



**San Gabriel Valley
Cactus & Succulent Society**

COMMUNIQUE

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**AUGUST Meeting:
Thursday,
August 8 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 21st in the Palm Room,
Los Angeles County Arboretum at
7:30 pm. The topic will be:

Stapeliads

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President's Message

August 17th and 18th marks the dates for the greatest show on Earth, at least in the C&S world—the 28th Inter-City Cactus and Succulent Show and Sale. Set-up times this year will start Wednesday, August 14 at 1:00 pm. Please lend an extra hand by volunteering a bit of your time and enthusiasm to ensure this will be our best show ever. There is another benefit to volunteering and participating: The sales area will be open for pre-sale at 2:00 pm Fri. the 16th. You will get the first picks!

If you have never entered a plant or plants in the show, please join in. It's easy and fun. There will be people there to help you with any problems or questions you may have. The judging will begin at 5 pm Friday the 16th. It's best not to wait until the last minute to enter your plants.

Our thanks to Woody Minnich for his wonderful presentation last month on the Great American Southwest. This month we will hear from Ernesto Sandoval

Wow! The July C&S workshop was packed! Thank you all for coming. As special thanks to Karen Ostler for sharing her staging

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July Mini-Show Results

Oroya, Matucana

Novice

No entries

Intermediate

1st	Barbara Hall	Matucana haynei
2nd	Dick Tatman	Matucana madisoniorum

Open

1st	Pat Swain	Matucana pujupatii
2nd	Ken Shaw	Oroya borchersii
3rd	Ken Shaw	Matucana huagalensis

Adenium

Novice

1st	Nilda Howard	Adenium
2nd	Fred Parrales	Adenium obesum
3rd	Daniel Veelik	Seed workshop Adenium

Intermediate

No entries

Open

1st	John Matthews	Adenium hybrid
2nd	John Matthews	Adenium hybrid

Mini-Show Judges Signup

Fred Parrales and Rosy Garcia have signed up to assist Head Judge Manny Rivera in judging the entries for this month's Mini-Show. Check the Plant of the Month list on page 7 and sign up to judge a category that you enjoy growing.

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.

skills and tips. This month's workshop will be Stapeliads.

We were surprised at the number of folks that were able to join us at the picnic. The weather was perfect and fun was had by one and all. Thank you for making this and enjoyable event.

Reminder that the next Board meeting will be held at 2:00 pm on Sunday, August 18 at Ayers Hall. Also, 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.

See you at the meeting!

Gunnar Eisel

This Month's Program

"Plant Hormones"

Our speaker this month is Ernesto Sandoval. He will be talking to us about plant hormones - how they work and how they affect the growth of our plants.

Ernesto is the Director of the Conservatory at U.C. Davis and has done extensive plant research in California and Mexico. With a subject like "Plant Hormones" this promises to be an intriguing presentation.



Club Bulletin Board

**SGVCSS Annual Picnic and Auction
Pitzer College in Claremont**



Gary Mancuso's winning catch in the water balloon contest.



The competition was fierce in Opuntia toss competition.

Opuntia Toss winners:

- 1st Manny Rivera
- 2nd Rene Hernandez
- 3rd Minh Au
- 4th Barbara Hall

Water Balloon catch winners:

- 1st Gary and Jamie Mancuso
- 2nd Barbara Hall and Teresa Hernandez
- 3rd Rita Gerlach and Manny Rivera.



The weather was fine and everyone enjoyed a delicious picnic under the arbor.

Board of Directors Meeting – The next meeting of the Board of SGVCSS will be held on Sunday, August 18th at 2:00 pm in Ayers Hall. (Sunday of the Intercity Show and Sale)

SGVC&SS LEADERSHIP TEAM - 2013

Gunnar Eisel, President
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Plants Of The Month

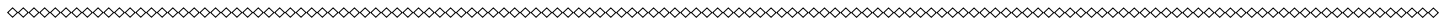
Enter your specimen plants in our monthly mini-show. It will help you prepare for the real shows and give you an additional opportunity to show others your pride and joy. This month your favorite specimens can do double duty – enter them in the Mini-show and then enter them in the Inter-City Show after the meeting.

Favorite Cactus and Favorite Succulent

Refreshment Signup

**Una Yeh
Suzie Tanahashi
Lorraine Lutz**

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 Chair/
Tom Glavich	626-798-2430
John Matthews	661-714-1052
Peter Walkowiak	858-382-1797
	Sales Chair
Jim Hanna	562-920-3046

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 pm on Wednesday August 14, 9:00 am to 9:00 pm on Thursday August 15 and 9:00 am to 5:00 pm on Friday August 16. All plants must be in place before 5 pm to allow the start of judging. Take-out starts at 5:00 on Sunday August 18. 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 17th:**11:00 am — Basic Cultivation**

Artie Chavez will answer questions on 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.

**2:00 pm — Staging Succulent Plants
- A Demonstration and Discussion**

Peter Walkowiak will borrow some blue-ribbon plants from the show and discuss what was done to display the plant in a way that enhances its form and beauty. He will also demonstrate staging of some new plants focusing on pot selection, top dressing, plant positioning, and rock placement.

3:00 pm — Propagation

Joe Stead, one of California's master propagators, will show how to propagate common and rare succulents.

Sunday August 18th:**12:00 pm — Capturing the Beauty
- A Photography Workshop**

Steve Frieze will give a short workkshop on photographing cactus and other succulent plants. After learning some basic tips, participants will go into the show and produce their own photographs. Bring your camera.

1:00 pm — Cactus Care From The Ground Up

Pat Swain will discuss how to successfully plant and grow cactus. Topics will cover the basics including soil mix, watering, light requirements, pests and maintenance.

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.

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 = _____

Donation _____

Total enclosed: \$ _____

Credit Card # _____

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Signature _____

Succulent Plants Symposium

August 31, 2013 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.

C & S Workshop

Wednesday, August 21st • Stapeliads

This month's workshop will focus on the succulent tribe Stapelieae, whose genera are commonly referred to as Stapeliads.

Stapeliads are rather unremarkable thick-stemmed plants, which can be prostrate, decumbent, or erect; they are primarily grown for their showy flowers. Genera include Caralluma, Duvalia, Echidnopsis, Hoodia, Huernia, Pectinaria, Piaranthus, Pseudolithos, Stapelia, Stapelianthus, Tavaresia, and Trichocaulon.

Stapeliads range is primarily African -- from central (tropical) Africa south to South Africa -- but species are also found in the Mediterranean, Arabian Peninsula, Madagascar, and Asia. In habitat, Huernia grow in partial shade in rocky outcrops and crevices in the tropics, Caralluma and Pseudolithos are found in the drier desert climates, Stapelia are found across South Africa, while Duvalia, Piaranthus, Echidnopsis (some), and Pectinaria are found in "niche" South African environments, and Stapelianthus are endemic to Madagascar. Hoodia, Piaranthus, and Tavaresia are

Welcome New Members



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

**Terry and Travis Walton, Glendora
Kristi Lippire, Los Angeles
Deanna Catalana, Temple City
Joan Mandell, Glendale
Kurt Kaminski, Los Angeles
Tran Francis, Los Angeles**

Calendar of Upcoming Events

August 17 and 18, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm — 28th Annual INTER-CITY Cactus and Succulent Show and Sale at the LA Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin, Arcadia. Please see the Inter-City Show newsletter on the SGVCSS website. For information call Tom Glavich 626-798-2430 or John Matthews 661-297-5364.

August 31, 9:00 am — Succulent Symposium at the Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA.

November 2 and 3, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm — 20th Annual San Gabriel Valley Cactus and Succulent Society Winter Show and Sale in Ayres Hall at the LA Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin, Arcadia.

C & S Workshop - *continued*

range covers Namibia to southern Angola, northern South Africa to Zimbabwe.

The generally inconspicuous plants have large, showy, star or bell-shaped flowers; Stapelia flowers smell awful (they really do smell like something is rotting). Most Stapelia species can be grown in the garden in our region (at least in the valleys).

Stapelia plants grown by master growers will be circulated and discussed. If you grow these plants (even if you are a beginner), please bring them in for other attendees to see and discuss. As the geographical distribution of our Club’s membership covers several climate zones and a variety of micro-climates, each individual grower’s experiences may be both similar to others and unique, too.

Our workshops are a forum for all. Maybe you have a seed-grown Stapelia. Maybe you want to

confirm a species name (those pesky plastic pot markers are forever breaking on me). Maybe you want to re-pot your plants to show in November. Maybe you want to know how to deal with the milky sap.

Remember, our workshops are informal discussion sessions, where you can see plants up close (and hold them in your own hands) and ask questions about anything related to growing these plants successfully. We are even lucky enough to have Club members that have seen these plants growing in habitat.

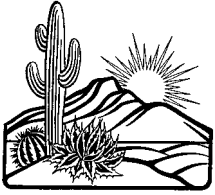
And don’t forget – there is always an informal raffle; everyone takes home a plant or plant cuttings. Hope to see you there.

Anne Keegan, August 2013

Sources: Succulent Plants of the World, Fred Dortort; Succulents in Cultivation, Vera Higgins

2013 Plant-of-the-Month and Study Group Topics

	<u>Cacti of the Month</u>	<u>Succulent of the Month</u>	<u>Study Group</u>
Jan.	White Spined Mammillaria Clusters	Small Aloes - less than 12" across	Tips, Tools & Techniques
Feb.	Stenocactus	Haworthia	Conophytums
Mar.	North American Opuntiads	Tylecodon, Cotyledon	Pelargoniums
Apr.	Eriosyce, Copiapoa	Dudleya	Spring Seed Workshop
May	Echinopsis	Caudiciforms, Pachycauls	Grafting Workshop
June	Astrophytum	Medusoid Euphorbias	Rebutias, Sulcorebutias, Weingartia
July	Oroya, Matucana	Adenium	Staging
Aug.	Favorite Cactus	Favorite Succulent	Stapeliads
Sept.	Coryphantha, Escobaria	Sansevieria	Cephaliated Cacti
Oct.	Thelocactus	Lithops	Ariocarpus
Nov.	Epiphytic Cacti, inc. Xmas Cactus	Epiphytic Succulents	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**.