

COMMUNIQUE

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY

An Affiliate of the Cactus & Succulent Society of America, Inc.
Meetings are held at **7:30 PM** on the 2nd Thursday of the month
in the Lecture Hall, Los Angeles County Arboretum, Arcadia
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Inter-City Show – Madagascar and More: The Inter-city Cactus and Succulent Show is coming up on August 18th and 19th. This is the largest and best Cactus and Succulent Show in the world, with more plants shown and more rare plants exhibited than any other show. Over the years, this show has been covered twice, and appears around the country on the show ‘The Desert Speaks’. We get attendees from well above San Francisco to Arizona and Mexico. It is one of the big events of the succulent year.

This show is also one of the shows that is easiest and friendliest to enter. There are three entry classes, Novice (where we all start out), Advanced for those who have won 20 or more Blue ribbons and Open for professional growers and those who feel they are among the very best. You compete in this show against growers of similar ability, and generally of similar budget. Bring some of your best plants, even if you only have a few. Many categories are under represented, particularly in the novice class, and you will be surprised how well you do. There will be helpers at the show to help place them properly, help with names, and give you any assistance you need. It’s always hard to break the ice and enter your first show; this is one of the best and easiest to do it.

The Show also features a sale, with local vendors supplemented by Miles Anderson and, Plants for the Southwest from Tucson, California Succulents from the Bay Area and the Plant Man from San Diego. Many of the best local potters are also represented. There will be plants for sale that range from inexpensive easy-to-grow plants to rare show-worthy plants that you will only find on this one weekend. The sale is open to exhibitors and show helpers (even if you will be helping over the weekend) on Friday afternoon.

Every year there is a Saturday night awards dinner and auction. It is held near the Arboretum at Coco’s Restaurant Oak Tree Room, 1150 Colorado Boulevard. See the Show Schedule for more details. The auction has everything from inexpensive to really rare show plants. It is a wonderful time to relax, talk about the judging, have a great meal, and see some incredible plants go out for bid.

This show wouldn’t be possible without the support and efforts of many people. We always need helpers for set-up on Wednesday Morning. The tables in the Show and Sale area need to be place, sale canopies need to go up, tablecloths go out, and the entry forms get set up. The first show plants arrive on Wednesday afternoon. We also need clerks on Friday to help arrange the show, and on Friday night for assisting with the judging. This is a great opportunity to learn how plants are judged. Help is also needed on Saturday and Sunday, answering questions (almost no plant knowledge needed), watching plants, and generally helping out at the show. This is a great time to see the show, do a little plant shopping, and participate in one of the great walks and talks that go on both days. Finally we always need help on Sunday from 5 to about 7 as we clean and pack up the show.

Entries can be brought in on Wednesday Aug 15 from 1 to 6 PM, Thursday Aug 16 from 8 AM to 10 PM and Friday from 8 AM to 4 PM.

Please enter the show; you will be amazed how much you will enjoy it. Please also take some time over the weekend to attend the show, whether you enter or not, and please bring your relatives, neighbors and friends. This is a great chance to show off, and to explain to others why you find these plants so interesting to grow.

Monthly Meeting: Join us **Thursday, August 9th** at 7:30 pm for a Special Presentation.

Due a last minute change, our scheduled speaker is unable to make his presentation. However, Woody is hard at work lining up a replacement and we can be assured that we will have an enjoyable program. Surprises can be fun so come on over.

Special thanks to Petra Crist, and her husband Paul, for the presentation on Namibia. How about those sleeping accommodations – a tent on top of the vehicle? The picture of the giraffe looking at you through the tree was adorable.

Plants of the Month:

CACTI – Oldest Plant SUCCULENT – Oldest Plant

This year instead of bringing in your favorite plant, the category is “oldest plant”. This means the plant you have had the longest. We understand that your oldest plant could be planted in the ground and we don’t want you to dig it up. Just look at the plants you have in pots, find the oldest which can be transported. We will leave it up to Manny and his panel of judges to determine the best plants.

This is a good opportunity to be looking at the plants around your home that you want to take pictures of for the September Study Group. Watch for the September Communique for details.

Study Group: Wednesday, August 15th; Topic – Bugs, Rot and Disease

The Study Group meets in the Grapevine room of the San Gabriel Adult Center, 324 South Mission Dr. (between the San Gabriel Mission and Civic Auditorium) at 7:30 pm. In addition to lively discussions, we usually have a large selection of cuttings and other plants donated by members that are given away by lottery at the end of the meeting.

Say Hello to our newest members: Laura Brannon, Tim Callobre, Salina Chinn, Artie Chavez, Elizabeth Kent, Robert Stauffer and Priscilla Gregg. Be sure to take a look at the Club’s website <http://www.sgvcss.com>. If you wish to receive your COMMUNIQUE on-line please notify the editor at sgv_css@prodigy.net.

Refreshments: The following club members have signed up to bring refreshments for the August: **Tommy Dodson, Eunice Thompson and Barbara Nolan.** Remember the first three people to sign up and bring refreshments will receive a plant. If you find you are unable to bring refreshments, please call a friend to substitute for you.

Board Meeting: There will be a brief Board meeting on Sunday, August 19th at 3:00pm in Ayers Hall. We will gather near the trophy table and pick a meeting location from there to discuss any issues regarding the Club.

Huntington Symposium: In celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Desert Garden at The Huntington, this year's symposium will take a look back at the garden's history, its diverse plant life, and the remarkable people who have made it one of the greatest succulent collections in the world.

At the August meeting, we will have a drawing for two tickets, furnished by the Club, to the Huntington Symposium. To be eligible for the drawing, the member must be considered an active member and have been a member prior to January 1, 2007. Any question of eligibility will be decided by the Board. Previous winners are ineligible. A winner may give his ticket to someone else as long as that person meets the same qualifications.

July - Plant-of-the-Month

Cacti - Miniatures

Beginner

1st Cindy Arakaki
 2nd Cindy Arakaki
 3rd Efren Flores

Escobaria Minima
 Mammillaria Saboae
 Gymnocalycium
 Ragonessii

Succulent-

1st Cindy Arakaki
 2nd Marc Digeros
 3rd Brian Le
 3rd Tanya Batura

Miniatures

Avonia Quinaria
 Haworthia Chloracanthus
 Haworthia Pumila
 Haworthia "Green Gem"

Intermediate

1st T.Dodson-H.Birgh
 2nd Phil Skonieczki
 3rd Barbara Hall

Tephro. Geometricus
 Mammillaria Herrerae
 Puna bonnicea

1st John Matthews
 2nd John Matthews
 3rd Alan Hooker

Adrom. Antidara
 Cono. Obcordellem
 Ceraria Pygmaea

Advanced

1st Paul & Carol Maker
 2nd Frank Nudge
 3rd Buck & Yvonne Hemenway

Encephalocarpus
 Strobiliformis
 Ariocarpus
 Kotschoubeyanus
 Epithelantha Micromeris

1st Paul & Carol Maker
 2nd Rita Gerlach
 3rd Rita Gerlach

Haworthia
 Springbokvlakelsis
 Titanopsis Calcarea
 Agave Filifera Compacta

Master

1st Tom Glavich
 2nd Tom Glavich
 3rd

Neoporteria Jussieui
 Turbinicarpus Laui

1st Robert Stauffer
 2nd Jim Hanna
 3rd Tom Glavich

Pseudolithos
 Cubiformis
 Euph. Ambovombense
 Crassula Exilis

Picnic: A big **THANK YOU** to **Joe Clements** for arranging for the Club to meet at Pitzer College for its annual picnic. It was a hot day and the attendance was down from last year. However, it was a great opportunity to see the grounds; the food was great and the auction helped raise some money for Club projects. It was good to see some new members attend and take home plants for winning a couple of the games. A thank you also to the individuals who arrived early to help with the set-up.

Opuntia Toss

Egg Toss

Balloon Toss

1st	Joe Clements	1st	Jamie & Gary Mancuso	1st	Jamie & Gary Mancuso
2nd	Buck Hemenway	2nd	Rita Gerlach & Manny Rivera	2nd	Mike Wisnev & Ana Troub
3rd	Tim Callobre	3rd	Buck & Yvonne Hemenway	3rd	Jean & Pat Mullens
4th	Glen Carlzen	3rd	Tim Callobre & Salina Chinn		

***CACTUS AND SUCCULENT
CALENDAR OF UP COMING EVENTS FOR 2007***

Aug 18th – 19th 22nd Annual Intercity Show and Sale – LA County Arboretum
310 N. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia, CA Info Call Tom Glavich #626-798-2430 or
Barbara Hall #818-368-6914

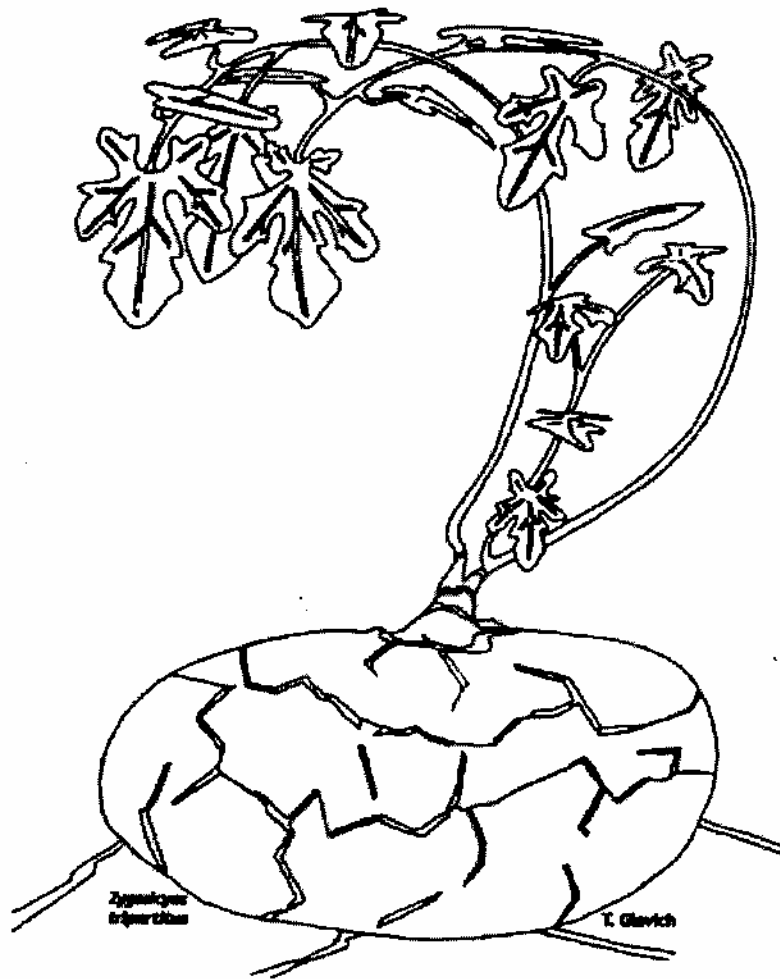
Sept. 1st Huntington Botanical Gardens Succulent Symposium – All Day at the Huntington

Nov 10th - 11th San Gabriel Valley Cactus and Succulent Society Show and Sale
LA County Arboretum, 301 No. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia, CA

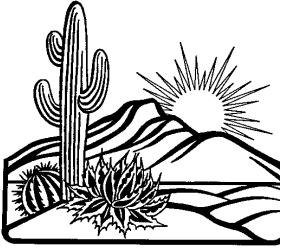
Dec. 1st -2nd Orange County Show and Sale – Fullerton Arboretum
1900 Associated Road, Fullerton, CA 92831
Show and Sale Open from 10am TO 4pm
For Information Call #714-870-4887

If you have a cactus or succulent related event that you'd like to have announced in the **COMMUNIQUE**, please forward the information to the address given below. Please verify event dates - sometimes events are rescheduled or canceled without adequate advance notice. Articles, Notices and Corrections can be sent via E-mail to: sgv_css@prodigy.net or via post to: San Gabriel Valley Cactus and Succulent Society Newsletter Editor, c/o Evelyn Stevens, 10119 1/2 E. Olive St., Temple City, CA 91780-3345. Material must be received by the last Thursday of the month to be considered for publication in the next issue of the **COMMUNIQUE**

22nd Annual Intercity Cactus and Succulent Show Schedule



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