

# 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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**Monthly Meeting:** Join us **Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30 pm when our guest speaker will be **Tom Glavich**. Tom's program will be Geophytic Pelargoniums and Friends. For new members this will be a great opportunity to meet the author of our Plant of the Month articles. Don't forget that this is the last meeting for the year.

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**Plants of the Month:** (see attached write ups )

**CACTI – Variegates**

**SUCCULENT – Variegates**

Bring your specimens in for our monthly mini-show. It will help you prepare for the real shows and give you an additional opportunity to show others your pride and joy. If you don't have any of this type of plant you can learn about them at the meeting

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**Study Group: Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>; Topic - Caudiciforms**

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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**By-Laws Revision:** The Board of Directors recommends that Article VI – Nominations, Section 2. be revised as follows:

**Section 2. Nominations from the floor at the ~~November~~ October meeting shall be accepted, provided the member being nominated is present and gives his/~~er~~-her consent to the nomination, or if not present has given his/~~er~~ her written consent prior to the meeting. *The accepted nominations shall be published in the November Communique.***

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Please be present at the November 9, 2006 meeting to vote on this issue.

**SGVC&SS Election:** The nominating committee, **Woody Minnich, Rita Gerlach** and **Jean Mullens** presents the following list of candidates for 2007 Club Offices:

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>Katzi Kayser</b>		

Board Members serve a 2 year term. Carryover Board Members are **Horace Birgh, Bill Gerlach** and **Buck Hemenway**. At the November 9th meeting, nominations will also be accepted from the floor. The election will then take place. Many thanks to the nominating committee for a job well done.

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**Change of Meeting Time:** Since we from time-to-time have a problem in leaving the Arboretum by 10pm, it has been suggested that we start our meetings at 7:15pm rather than 7:30pm. The Board would like to hear your thoughts on this matter at the next meeting.

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**Personal Notes:** The Club sends get well wishes to **Rita Gerlach**. Rita's presence has been missed at recent meetings as well as the Winter Show. She is on the road to recovery and we should see her soon. Rita indicated to me that she appreciated the get-well cards that have been sent to her. If you wish to send a card her address is 719 S. Albertson, Covina, CA 91723.

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**New Members:** SGVCSS wishes to extend a warm welcome to its newest members: **Matthew Brown and Diane Suzuki, Kathleen Esquivel, E. W. Garcia and Maya Sari Dewi, Dean Hart, Margaret House, Rebecca Mallonee, Joe and Liann Stead and Rudy and Naomi Ybarra**. 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.

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**The Club Winter Cactus Show and Sale:** The Winter Show has come and gone. The show was a great success, with nearly 900 plants on display. For the first time ever, the weather didn't cooperate, and attendance was lower than we would have liked. Sales were down significantly. Forty-eight people entered plants, with succulents beating cacti by about 150 plants. There were 23 Novice entrants, 12 Advanced and 13 Open.

Congratulations to **Horace Birgh** and **Tommy Dodson**, who took the high points novice succulents, high points novice cacti and sweepstakes. In the advanced Division, **Carol** and **Paul Maker** took high points advanced cacti and **Alan Hooker** took high points advanced succulents. In the open Division **Charles** and **Joann Spotts** took high points open cacti and **Jim Hanna** took high points open succulents. The rest of the trophy winners appear below.

Saturday night included a great dinner from Richard Jones Pit Barbeque and an auction with some wonderful bargains.

This show couldn't happen without the great support of many from the club. The Show Committee wants to thank all those that worked on set-up and tear down, those who kept us fed the entire time, the clerks and judges, and all those who worked on sales, plant holding, back gate guarding and hospitality table, and all the other jobs necessary to put on a show.

The most important additions we make at the show are new members, and we got several at this show, and several more who may attend one of the next few meetings.

### **Trophy Winners:**

Best Cactus Novice **Tommy Dodson, Horace Birgh** *Escobaria alversonii*

Best Cactus Advanced **Paul & Carol Maker** *Copiapoa cinerea*

Best Cactus Open **Charles & Joann Spotts** *Gymnocalycium strigelianum*

Best Succulent Novice **Phil Skonieczki** *Puya mirabilis*

Best Succulent Advanced **Frank Depew** *Dudleya anthonyii*

Best Succulent Open **Charles & Joann Spotts** *Haworthia bolusii* v. *bolusii*

Best Ariocarpus **Charles & Joann Spotts** *Ariocarpus retusus* v. *furfuraceous*

Best Mammillaria **Paul & Carol Maker** *Mammillaria bombycina*

Best Epiphytic Cactus **Jim Nones** *Rhipsalis*

Best Gymnocalycium **Pat Swain** *Gymnocalycium mazanense*

Best Rebutia/Sulcorebutia **Gene & Laura Oster** *Sulcorebutia arenacea*

Best Opuntia **Charles & Joann Spotts** *Pterocactus australis*

Best Agave **Tommy Dodson, Horace Birgh** *Agave Blue Glow*

Best Mesemb **Chris Rogers** *Cheridopsis denticulata*

Best Haworthia **Tim Jackson** *Haworthia truncate* 'sizunami'

Best Madagascan Euphorbia **Tommy Dodson, Horace Birgh** *Euphorbia* 'Nat Wong'

Best Euphorbia **Gene and Laura Oster** *E. knuthii*

Best Dorstenia **Lem & Pat Higgs,** *Dorstenia crispa*

Best Crassulaceae **Petra Crist** *Tylecodon halii*

Best Geraniaceae **Petra Crist** *Sarcocaulon herrei*

Best Pachypodium **Tommy Dodson, Horace Birgh,** *Pachypodium rosulatum* ssp. *gracilis*

Best Winter Growing Succulent **Charles & Joann Spotts** *Haworthia lockwoodii*

Best Collection **Bill Hagblom** *Conophytum*

Best Mutant **Gene & Laura Oster** *Pedilanthus crest*

Winter Thematic Award **Chris Rogers** *Dyckia* 'Snow Bear'

Best Baja Plant **Charles & Joann Spotts** *Ferocactus johnsonii*

Best Mexican Plant **Charles & Joann Spotts** *Astrophytum ornatum*

Best Miniature **Karen & Martin Ostler** *Conophytum angelicae* ssp. *tetragona*

Sweepstakes **Tommy Dodson, Horace Birgh**

High Points Cacti Novice **Tommy Dodson, Horace Birgh**

High Points Cacti Advanced **Carol & Paul Maker**

High Points Cacti Open **Charles & Joann Spotts**  
High Points Succulents Novice **Tommy Dodson, Horace Birgh**  
High Points Succulents Advanced **Alan Hooker**  
High Points Succulents Open **Jim Hanna**



**Best Agave Entered by Tommy Dodson & Horace Birgh**



**Fun at the auction:** **Woody** is seen auctioning a “Cactus in a Can” which generated a lot of laughs at the auction. **Karen Ostler** is the proud new owner of this unusually staged plant brought in by **Gary and Jamie Mancuso**.

**October Plant-of-the-Month Mini Show Results**

<b>Cacti - Southwest Native</b>			<b>Succulent-</b>	<b>Southwest Native</b>	
<b>Beginner</b>					
1st	Birgh-Dodson	Escobaria alversonii	1st	Birgh-Dodson	Bursera alversonii
2nd	Birgh-Dodson	Cylindropuntia echinarpa	2nd	Birgh-Dodson	Fouquieria splendens
3rd	John Matthews	Echinocactus horizonthalonius	3rd	Oscar Flores	Agave-species
<b>Intermediate</b>					
1st	Phil Skonieczki	Stenocereus thurberi	1st	Manny Rivera	Jatropha podagrica
1st	Manny Rivera	Echi russanthus	2nd	Manny Rivera	Jatropha dioica
3rd	Manny Rivera	Echi chloranthus	3rd		
<b>Advanced</b>					
1st	Barbara Nolan	Mammillaria pulosa	1st	Barbara Nolan	Jatropha podagrica
2nd	Barbara Nolan	Mammillaria pseudoperilla	2nd	Barbara Nolan	Agave victoria reginae
3rd	Barbara Nolan	Mammillaria pilispina	3rd	Barbara Nolan	Agave americana
<b>Master</b>					
1st	No entries		1st	No Entries	
2nd			2nd		
3rd			3rd		

**Calendar of Events – 2006**

December 10<sup>th</sup> Holiday Party - Ayres Hall 3:30pm – 7:30pm – Details to follow in December  
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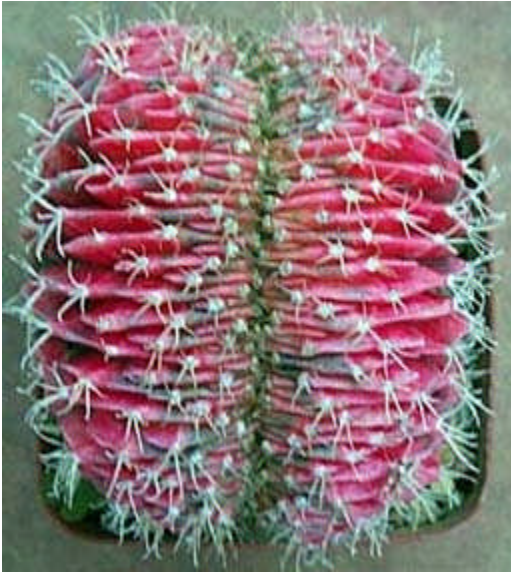
**Calendar of Events – 2007**

February 10<sup>th</sup> San Diego Winter Show and Sale 9 to 4pm  
 Rm 101 Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, San Diego

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

# San Gabriel Valley Cactus and Succulent Society

## Cactus and Succulent of the Month November 2006 - *Variegates*



Variegated *Gymnocalycium*

All variegates are mutants. Something has gone wrong with the cellular structure of the leaf or stem growth tip (apical meristem) of the plant. As a result of this mutation, chlorophyll is missing from some or all layers of the plant epidermis.

Variegation is known in most plant families, and variegated plants have a place in most gardens. The bright yellow and white of variegated foliage adds pattern and rhythm to many herbaceous borders. In succulent plants variegates are generally separated from normal plants, and compete against other variegates to put them on an equal footing. Variegated plants grow slower and are generally smaller than non-variegates of the same species. Colored areas are also

generally weaker, and more susceptible to fungus, sunburn and other defects. A large well grown variegate of any species is truly an achievement.

### Great Variegates

*Agave* – A striking form of *Agave turncata*, a common garden *Agave* is well known, but since it is slow to propagate, is not generally available. There are several forms of variegated ***Agave americana***. There are forms with a green center stripe and yellow edges, a yellow stripe and green edges, a green center and white edges, a white center and green edges, yellow centers and crinkled edges, random yellow and green banding, and dozens more. Other species of *Agaves* have also produce variegates, with the same variety of variegation.

*Cacti* - variegates can be found in many genera. *Gymnocalycium* are the most often seen, but some columnar variegates and some *Ferocactus* variegates are also common in cultivation. The odd variegate appears in many seedling batches. Variegated *Turbinicarpus*, *Astrophytum*, *Matucana* and *Ariocarpus* have been seen at some of recent shows.

Many of these are artificially propagated by grafts. The famous 'Red Caps' and 'Yellow Caps' are *Gymnocalycium* or *Lobivia* variegates that have no chlorophyll at all, and live only by being grafted onto a root stock.



These are harder to grow well than they appear.



*Variegated Monstrose Lobivia*

*Sansevieria* - There are dozens of named and unnamed varieties. Look for "Bantel's Sensation, Futura, Silver Moon, Silver Princess, and variegated varieties of some of the cylindrical forms. Unlike normal *Sansevierias*, these can be difficult to grow. They will not tolerate cold and wet conditions. *Sansevieria* variegates can only be propagated through the tuber. Cuttings of the leaves will root, but will almost always revert to an unvariegated form. On the other hand, normal *Sansevierias* will often put out a variegated pup. These should be removed from the main plant and grown on their own roots to preserve the variegation.



*Gasteria shozodan*

*Gasteria* - The Japanese have made an art of *Gasteria* and *Haworthia* variegate cultivation. Read the 2000 CSSA Journal for just a sampling of the wonderful cultivars. Miniature

white species, yellow species, even the occasional pink can be found. There are dozens of variegated *Gasterias* shown at our shows, and available from all of the local vendors. Look for *Gasteria* 'Little Warty', a nice white and green species, as well as many of the yellow and green species such as the Japanese hybrid *Gasteria* 'shozodan', shown above.

*Euphorbia* - A number of columnar variegates are available, ***E. ammak***, being the one most often seen. There are also some cristate and monstrose variegates as well.

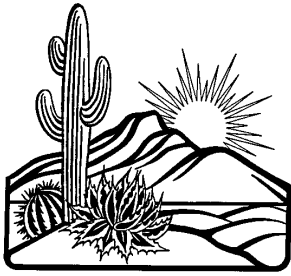


Variegated *Haworthia attenuata x pumilla*

*Haworthia* - "Gray Ghost" is a *Haworthia retusa* variegate. There are several *Haworthia limifolia* variegates that look as if they were painted with mustard. Shown above is a variegated hybrid between *Haworthia attenuata* and *Haworthia pumilla*. Offsets are produced on the flower stalks, these are variegated, as are the flowers themselves.

G. Rowley, **Teratopia**

Tom Glavich October 2006



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