



**San Gabriel Valley
Cactus & Succulent Society**

COMMUNIQUE

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**August Meeting:
Thursday,
August 14 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

C&S Workshop:

The Workshop will meet on Wednesday, August 20th in the Palm Room, Los Angeles County Arboretum at 7:30 pm. The topic will be:

Crests & Monstrose

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President's Message

The 29th Inter-City Cactus and Succulent Show and Sale is upon us. The August 9th and 10th show represents the highest quality and quantity of plants in our hobby. You will not find a better C&S show anywhere on earth! Please tell all of your friends and introduce them to a wonderful hobby.

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 pm on Friday the 8th.

Secondly, we always need novice entries. 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 8th. It's best not to wait until the last minute to enter your plants. Further information is on our website: <http://www.sgvcss.com>

The weather was absolutely perfect for our Picnic at Pitzer last

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July Mini-Show Results

Cactus - Crested and Monstrose

Novice

1st	Dave Johansen	Espostoa sp.
2nd	Shaun Adams	Mammillaria elongata
3rd	Nilda Howard	Opuntia vestita "cristate"

Intermediate

1st	Kim Chavez	Eulychnia spiralis
2nd	Kim Chavez	Astrophytum asterias
3rd	Barbara Hall	Copiapoa var. hypogaea crest
3rd	Barbara Hall	Mammillaria sp.

Masters

1st	Tony Marino	Copiapoa tenuissima monstrose
2nd	Tony Marino	Gymnocalycium saglionis
3rd	Tom Glavich	Astrophytum Onzuka

Succulent - Crested and Monstrose

Novice

1st	Nilda Howard	Euphorbia lactea
2nd	Fred Parrales	Echeveria chroma

Intermediate

1st	Kim Chavez	Euphorbia obesa
2nd	Kim Chavez	Pseudolithos migiurtinus
3rd	Rita Gerlach	Euphorbia lactea crest

Masters

1st	John Matthews	Luckhoffia buckmanii crest
2nd	John Matthews	Echeveria "Topsy Turvy"
3rd	Tony Marino	Euphorbia pseudocactus

Mini-Show Judges Signup

Horace Birgh and Fred Parrales signed up to assist Head Judge Manny Rivera in judging the entries for this month's Mini-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.

weekend. A special thanks to Joe Clements for his hospitality and generosity of sharing the wonderful Pitzer venue and his tour of the grounds ably assisted by Horace Birgh. Also, thanks to everyone who helped make the picnic such a fun annual event.

See you at the meeting.

Gunnar Eisel

This Month's Program

"The Klein Karoo - A Succulent Wonderland"

Buck Hemenway

Buck Hemenway and his wife Yvonne are enthusiastic growers of succulent plants. Their one time hobby has turned in to the Prickly Palace nursery, which supplies cacti and succulents to the retail nursery trade. Buck is Past President of the San Gabriel Valley C&SS and Gates Cactus & Succulent Society, and currently serves on the board of Cactus & Succulent Society of America. Both are "Northern" people. Yvonne is Canadian and Buck was born and raised in Portland.

They have traveled to Southern Africa on four separate occasions, recently visiting southwest Namibia as well as the Karoos in South Africa. They have a continuing love affair with South Africa and have purchased property there with the intent to move to the Little Karoo.

The talk is titled "The Klein Karoo, Succulent Wonderland". It is an exploration of one of the most prolific succulent growing areas on earth. Fabulous plants and the future home of the Hemenways.



SGVCSS Annual Picnic and Auction



Manny shows great form in the Opuntia Toss game



*... and this year's winners are:
1st Place (C) Minh Au
2nd Place (L) Rico Leon
3rd Place (R) Shaun Adams*



The Water Balloon Toss was a tough competition and the winning teams had to make heroic catches.

*1st Place (C) Shaun and Allison Adams
2nd Place (L) Manny Rivera and Tom Vermilion
3rd Place (R) Raylene Leon and Michael Shepherd*

C&S Workshop

Wednesday, August 20th • Crests and Monstrose

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.

SGVC&SS LEADERSHIP TEAM - 2014

Gunnar Eisel, President
Tom Vermilion, Vice President
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Louise Stack, Director
Shaun Adams, Director
Dean Elzinga, Director
Horace Birgh, Director
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Jim Hanna, CSSA Affiliate Representative
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Woody Minnich, Program Chair
Bill Gerlach, Membership Chair
Cindy Arakaki, Librarian

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

29th Inter-City Cactus and Succulent
Show and Sale



Aloe utahensis var. *eborispina*

August 9 – 10 2014 9 – 5

Los Angeles County Arboretum

301 N Baldwin Ave, Arcadia 626-821-3222

Plant Entry and Take-Out Times

Plant Entry times are from 1:00 to 7:00 on Wednesday August 6, 9:00 to 9:00 on Thursday August 7 and 9:00 to 5:00 on Friday August 8. All plants must be in place before 5 PM to allow the start of judging. Take-out starts at 5:00 on Sunday August 10. All plants must be removed on Sunday evening.

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. If you are novice, there will be people there to help with identification and placement. We all start as novices.

Refreshment Signup

Fred Parales
Irma Juarez
Tommy Dodson
Margie Wilson

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

Show Schedule Changes

New Categories: Variegated Agaves! Succulent Orchids! Cycads! The show schedule can be found at: <http://www.sgvcss.com>

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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Show Treasurer

Evelynn Stevens	626-303-1239
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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 back-breaking work will be done by others. We need help setting up the sales area. There is shade cloth to attach, and 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.

Wear your club badges!

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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 5:30 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 626-303-1239. Make checks payable to ICCSS c/o Evelyn Stevens 216 S. California Ave. Monrovia, CA 91016

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.

Note: Speakers, Times and Subjects are subject to change

Walks and Talks

Saturday August 17

11:00 am —Basic Cultivation

Steve Frieze will talk about and answer questions on keeping the plants you just bought alive and well. One of our most popular talks!

12:00 pm —Trophy Table Tour

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

1:00 pm —Growing Succulent Plants in Containers

Yvonne Hemenway will discuss how to successfully arrange and maintain succulents of different colors, textures, and sizes in containers. Also, a how-to on making vertical gardens.

2:00 pm —Repotting, A Demonstration & Discussion

Sandy Chase will demonstrate repotting plants focusing on pot selection, plant handling and positioning. She will discuss how to know if a plant needs repotting as well as knowing the right time of year to repot. She will include tips on propagation.

3:00 pm —Propagation

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

Sunday August 18

11:00 am —Basic Cultivation

Buck Hemenway will answer questions on keeping the plants you just bought alive and well. One of our most popular talks; don't miss this one!

12:00 pm —Cactus Care from the Ground Up

Peter Walkowiak will discuss how to successfully plant and grow cactus. He will cover the basics including soil mix, watering, light requirements, pests and maintenance.

1:00 pm —Epiphyllums: Care & Maintenance

Jim Nones, a perennial winner in this category, will show how to successfully grow these jungle cacti which can have spectacular large flowers.

2:00 pm —Judge's Tour of Entries

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

Succulent Plants Symposium

August 30, 2014 at the Huntington Botanical Gardens

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

Program in the Ahmanson Classroom from 9:00 - 5:00, also includes silent auction, Desert Garden and Desert Conservatory special hours, and lunch. Dinner (optional) begins at 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 August 26th. We cannot guarantee meals for late registrants.

Program includes:

Ivon Mercedes Ramirez Morillo, Centro de Investigacion Cientifica de Yucatan, Merida, Mexico. *An Overview of Hechtia (Bromeliaceae)*

Nigist Asfaw, Addis Ababa University, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. *Medicinal and Aromatic Plants of the Dry Lands of Ethiopia*

Nathan LeClear, University of Texas, Austin, Texas. *Jatropha on my Mind*

Jeffery Morawetz, Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden, Claremont, California. *Euphorbia Hunting in the Old World: From the Arabian Desert to the Deserts and Savannas of Africa*

German Carnevali Fernandez-Concha, Centro de Investigacion Cientifica de Yucatan, Merida, Mexico. *Succulents and Xerophytic Communities in the Yucatan Peninsula*

Sebsebe Demissew, Addis Ababa University, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. *Adaptation of Succulents and Geophytes from Semi-desert to Afroalpine Habitats in the Horn of Africa* (presentation follows dinner)

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 # _____

Exp. _____

Signature _____

Calendar of Upcoming Events

August 9 and 10, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm — 29th Annual Intercity Show and Sale at the LA County Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia. For information call Tom Glavich 626-798-2430 or John Matthews 661-714-1052.

August 30, 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.

September 7, 12 noon to 5:00 pm — Long Beach Cactus Club Annual Plant Auction at Rancho Los Alamitos, 6400 Bixby Hill Road, Long Beach, CA. For information call 310-922-6090.

November 1 and 2, 9:00 am to 4:00 PM — San Gabriel Cactus and Succulent Society Winter Show and Sale at the LA County Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia.

Inter-City Show — We Need your Entries

The Inter-City Show has a well-deserved reputation for the place to see one of a kind plants, but more importantly, it has the reputation as the place where plants are grown to standards of excellence that are impossible to exceed.

With this in mind, the Inter-City Show is also one of the easiest and most encouraging to enter. There are three classes, Novice, Advance and Open. Novice is anyone who has won less than 40 first places in recognized shows, Advanced in anyone who has won more than 40, and Open is for anyone who wants to compete at the highest level. This show is one of the

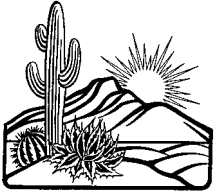
main sources of new members for all three clubs. A little know secret is that it is the novice entrants that do the most to encourage new members to join the clubs and to enter future shows. We need more novice entrants.

Entries can be brought in from 1 to 7 on Wednesday August 6, 8 AM to 9 PM on Thursday August 7 and 8 AM to 5 PM on Friday August 8.

This exciting show is the perfect place to let the public and other club members admire your best-grown plants.

2014 Plant-of-the-Month and Study Group Topics

	<u>Cacti of the Month</u>	<u>Succulent of the Month</u>	<u>Workshops</u>
Jan.	Mammillaria Clusters	Succulent Bulbs	Landscaping with Succulents
Feb.	California Native Cacti	California Native Succulents	Plant Identification
Mar.	Rebutia, Sulcorebutia, Weingartia	Echeverias	California Natives
Apr.	Variegated Cacti	Variegated Succulents	Spring Seed Workshop
May	Gymnocalycium	Stem Euphorbias	Vegetative Propagation
June	Notocactus and Parodia	Bursera & Commiphora	Stem Euphorbias
July	Crested and Monstrose	Crested and Monstrose	Staging Workshop
Aug.	Favorite Cactus	Favorite Succulent	Crests and Monstrose
Sept.	Cephaliated Cacti	Monadenium	Succulent Orchids
Oct.	Ariocarpus	Sedums	Sansevierias
Nov.	Grafted Cacti	Grafted 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**.