

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
July 2007 Volume 40 Number 7

Monthly Meeting: Join us **Thursday, July 12th** at 7:30 pm for a presentation by Petra Crist. Petra will take us to Namibia. Petra has made many trips to South Africa and her presentations are very enjoyable. Just think, you don't have to obtain a passport to enjoy.

A special thanks to **Buck and Yvonne Hemenway** for their presentation on the Succulent Treasures in the South African Veld. We look forward to seeing Part II.

Plants of the Month: (see attached write ups)

CACTI – Miniature SUCCULENT – Miniature

Not sure of the definition of a miniature. **Tom Glavich** indicates "In most cases, the definition is a mature plant in a pot with an inside diameter less than three inches. Some shows define the miniature category as any plant displayed as a miniature. This allows seedlings and young plants to be entered as miniatures. Others require the plant to be the smallest in a genus. We'll use the broad definition for the Plant of the Month." See Tom's attached write ups for further information.

Study Group: Wednesday, July 18th; Topic – Miniatures

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.

Personal Notes: SGVCSS extends its sympathies to the family and friends of Frank Depew. Frank, a long-time member of SGVCSS passed away recently at his home. He will be missed.

Say Hello to our newest members: France Meindl and Judi Romine. In addition, SGVCSS would like to welcome returning members: **Cindi Cobb** and **Alice Stiles**. 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 July: **Margaret House, Eunice Thompson, and Barbara Nolan**. Remember the first three people to sign up and bring refreshments will receive a plant.

Annual Club Picnic: Saturday, July 14, 2007 is our annual Club Picnic. This year is going to be a very special event at a new venue. Joe Clements is opening up the beautiful botanical gardens of Pitzer College in Claremont, just for us. Besides our usual prizes, games and the infamous opuntia toss, you can stroll thru 40 acres of cacti & succulents, admire the Mediterranean and the native California gardens, and visit the students' edible gardens. Joe will also be showing us the 100 year old Grove House filled with authentic Stickley furniture. (#12 on college site map)

Set up starts at 11:00 am, those arriving early can help with the set up. We plan to eat around Noon. Come early to have plenty of time to explore the 40 acres. If you want to bring your bicycle it is a good place to ride.

The Club will be providing chicken from El Pollo Loco, eating utensils/paper goods, water & soft drinks. Members are to bring a side dish and/ or a dessert to share with others. Please bring your own serving utensils. We could also use some volunteers to bring large bags of ice and a container to keep the ice in. Please contact Jean Mullens if you can bring some bags of ice. Please sign up at the July meeting so we will have an idea of how much chicken to purchase.

Auction-this is a great way to add to your collection or sell some of your extra specimens. All attendees may bid but you must be a member to sell. Sellers are limited to 10 show-quality plants or other appropriate items. Club gets 25%, seller 75%. Cards will be available at the auction for each item to be sold. Write your name and the minimum acceptable bid on the card and place it with the item. If you want to bid on an item, you must write your name (not your price) on the card for each item you are interested in.

The picnic is for members only; non-members will be charged \$12.00 per person. Please don't miss the special event as it may be our only opportunity to visit the Pitzer Botanical Gardens as a group. Special thanks to Joe, for arranging this special fun-filled day.

See attached map for directions.

June 07 Plant-of-the-Month Mini Show Results

Cacti -	Echinocactus, Ferocactus		Succulent-	Bursera & Commiphora	
Beginner					
1st	Pat Swain	E. texensis	1st	Eunice Thompson	B. simplicifolia
2nd	Pat Swain	E. horizontalonius	2nd		
3rd			3rd		
Intermediate					
1st	T.Dodson- H.Birgh	E. grusonii	1st	Alan Hooker	. B. fagaroides
2nd	John Matthews	E. horizontalonius	2nd	Dick Tatman	. B. microphylla
3rd	Dick Tatman	F. glaucescens	3rd		
Advanced					
1st	Rita Gerlach	F. hamatacanthus	1st	Barbara Nolan	. B. fagaroides
2nd	Rita Gerlach	E. grusonii	2nd		
3rd	Barbara Nolan	E. grusonii montrose	3rd		
Master					
	No Entries			No Entries	

San Gabriel Valley Cactus and Succulent Society

Cacti and Succulent of the Month July 2007 - *Miniatures*

This month, the Cacti and Succulent of the Month are both miniatures. Miniatures are defined differently for different shows. In most cases, the definition is a mature plant in a pot with an inside diameter less than three inches. Some shows define the miniature category as any plant displayed as a miniature. This allows seedlings and young plants to be entered as miniatures. Others require the plant to be the smallest in a genus. We'll use the broad definition for the Plant of the Month.



Aloinopsis schoonesii



Tylecodon booliae in a one inch pot



Bulbine mesembryanthemoides

The miniature category is one of the most popular in our shows, with the number of entrants often one of the largest. The key to success is staging plants. Particular attention must be paid to the relation of the plant to the pot, the top dressing, and any rocks. The importance of color, geometry, and texture are all magnified in the smaller scale of miniatures.

Succulents entered as miniatures include representatives from almost every family, and a list would be far too long to print. Unusual entries often do well.

With care, species that normally grow large can be kept small, stunted by the lack of root room. Even though small, miniatures need a little fertilizer to keep growth looking fresh, and frequent watering, since there is little storage either in the pot or the body of the

plant. The Operculicaria and the Pachypodium shown above have both been in the same pots for many years.

Some Cacti suitable as miniatures:

Ariocarpus kotschoubeyanus - the classic entry

Blossfeldia - a genus of miniature cacti from Brazil

Epithelantha micromeris a variable species from Texas and Northern Mexico.



Frailea grahliana in a 3 inch pot

Frailea - a genus of small cacti, some of which clump.

Mammillaria saboae (discovered by club member Kitty Sabo!) and its varieties and forms

Mammillaria herrerae is a small white species from Queretaro. **Mammillaria hernandezii** is a particularly beautiful species from Oaxaca.

Pelecyphora asseliformis another classic from Mexico.



Turbincarpus schmiedickeanus

Turbincarpus another genus of slow growing, small cacti from Mexico. There are many great species in this genus, all small and all worth growing.

Others can be found in several genera, including Mammillaria, Gymnocalycium, Lobivia, Rebutia, etc.

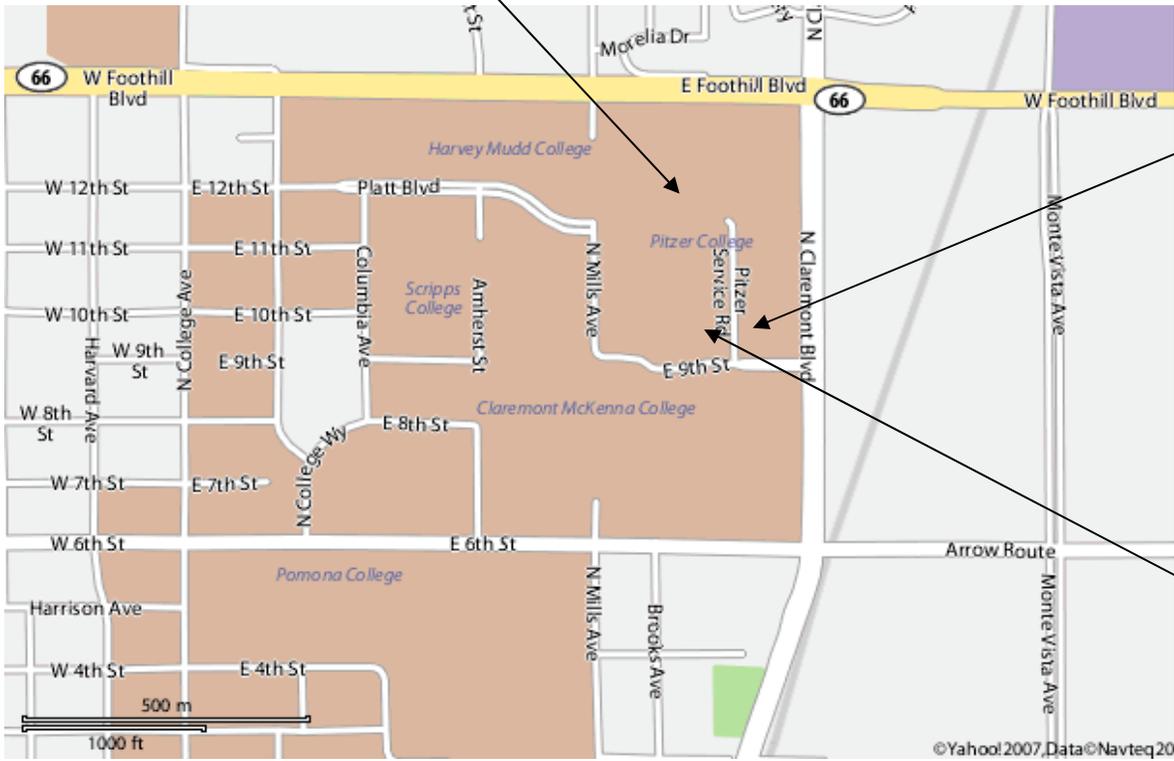
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Sajeva, M. and Costanzo, M., Succulents The Illustrated Dictionary

Tom Glavich May 2007

Picnic Area – Area 12 of map below. You may drive in Service Road to drop off items then return to either of the parking lots.



Parking Lot

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From the I-10 Freeway: Exit on Indian Hill Boulevard going north (towards the mountains) for about 2 miles. Turn right onto Foothill Boulevard. Turn right onto Claremont Boulevard, which will be the third stoplight you encounter. Turn right onto Ninth Street. The Pitzer Visitor Parking Lot will be directly on your right (East Mesa Parking Lot).

From Pasadena and the San Fernando Valley: Take I-210 east to the Baseline exit. Turn left on Baseline, turn left onto Monte Vista, turn right onto Claremont Blvd., turn right onto Ninth Street. The Pitzer Visitor Parking Lot will be directly on your right (East Mesa Parking Lot).

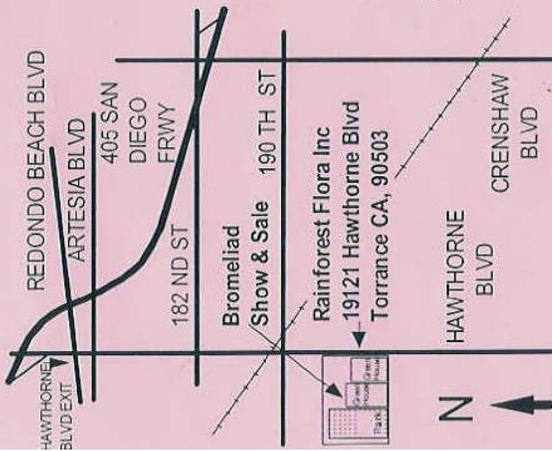
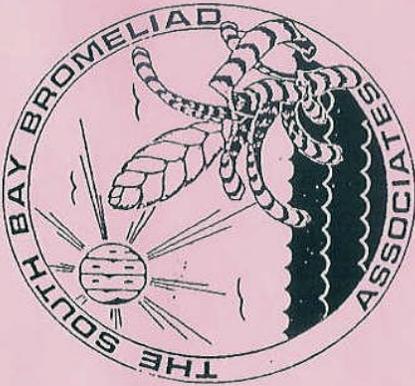
***CACTUS AND SUCCULENT
CALENDAR OF UP COMING EVENTS FOR 2007***

- July 14th Annual Club Picnic – Pitzer College
- 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. 2nd 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 ½ 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**

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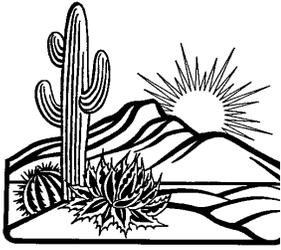
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Rain Forest Flora Inc
19121 Hawthorne Blvd.
Torrance CA 90503

SHOW HOURS SAT. NOON-4:30
SUN. 10:00-4:30
SALES HOURS SAT. 10:00-4:30
SUN. 10:00-4:30

22ND
INTERCITY CACTUS & SUCULENT SHOW
AND SALE
AUGUST 18-19 9:00-5:00
Zygocactus tripartitus
T. Glavich

LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARBORETUM
301 N BALDWIN AVE ARCADIA

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