

# 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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**Intercity Show:** The Intercity Show is almost here. We are fortunate to be one of the host clubs for the largest and best Cactus and Succulent Show in the World. This show has appeared on PBS twice, and has been written up in garden magazines and newspapers throughout the west.

This show has always been friendly to all from the beginning grower though the most advanced. There are three classes, Novice, Advanced and Open so you get to compete against your peers in every category. There are experienced club members at the show during set up that will help you put your plants in the correct category, and make sure they are being shown at their best.

This show is also a major fund raiser for all of the clubs. The money raised during this show pays for many of the activities that all enjoy during the year. We rent the Study room, pay for speakers, raffle and door prize plants, field trips and picnics. The money for these events all comes from the Intercity and Winter Shows.

The shows are also our main recruiting tool for new members. Many people come, are overwhelmed by some of the Open and Advanced displays, but see the novice displays and think they can do that well. We need your support at the show, we need more plants and we need most of all more plant people attending and helping. Please bring plants to the show, and please bring your friends to see the show, and see what these plants can really look like.

The last three Intercity Shows have had fewer plants than in previous years. This year some good showers will not be showing. Please help make up for this loss by bringing some plants of your own. Some of the early shows had over 2000 plants. We are now averaging about 1600. The size of the plants has grown, so we are filling about the same number of tables, down a few from peak years. We need everyone's support to continue a tradition of great Intercity shows.

The theme for the 2006 Intercity Show is "The Portable Desert". This year's show will bring hundreds of pieces of the desert into the Arboretum.

This year's theme is meant to encourage creative staging. Use the theme to show your interpretation or memory of the desert. Add some rocks or a good top dressing to show off your plants.

The most portable property of all the desert wonders are the desert plants themselves. They have been propagated through generations of seeds and seedlings, and cuttings of collected plants, and travel far from their original habitats. Rocks from South Africa or South America or even Central Mexico rarely make it into our show, but rare Cacti, Aloes, Haworthias, Euphorbias and all the other wonderful and collectable plants have been propagated and appear not only on the display but the sales and auction tables as well.

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**Monthly Meeting:** Join us **Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30 pm when our guest speaker will be **Charles Spots**. Charles' presentation is entitled "**Lesser Known Opuntiods**". Charles, a retired professor from CSU Northridge, has traveled in Peru, Argentina, Baja California, Mainland Mexico, Virgin Islands, and our own Mohave, Chihuahuan, and Sonoran deserts in search of cacti in habitat. Following his retirement in 1994 the Spotts moved to Paso Robles taking their then modest collection of plants with them. Since then they have assembled a large collection of Opuntias in the ground and filled a 20' by 40' greenhouse with a large variety of cacti and other succulents.

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**Plants of the Month:** (no write ups this month)

**CACTI – Your Favorite**

**SUCCULENT -- Your Favorite**

Everyone has a favorite plant, or two or three, so here is your chance to show off whatever plants you're most proud. **DON'T BE SHY**. The judges will, of course, be somewhat confused, but they will work it out. The usual write-ups on POM will not appear this month as the author would be writing about his favorite plants and we don't want to influence the judges.

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**Study Group: Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>**; topic general succulent culture.

Meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm in the Grapevine Room, San Gabriel Adult Center, 324 South Mission Drive, San Gabriel (between the San Gabriel Mission and Civic Auditorium). These exciting events feature expert group leaders and mentors, free give-a-ways (some of the best plants you'll ever get!), and lively discussion. Everybody learns something!

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**New Members:** SGVCSS wishes to extend a warm welcome to its newest members **Calvin and Cindy Arakaki, Fred Parrales, Linda Taylor** and **Eunice Thompson**. Also, to welcome back returning members **Joyce and Mike Buckner**.

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**Huntington Symposium:** The annual drawing for two tickets, furnished by the Club, to the Huntington Symposium will be held at the August meeting. To be eligible for the drawing, the member must be considered an active member and have been a member since before the first of the year. 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.

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**Annual Club Picnic:** Approximately 60 people enjoyed a fun-filled afternoon at the home of **Pat and Jean Mullens**. The club provided El Pollo Loco chicken which was a big hit as no one had to mind the grill on a hot day. After dining on all the tasty side dishes provided by the members, we had our annual Opuntia, Balloon and Egg tosses. First, second and third place winners were awarded plants provided by **Petra Crist**. Taking home a plant for their first place wins were **Manny Rivera** for the Opuntia Toss; **Amber Jones** and **Dennis Bauers** for both the Balloon Toss and the Egg Toss (they also won these two events last year). The games were followed by a rousing auction thanks to the members bringing good quality plants to be auctioned and the efforts of **Joe Clements, Tom Glavich, and Victor Turecek** in conducting the auction. Attached are a few pictures taken at the picnic. Thanks again to **Pat and Jean Mullens** for allowing us to use their home and yard.

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**Member News:** At the July meeting **Woody Minnich** announced that he, just that day, had sold his entire nursery to California Cactus Center. Woody and Kathy have purchased property in New Mexico and plan to move sometime in the future. We wish them well but hopefully they will still be active in SGVCCS for sometime.

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**July – Plant-of-the Month Mini-Show Results:**

	<b>Cacti- Stenocactus</b>		<b>Succulent-</b>	<b>Pachypodium</b>
<b>Beginner</b>				
1st	Carlos Ruiz	S. loydii	1st Birgh-Dodson	P. gracilor
2nd	Ana Troub	S. albatus	2nd Oscar Flores	P. namaquanum
3rd	Mike Wisnev	S. ochoterenaus	3rd Lorraine Lutz	P. species
<b>Intermediate</b>				
1st	Barbara Nolan	S. species	1st Alan Hooker	P. bispinosum
2nd			2nd Alan Hooker	P. succulentum
3rd			3rd Alan Hooker	P. lealii
<b>Advanced</b>				
1st	No Entries		1st Tom Vermilion	P. lamerii
2nd			2nd Rita Gerlach	P. namaquanum
3rd			3rd	
<b>Master</b>	No Entries			

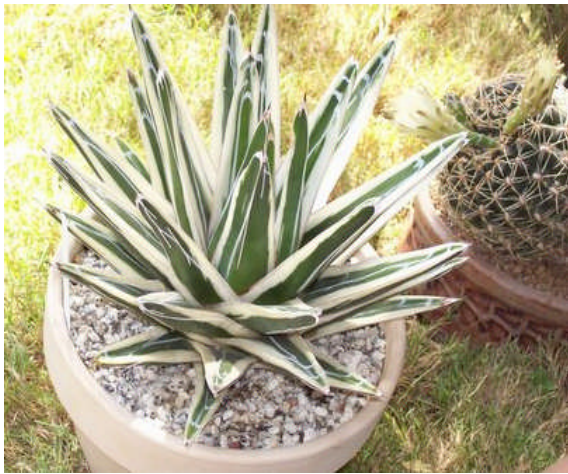
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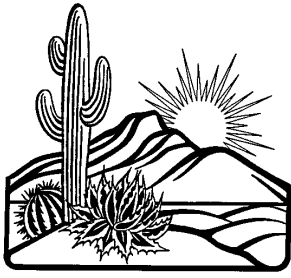
**Calendar of Events – 2006**

- August 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>** 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Intercity Cactus and Succulent Show and Sale, LA County Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin Ave, Arcadia, CA . Info Call Tom Glavich (626) 798-2430, Barbara Hall (818) 368-6914
- September 2<sup>nd</sup>** Huntington Botanical Gardens Succulent Symposium  
All Day at the Huntington.
- September 24<sup>th</sup>** Long Beach C&SS Annual Auction,  
Dominguez Adobe, 18127 So. Alameda St.,  
Compton (Dominguez Hills), CA.
- October 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>** SGVC&SS Winter Show and Sale, LA County Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin Ave, Arcadia CA.









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