

# 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month  
in the Palm Room, Los Angeles County Arboretum, Arcadia  
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## *Happy Holidays*

Well, once again Santa will be flying over the Los Angeles Arboretum for our annual Holiday Dinner on Sunday, December 14th. The festivities will begin at 5:00 pm in Ayres Hall.

If you are a new member, or have never attended our Holiday Dinner, this year is the year to attend. It's going to be special! There will be lots and lots of food and fun.

Even if you have not signed up to bring a side dish, feel free to bring your favorite dish. Our Chapter provides the turkey, ham and mashed potatoes.

Help with set-up before dinner is always welcome. Set-up begins at 3:00 pm sharp. And if you're so inclined, a bit of assistance after all the festivities wind down is also welcome.

So, bring a side dish and, of course, a hearty appetite.

See you there!

*Tommy Dodson*

**Holiday Auction:** Bring Money!! This is a great opportunity to purchase (or sell) rare or specimen sized plants. Auction Rules: Limit your total plants and/or items to 3 (you must be a club member to sell). Finances; club gets 30%, seller gets 70%. Plants should be mature, well-grown specimens rather than small immature plants. Other items may include succulent related artwork, such as paintings, line drawings, pottery or other crafts. Or maybe you have come across some neat items with cactus or succulents on them, so bring them in. Please label your items with your name and a minimum bid or if the item is a donation just your name and a note that it is a donation. The plants will be auctioned by some of our knowledgeable club members.

**Gift Exchange:** Anyone may participate in this *optional* activity. Bring a cactus or succulent (or related item). It should be in good condition (something you would like to receive). Attach a label with your name on one side and, if it's a plant, write the species on the other side. The plant or item that is deemed most desirable will be auctioned during the party. Then, the person who brought in that selection gets the first pick from all the remaining items. Whoever's gift is then picked gets next choice and so on (the more desirable the item you bring, the earlier you will get your chance to pick). Only one item per person please!

**Holiday Plants:** Every year, each member receives a Holiday gift plant from the Club. The plants are, as much as possible, identical. Members are invited to bring in all surviving plants from previous Holiday Parties, to see how well they have been grown. Here's your chance to show how good a grower you are! So, remember to bring in your plants from years gone by. As a reminder, the plants for the last few years have been: 2007 – *Gymnocalycium Spegazzinii*, 2006 – *Euphorbia Obesa*, 2005 - *Uebelmannia Pectinifera*, 2004 - *Lithops dortheae*, 2003 - *Discocactus bueneckeri*, 2002 – *Adenia glace.*, 2001 – *Echinocereus festinates v. raisins.*, 2000 - *Euphorbia aerations minor*, 1999 – *Mammillaria deheardtiana*, 1998 – *Raphionacme flanaganii*, 1997 – *Ortegocactus macdougalii*, 1996 - *Euphorbia bupleurifolia*, 1995- *Sulcorebutia candiae*.

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**Plant of the Month:** No mini-show this month, just the party!

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**Study Group:** No meeting this month. Everyone is too busy with the Holidays!

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**SGVC&SS Election:** Club officers for 2009 were elected at the November meeting. The slate put forward by the nominating committee ran unopposed, and was elected by unanimous decree. The officers will be:

President	<b>Buck Hemenway</b>	Board Member	<b>Phil Skonieczki</b>
Vice President	<b>Horace Birgh</b>	Board Member	<b>Karen Ostler</b>
Treasurer	<b>Rita Gerlach</b>	Board Member	<b>Ralph Massey</b>
Secretary	<b>Anne Keegan</b>		

Board Members serve a 2 year term. Carryover Board Members are **Cindy Arakaki, Manny Rivera and John Matthews.**

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**Say Hello to our newest members:** **Tina Birebirian & James McNamee, Mary Boone, Larry Gimlich, Michael Kerry, Richard Roosman, Rick Unipan and Leigh Thach** We are please to welcome back **Rene & Patty Caro**. 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](mailto:sgv_css@prodigy.net).

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### 2009 Plant-of-the-Month/Study Group Topics

	<u><b>Cacti of the Month</b></u>	<u><b>Succulent of the Month</b></u>	<u><b>Study Group</b></u>
Jan.	Clustering Mammillaria	Othonna & Senecio	Haworthias
Feb.	Ceroids	Gasteria	Gasteria
Mar	U.S. Native Cacti	U.S. Native Succulents	Mexico Road Trip with Vince & Rene
Apr.	Echinocereus	Haworthia	Spring Seed Workshop
May	Echinopsis	Echeveria	Vegetative Propagation Workshop
June	Cephalium bearing Cacti	Adenium	Astrophytum
July	Eriogyce	Cyphostemma	Staging
Aug.	Favorite	Favorite	Sansevieria
Sept	Gymnocalycium	Euphorbia (caudiciform type)	Photo Tour
Oct	Parodia & Notocactus	Stemless Mesembs - No Lithops	Ariocarpus
Nov.	Frailea & Blossfeldia	Tylecodon	Winter Seed Workshop

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**Membership Renewal:** It is time to pay your dues for 2009.

The dues for 2009 are \$15 per household if you elect to have the Newsletter (Communique) sent to you via E-mail or \$20 per household if you want to have it sent via US Mail..

**Please note any corrections or changes in your information when sending in your check.** Also note if you do not want your address listed in the roster. This would a good time to add your partner to your membership as the new membership setup is per household.

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**Editor's Note:** As my time as Newsletter Editor comes to an end I would like to send out a **Thank You** to all of the members who provided the information that went into the Communique. I especially want to thank **Susan Weststeyn**, and **Walter** too, for their help in folding, stamping, sealing and labeling over 100 newsletters each month. *Evelynn*

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A special thanks to the members who participated in the November POM Mini Show. Due to technical difficulties we were unable to present the winners at the meeting. However, their points were tabulated and added to their year-do-date totals

### Nov-08 Plant-of-the- Month Mini Show Results

	Cacti- Ariocarpus		Succulent- Asclepiads	
<b>Beginner</b>				
1st	Hannah Nguyen	A. fissuratus	1st	Calvin Arakaki Fockea edulis
2nd	Hannah Nguyen	A. fissuratus	2nd	Cindy Arakaki Luckhoffia beukmanii
3rd	Hannah Nguyen	A. kotschoubeyanus	3rd	Mike Wisnev Huernia pillansii
<b>Intermediate</b>				
1st	Dick Tatman	A. fissuratus	1st	Barbara Nolan Pseudolithos migiurtinus
2nd	Barbara Nolan	A. sp	2nd	Barbara Nolan Fockea edulis
3rd	Dick Tatman	A. retusus v furfuraceus	3rd	Barbara Nolan Fockea edulis
<b>Advanced</b>				
1st	Frank Nudge	A. kotschoubeyanus	1st	Alan Hooker Fockea camura
2nd	Rita Gerlach	A. retusus	2nd	Rita Gerlach Ceropegia woodii
3rd	Rita Gerlach	A. Hybrid	2nd	Alan Hooker Fockea augustifolia
			3rd	Rita Gerlach Stapelia sp
			3rd	Frank Nudge Caralluma penicillata
<b>Master</b>				
1st	Vince Basta	A. fissuratus	1st	Vince Basta Pseudolithos eylensis
2nd	Vince Basta	A. retusus	2nd	Vince Basta Pseudolithos harardhevanus
3rd	Karen Ostler	A. agavoidies	3rd	Jim Hanna Fockea edulis
			3rd	Jim Hanna Raphionacme flanaganii

**The SGVCSS 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Show** was celebrated on November 8 & 9, 2008. It was a great show with beautiful plants and wonderful people.

The Show Committee wants to thank all of the Club members who worked hard to set-up and tear down, judges, clerks and tabulators, the people working in the sales area, tag counting, plant holding, back gate guarding, hospitality table, the people in charge of the kitchen who made sure we were fed, all of the exhibitors who brought those gorgeous plants to the show and, of course, all of the vendors and auctioneers.

Saturday Night: Those who attended the Show Dinner, provided by Richard Jones Pit Barbeque, had a great time and had a chance to obtain plants from our plant auction.

Show Results: Total Participants 55 – Novice 16, Advance 20, Open 19  
Total Entries 699 – Cactus 287, Succulents 412

**Congratulations to all of the winners:**

Sweepstakes – **Charles and Joan Spots**

High Points Cacti Novice – **Glen and Linda Carlzen**

High Points Cacti Advanced – **Pat Swain**

High Points Cacti Open – **Charles and Joan Spots**

High Points Succulents Novice – **Calvin and Cindy Arakaki**

High Points Succulents Advanced – **Horace Birgh and Tommy Dodson**

High Points Succulents Open – **Peter Walkowiak**

2008 Winter Show Trophy Winners

Best Cactus Novice – **Glen and Linda Carlzen** – Stenocactus Ochoterrenanus

Best Cactus Advanced – **Pat Swain** – Echinomastus Johnsonii

Best Cactus Open – **Woody Minnich** – Copiapoa Cinerea

Best Succulent Novice – **John Luhnnow** – Portulacaria Afra

Best Succulent Advanced – **Charles and Debbie Ball** – Othonna Sp.

Best Succulent Open – **Larry Grammer** – Fockea Comura

Best Ariocarpus – **Carol and Paul Maker** – Ariocarpus Fissuratus v. Lloydii

Best Mammillaria – **Charles and Joan Spots** – Mammillaria Coahuilensis

Best Epiphytic Cactus – **Joyce and Michael Buckner** – Epiphyllum Phyllanthus

Best Gymnocalycium – **Charles and Joan Spots** -- Gymnocalycium Stellatum

Best Rebutia/Sulcorebutia – **Carol and Paul Maker** – Sulcorebutia Rauschii

Best Opuntia – **Charles and Joan Spots** – Pterocactus Australius

Best Agave – **Buck and Yvonne Hemenway** – Agave Macroacantha

Best Mesemb – **Bill Hagblom** – Conophytum Reconditum

Best Haworthia – **Charles and Joan Spots** – Haworthia Sp. Mivivi

Best Madagascan Euphorbia – **Larry Grammer** – Euphorbia Francoisii

Best Euphorbia – **Petra Crist** – Euphorbia Albertensis

Best Dorstenia – **Gene and Laura Oster** – Dorstenia Foetida

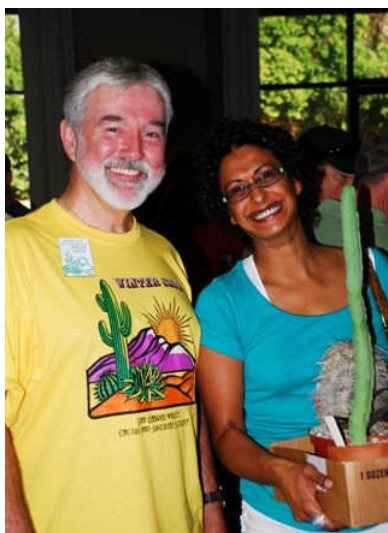
Best Crassulaceae – **Larry Grammer** – Crassulaceae Sp.

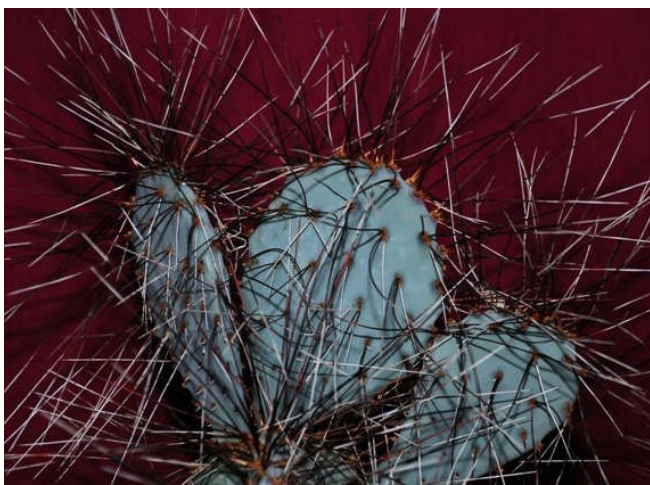
Best Geraniaceae – **Petra Crist** – Sarcocaulon Herrei

Best Pachypodium – **Petra Crist** -- Pachypodium Rosulatum Gracilis  
Best Winter Growing Succulent – **Petra Crist** – Tylecodon Reticulatus  
Best Collection – **Lem and Pat Higgs** – Haworthia  
Best Mutant – **Lem and Pat Higgs** – Haworthia Attenuata fa Verde  
Winter Thematic Award – **Woody Minnich** – Astrophytum “Snow Ball”  
Best Baja Plant – **Charles and Joan Spots** – Ferocactus Chrysacanthus  
Best Mexican Plant – **Charles and Joan Spots** – Obregonia Denegrii  
Best Miniature – **Bill Hagblom** – Conophytum Minimum

Thanks Everybody!

*Manny Rivera* , Show Chair

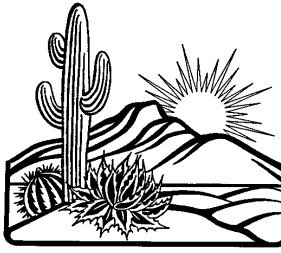




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***THIS A TENTATIVE SCHEDULE  
CACTUS AND SUCCULENT  
CALENDAR OF UP COMING EVENTS FOR 2009***

- FEB. 7<sup>th</sup>** SAN DIEGO WINTER SHOW AND SALE 9AM to 4PM  
RM. 101 CASA DEL PRADO, BALBOA PARK, SAN DIEGO
- MAR. 7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>** SOUTH COAST CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW & SALE AT SO. COAST  
BOTANICAL GARDENS 26300 CRENSHAW BL., PALOS VERDES, CA # 310-832-2262
- APR. 10<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>** CSSA CONVENTION, WESTIN LA PALOMA RESORT & SPA, TUCSON, AZ.  
FOR MORE INFO. GO TO WWW.CSSAINC.ORG
- APR 18<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>** GREEN SCENE PLANT SALE—AT THE FULLERTON ARBORETUM  
1900 ASSOCIATED ROAD, FULLERTON, CA 92831
- MAY 3<sup>rd</sup>** SOUTH BAY EPIPHYLLIUM SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE 9AM TO 4PM  
SOUTH COAST BONTANICAL GARDENS INFO. CALL-310-833-6823
- MAY 2<sup>nd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup>** SUNSET CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE  
VETERANS MEMORIAL CENTER, GARDEN ROOM  
4117 OVERLAND AVE. CULVER CITY, CA. INFO. #310-822-1783
- MAY 9<sup>th</sup>** GATES CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY 30<sup>th</sup> SHOW AND SALE----SAT. 9 TO 4  
JURUPA MOUNTAINS CULTURAL CENTER, 7621 GRANITE HILL DRIVE, GLEN AVON, CA  
INFO. 909-360-8802
- MAY 17<sup>th</sup>** HUNTINGTON PLANT SALE 10 TO 5 HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL  
GARDEN 1151 OXFORD ROAD, SAN MARINO, CA 626-405-2160
- MAY 17<sup>th</sup>** EPIPHYLLIUM SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARBORETUM, ARCADIA, CA 310-670-8148
- JUNE 6<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup>** SAN DIEGO CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY –SHOW AND SALE  
BALBOA PARK, ROOM 101, SAN DIEGO, CA. INFO.--#619-477-4779
- JUNE 13<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>** LOS ANGELES CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE  
SEPULVEDA GARDEN CENTER, 16633 MAGNOLIA BL., ENCINO, CA.  
SHOW INFORMATION-CALL 818-363-3432
- JUNE 26<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup>** CSSA ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE –HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL  
GARDENS AT 1151 OXFORD ROAD, SAN MARINO, CA.  
626-405-2160 or 2277 PLANT SALES START JUNE 26<sup>TH</sup> THRU JUNE 28<sup>th</sup>  
THE SHOW OPENS ON THE JUNE 27<sup>th</sup> THRU JUNE 28<sup>th</sup> TO THE PUBLIC
- AUG. 15<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>** 24<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL INTERCITY SHOW AND SALE-LA COUNTY ARBORETUM  
301 NO. BALDWIN AVE., ARCADIA,CA. INFO. CALL TOM GLAVICH  
AT 626-798-2430
- AUG. 29<sup>th</sup>** HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS SUCCULENT SYMPOSIUM  
ALL DAY AT THE HUNTINGTON
- SEPT. 27<sup>th</sup>** LONG BEACH CACTUS CLUB ANNUAL PLANT AUCTION  
18127 SOUTH ALAMEDA ST., RANCHO DOMINGUES, CA 12 PM
- NOV. 7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>** SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY  
SHOW AND SALE---LA COUNTY ARBORETUM ADDRESS ABOVE.
- DEC. 5<sup>th</sup> -6<sup>th</sup>** ORANGE COUNTY SHOW AND SALE AT THE FULLERTON ARBORETUM  
1900 ASSOCIATED ROAD, FULLERTON, CA 92831 SHOW AND SALE OPEN FROM 10AM TO  
4PM INFORMATION CALL 714-870-4887



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## FIRST CLASS MAIL

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