

# 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 Lecture Hall, Los Angeles County Arboretum, Arcadia  
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## *Annual Holiday Party*

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**December Meeting:** Instead of our usual meeting we will be having our annual Holiday Party & Potluck Dinner on *Sunday, December 10th*. It will be held at the Los Angeles County Arboretum in Ayers Hall (where our Winter Show and the Inter City Show are held). Park in the side parking lot and enter through the gate next to the hall rather than the main entrance. Setup starts at 3:30pm. **Martin and Karen Ostler** and **Calvin and Cindy Arakaki** have volunteered to help in the kitchen. However, we can always use a few people to help set up tables and decorate. Dinner will start at 5:00pm. The club will be providing turkey, ham, plates and utensils. **Tommy Dodson, Rita Gerlach,** and **Buck Hemenway** will be bringing the turkey and gravy. Roberta Hanna will be bringing a Honey-Baked Ham and making her delicious punch. The remaining side dishes will be potluck, provided by our club members. Please bring a hot dish such as mashed potatoes, stuffing, yams, hot vegetables, a casserole or your own specialty that goes with ham or turkey or bring a salad or dessert to share with other club members. The suggested potluck food to bring is as follows (according to your last name initial):

A-M – Hot Side Dish  
N-R – Salads, Bread, Appetizers  
S-Z – Desserts

If someone has a specialty dish they are welcome to bring it instead. Be sure to tag your container so that it gets back to you. Thanks in advance to everyone for making this special event possible each year. There are some great cooks in our club and the meal is always outstanding! If you have any questions please call the Dinner Coordinator, Susan Weststeyn, at (626) 287-4524, between the hours of 9:00am and 8:00pm. See you there!

**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 plantsmen.

**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: 2005 - *Uebelmannia Pectinifra*. 2004 - *Lithops dortheae*. 2003 - *Discocactus bueneckeri*. 2002 - *Adenia glace*. 2001 - *Echinocereus festinates v. raisins*. 2000 - *Euphorbia aerations minor*. 1999 - *Mammillaria deheardtiana*. 1998 - *Raphionacme flanagani*. 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 2007 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>Tom Vermilion</b>	Board Member	<b>Jim Hanna</b>
Vice President	<b>Woody Minnich</b>	Board Member	<b>Amber Jones</b>
Treasurer	<b>Bill Gerlach</b>	Board Member	<b>Mike Wisnev</b>
Secretary	<b>Evelynn Stevens</b>		

Board Members serve a 2 year term. Carryover Board Members are **Horace Birgh** and **Buck Hemenway**. **Joanne Wilner** was elected to complete the remaining term of **Bill Gerlach**.

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**New Members:** SGVCSS wishes to extend a warm welcome to its newest members: **Diane Leiker, Cliff and Linda Meng, Una Yeh**, and returning members **Steve Ball, Mary Carroll** and **Marvin Kalsbeek**. 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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**Membership Renewals:** It's time to renew your membership! See **Bill Gerlach**, or send your check to him at 719 S. Albertson, Covina, CA 91723. Dues are only \$12 for a single membership, \$15 for two people at the same address. Your prompt payment will make it easier on those keeping records and will speed up the issuance of a new roster. Check the date on your mailing label to verify your membership expiration date.

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**Badges:** Anyone desiring a club badge should contact Bill Gerlach by phone at (626) 332-8008, by mail at 719 S Albertson, Covina, CA 91723, by e-mail at [billgerlach@verizon.net](mailto:billgerlach@verizon.net), or see him at the next meeting. The badges cost the club \$7.00 but the cost to members is just \$3.50

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**Library Books:** The library will be closed this month.

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**Refreshments:** First, a special “**Thank You**” to everyone who supplied us with goodies to munch during our monthly meetings. Second, for 2007 we would like to bring back an old custom. Each month the **first three people** who signed up to bring refreshments for that month, and remember to bring said refreshments, will receive a plant from the door prize collection. See **Jean Mullens** at the Holiday Party to sign up.

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**Member News:** **Bill Gerlach** reports that he received a note from an old member, **Marvin Kalsbeek**, saying he hasn’t been too well and can’t drive at night but wanted to renew his membership so that he could keep up with things through the Communique.

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**November Plant-of-the-Month Mini Show Results:**

**Cacti-Variegates**

**Beginner**

1st  
 2nd  
 3rd

**Intermediate**

1st  
 2nd Barbara Nolan Milliodiy monstrous  
 3rd

**Advanced**

1st  
 2nd  
 3rd

**Master**

1st  
 2nd  
 3rd

**Succulent-Variegates**

1st John Matthews Haworthia limifolia  
 2nd Michael Romero Aeonium sp  
 3rd Evelyn Maxwell Euphorbia millii  
 3rd Mary Brumbaugh Haworthia cymbiformis

1st Alan Hooker Sansevieria trifasciata  
 2nd Alan Hooker Agave patonii  
 2nd Alan Hooker Agave lophanta

1st Rita Gerlach Haworthia cymbiformis  
 2nd Rita Gerlach Haworthia attenuata  
 3rd The Hemenways Agave patonii

1st Jim Hanna Agave patonii  
 2nd Jim Hanna Haworthia cymbiformis  
 3rd

## 2006 Plant-of-the-Month Mini Show Totals

NAME	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	TOTAL
Nolan, Barbara	44	31	13	39	44	50	19	21	19	60	16	356
Birgh-Dodson	6	47	30	9		15	19	15	32	54		227
Gerlach, Rita	15	52	9		9	15	10	42	9		29	190
Hanna, Jim		30	30		25			30			27	142
Maker, Carol & Paul	27		25	8		25			19			104
Hooker, Alan							30	22			30	82
Hemenway, Buck & Yvonne		27	21	7				20			5	80
Oster, Gene & Laura	39			41								80
Ostler, Karen	22	24	6						25			77
Nudge, Frank		7	16	5				14	32		2	76
Matthews, John		10	2	20				14		7	17	70
Flores, Oscar	2	10	15	2	2	15	10	2		5	2	65
Swain, Pat			9	19				22	15			65
Ruiz, Carlos	20			10			15	18				63
Tatman, Dick	12	15		27	5						2	61
Maxwell, Evelyn	23	7	4		7			4			9	54
Vermilion, Tom	2	10	2		25		15					54
Romero, Michael	14			4					12	2	16	48
Rivera, Manny										47		47
Farfan-Veelik					30	10						40
Hall, Barbara	17			19								36
Johnson, Mari	4	2			25							31
Glavich, Tom			9	17								26
Schlegel, Jim			25									25
Lutz, Lorraine	2			7			5	4				18
Troub, Ana	2						10	6				18
Mullens, Jean	2				15							17
Skonieczki, Phil										15	2	17
Molina, William								15				15
Spotts, C & J	12											12
Basta, Vince	10											10
Szalkowski, Stefan								10				10
Wilner, J & B	10											10
Koltaj, Antoinette		2			2					2	2	8
Wisnev, Mike	2						5					7
Elser, Jeanette	6											6
Brumbaugh, Mary											5	5
George, Doug		4										4
Mancuso, G & J	4											4
Abrahamian, Alex											2	2
Carlzen, Glen											2	2
Mallonee, Rebecca											2	2

## 2007 Plant-of-the-Month and Study Group Topics

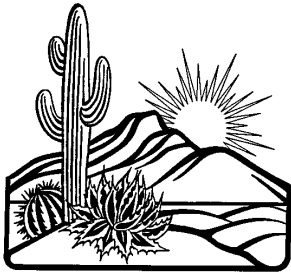
	<b>Cacti of the Month</b>	<b>Succulent of the Month</b>	<b>Study Group</b>
Jan	Single Headed Mammillaria	Aloe Hybrids	Senicio and Othona
Feb	Epiphytic Cacti	Epiphytic Succulents	Photo Workshop
Mar	Parodia	Medusoid Euphorbias	Haworthias
Apr	Gymnocalycium	Dudleya	Seed Workshop
May	Tephrocactus	Caudiciform Succulents	Vegetative Propagation WS
Jun	Echinocactus	Bursera & Commiphora	Ceroids
Jul	Miniatures	Miniatures	Miniatures !
Aug	3 Oldest Cacti	3 Oldest Succulents	Bugs, Rot & Disease
Sept	Frailea and Blossfeldia	Monodenium & Jatropha	Photo Tour
Oct	Ariocarpus	Mesembs ( No Lithops )	Ariocarpus
Nov	Turbinicarpus	Stem succulent Euphorbia	Portulaceae

### Calendar of Events – 2006

December 10<sup>th</sup> Holiday Party - Ayres Hall 3:30pm – 7:30pm

### Calendar of Events – 2007

- February 10<sup>th</sup>** San Diego C&SS Winter Show and Sale, Room 101 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park, San Diego. 9am to 4 pm
- Mar 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>** Buck & Yvonne Hemenway's 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Garden Tour and Plant Sale  
9am till 5pm 5890 Grinnell Dr., Riverside, CA 92509 (951) 360-8802
- April 7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>** South Coast C&SS Show and Sale, South Coast Botanical Gardens, 26300 Crenshaw Blvd, Palos Verdes, CA. Pho #(310)832-2262.
- April 22<sup>nd</sup>** South Bay Epiphyllum Society Show and Sale, South Coast Botanical Gardens, 26300 Crenshaw Blvd, Palos Verdes, CA Pho #(310)831-1209.
- April 21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>** Green Scene Plant Sale, Fullerton Arboretum.
- May 5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>** Sunset C&SS Show and Sale, Veterans Memorial Center, Garden Room, 4117 Overland Ave, Culver City, CA Info (310)822-1783
- May 20<sup>th</sup>** Huntington Botanical Gardens Plant Sale, 10-5, Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA. (626)405-2160



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