show at its historic levels.

See you at the meeting!

Buck Hemenway

This Month's Program

"Places You've Never Heard Of - Plants You've Never Seen"

— An adventure in southern Africa

Our speaker this month is Buck Hemenway. It is the highlights of Buck and Yvonne's trip to Africa last fall and covers a number of fascinating places and wonderful plants. From the wonders of Southern Namibia to some unbelievable places in South Africa, join us on this magical trip.



Study Group

Wednesday, August 15th • Astrophytum

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.

Club Bulletin Board

SGVCSS Annual Picnic and Auction Pitzer College in Claremont



Winners of the Water Balloon Toss: 1st - Jamie and Gary Mancuso 2nd - Yvonne and Buck Hemenway (Can you tell who broke the water balloon?)



Club members of all ages participated in the Opuntia Toss



...and the winners were (L to R) Gary Mancuso (3rd), Shaun Adams (2nd), Pete Kimbrell (1st)



Auctioneers were Karen Ostler and Buck Hemenway.

John Matthews added a beautiful *Mammillaria plumosa* to his collection.



Our tour of the Pitzer Gardens with Joe Clements included a visit to a newly installed succulent wall.

Thanks to Horace Birgh for his "Name That Plant" challenge. The team with the most points included Louise Stack, Shaun and Alison Adams, and Yvonne Hemenway.

SGVC&SS LEADERSHIP TEAM - 2012

Buck Hemenway, President
Tom Vermilion, Vice President
Donn Muhleman, Treasurer
Pat Swain, Secretary
Jean Mullins, Director
Tricia Kangrga, Director

Hannah Nguyen, Director
Rebecca Mallonee, Director
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Brian Le, Director
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Tom Glavich, Intercity Show Chair

Jim Hanna, CSSA Affiliate Representative
Jennifer Craig, Plant Sales Chair
Woody Minnich, Program Chair
Bill Gerlach, Membership Chair
Cindy Arakaki, Library Chair
Gunnar Eisel, Website Chair

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. This month your favorite specimens can do double duty – enter them in the Mini-show and then enter them in the Inter-City Show after the meeting.

Favorite Cactus and Favorite Succulent

Refreshment Signup

Danielle Duboff
Richard Roosman
Emily Yarnall

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



Entry Tags & Show Schedule

Entry tags and Show Schedules are available at all club meetings. If you are entering from out of town (or just desperate) and need either, contact John Matthews at 661-714-1052 or jgmplants@aol.com, and we'll mail them to you. Tags and the schedules will also be available during the set-up days.

Vital Numbers

Show Chairs

Tom Glavich	626-798-2430
John Matthews	661-714-1052
Peter Walkowiak	858-382-1797

Sales Chair

Jim Hanna	562-920-3046
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Your Help Needed!

You are needed! Lots of help is needed for set-up on Wednesday morning, teardown on Sunday and for clerking Friday afternoon and night - let your show chairman know. The table rental company will do the set-up. We just need to push the tables into the right positions and add the tablecloths. All of the backbreaking work will be done by others. We need help setting up the sales area. There is shade cloth to attach, and a legion of tents that need to go up.

The same is true for the sales, tabulations, holding area, etc. We particularly need help on Saturday morning when sales are the busiest. Sales and holding area need help during the show, and everyone is needed to greet the public, answer questions, and just keep an eye on the plants.

Plant Entry and Take-Out Times

Plant Entry times are from 1:00 to 7:00 on Wednesday August 8, 9:00 to 9:00 on Thursday August 9 and 9:00 to 5:00 on Friday August 10. All plants must be in place before 5 PM to allow the start of judging. Take-out starts at 5:00 on Sunday August 12. All plants must be removed on Sunday evening.

Inter-City Show and Sale - cont'd.

Walks and Talks

*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 Colorado Blvd. Arcadia, at the SE corner at Michellinda. Social hour starts at 5:30 and dinner served at 6:30. The dinner will be the old favorite: Carved Beef and Chicken, with vegetables, salad, drinks and desert.

The cost of the meal is \$30.00 for adults and \$15.00 for children from 5 to 10 years, including tax and tip. Please contact our Show treasurer, Evelyn Stevens for further information 626-442-1391. Make checks payable to ICCSS c/o Evelyn Stevens 10119 1/2 E. Olive St. Temple City, CA 91780

Due to overwhelming numbers of auction plants, we ask that you let one of the chairs know prior to bringing plants. We have a two plant limit, and must limit the total numbers of plants.

Worker and Entrant Pre-Sale

The sales area will be open Friday from about 2:00 (or earlier if there is a cashier and a cash register). This is a special pre-sale for workers and entrants. Get the first pick of the sale plants and pots.

Saturday August 11th:**11:00 am — Basic Cultivation**

Steve Frieze will give his own personal twist on explaining how to keep the plants you just bought alive and well.

12:00 pm — Trophy Table Tour

Woody Minnich and Michael Buckner explain why these plants won a trophy.

1:00 pm — Aloes - Something for Everyone

Tim Harvey will give examples of the wide variety of Aloe species and hybrids available to gardeners. He will also discuss how to use them in your garden.

2:00 pm — Raising your Caudiciforms

Peter Walkowiak will demonstrate how he stages large caudiciforms to expose their hidden treasures.

3:00 pm — Staging Plants from a Potter's Perspective

Joe Wujcik, master potter, will describe how pots and plants work together for spectacular displays.

Sunday August 12th:**11:00 am — Basic Cultivation**

Artie Chavez will answer questions on keeping the plants you just bought alive and well.

12:00 pm — Basic Propagation of Cacti and Succulents

Sandy Chase will demonstrate basic propagation techniques for cacti and other succulents.

1:00 pm — Wonders of the New World - Cacti and Agaves

Horace Birgh will lead you on a leisurely stroll around the Cactus Garden to help you identify a cactus and an agave, with emphasis on the survival strategies of these wonders of the New World.

2:00 pm — Judge's Tour of Novice Entries

Manny Rivera will lead you on a unique tour of show entries. You may be surprised by what you may have missed.

Note: Speakers, times and topics are subject to change.

Succulent Plants Symposium

September 1, 2012 at the Huntington Botanical Gardens

Time: Registration and continental breakfast, 8:30 am.

Program in Friends' Hall from 9:00 - 5:00, also includes silent auction, Desert Garden and Desert Conservatory special hours, and lunch. Dinner (optional), 6:00 pm. Registrants who have not signed up for dinner are welcome to return for the final presentation.

Registration:

Symposium:	\$75.00
Dinner	\$25.00

Deadline for registration is 29 August. We cannot guarantee meals for late registrants.

Program details are not available at date of newsletter publication.

Welcome New Members



Please welcome new members and make them feel welcome at our functions.

Jeff Bates, La Verne, CA
K.C. Kirchenbauer, Valley Village, CA

Looking for: Sansevieria Journal

Horace Birgh is trying to locate a publication. He would like to purchase "The Sansevieria Journal" (ISSN: 1062-8909).

It was published by Trans Terra, in Reseda. The Editor was B. Juan Chahinian; Associate Editor, Arnie Mitchnick.

Four issues were published per year, from June 1992 through 1999. They are no longer available anywhere. If anyone has any of these Journals, either see Horace at a meeting or contact him at hbirgh@sbcglobal.net.

Send registration form and a check (payable to The Huntington) or credit card information to:

Succulent Symposium
Huntington Botanical Gardens
1151 Oxford Road
San Marino, CA 91108
(626-405-3504)

Name(s) _____

Affiliation _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Program _____ x \$75.00 = _____

Dinner _____ x \$25.00 = _____

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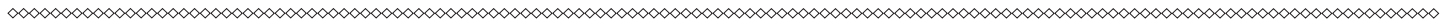
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Calendar of Upcoming Events

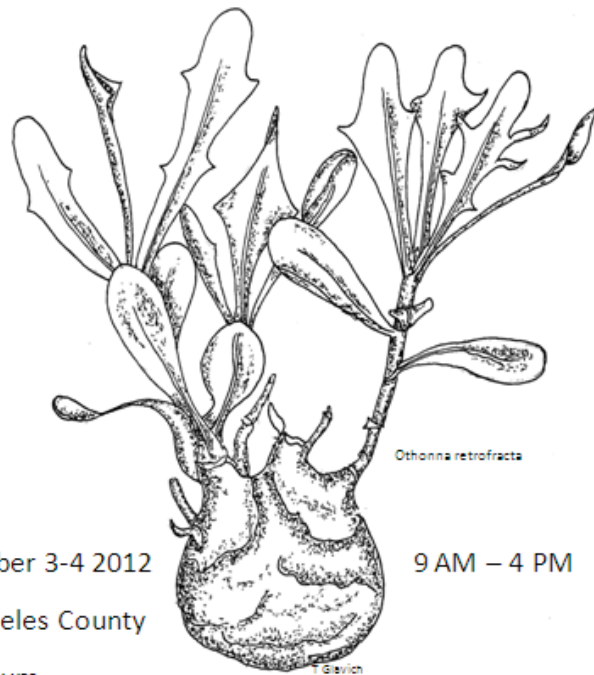
August 11 and 12, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm — 27th Annual INTER-CITY Cactus and Succulent Show and Sale at the LA Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin, Arcadia

September 1, 9:00 am — Succulent Symposium at the Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA. More information, including the fee for the Symposium, will be published next month.

November 3 and 4, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm — 19th Annual San Gabriel Valley Cactus and Succulent Society Winter Show and Sale in Ayres Hall at the LA Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin, Arcadia.



19th Annual San Gabriel Valley Winter Cactus and Succulent Show and Sale



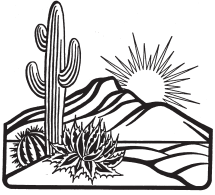
November 3-4 2012
Los Angeles County
Arboretum
301N Baldwin Ave
Arcadia, CA

9 AM – 4 PM

Information: www.sgvcss.com

2012 Plant-of-the-Month and Study Group Topics

	Cacti of the Month	Succulent of the Month	Study Group
Aug.	Favorite Cactus	Favorite Succulent	Astrophytum
Sept.	Hybrids & Cultivars	Hybrids & Cultivars	Photo Tour
Oct.	Ariocarpus	African Euphorbia	Loreto, Mexico Tour
Nov.	Monsters	Monsters	Winter Seed Workshop



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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: yvonne@pricklypalace.com or via mail to: San Gabriel Valley Cactus and Succulent Society Newsletter Editor, c/o Yvonne Hemenway, 5890 Grinnell Drive, Riverside, CA 92509. Material must be received by the last Thursday of the month to be considered for publication in the next issue of the **COMMUNIQUE**.