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Cactus & Succulent Society*

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**Holiday Party
Sunday,
December 13 at 4:30 pm**

The Holiday Party will be held in Ayers Hall on Sunday, December 13 at **5:00 pm**, Los Angeles County Arboretum, Arcadia.



Study Group:

Study group will reconvene on Wednesday, January 20th in the Palm Room, Los Angeles County Arboretum at 7:30 pm. The topic will be announced in the January 2010 newsletter.

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2009 SGVCSS Winter Show - Trophy Winners



Standing(L to R): Petra Crist, Charles Spotts, Yvonne Hemenway, Joann Spotts, Peter Walkowiak, Tom Glavich, Mary Brumbaugh, Pat Swain, Vince Basta, Hannah Nguyen. Kneeling(L to R): Buck Hemenway, Bill Hagblom, Calvin Arakaki, Cindi Arakaki. **CONGRATULATIONS ALL!**

President's Message

We're at the end of the first decade of the 21st Century. Our world is dominated by technology with communication and the incredible speed with which we learn about happenings on earth ac-

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November Mini-Show Results

Cacti - Frailea & Blossfeldia

Beginner

1st Mark Digeros Frailea sp. scopa

Open

1st Rene Caro Frailea pygmaea

2nd Rene Caro Frailea magnifica

Succulents - Tylecodon

Beginner

1st Efren Flores T. bucholziana

2nd Mike Wisnev T. wallichii

3rd Ana Wisnev T. dinteri

Intermediate

1st Barbara Hall T. pearsonii

2nd Barbara Hall T. bucholziana

3rd Stefan Szalkowski T. dinteri

3rd Dick Tatman T. paniculatus

Advanced

1st John Matthews T. reticulatus

2nd Manny Rivera T. reticulatus

3rd Buck/Yvonne Hemenway T. paniculatus

3rd Manny Rivera T. bucholziana



Can you guess who this mystery man is. Here's a clue - he is a long-time member of the San Gabriel Cactus and Succulent Society and was one of our judges at the Winter Show last month.

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celerating as I write this. Just imagine how explorers in the middle 1800's found new plants and took years to communicate their discovery. In this year we have visited South Africa, publishing pictures of the plants that we saw there around the world within hours of seeing them. And that is snail's pace compared to what is coming.

We'll be making a few operational changes in 2010. The most obvious will be the Mini Show. We are reducing the entry categories to three which will match those at the Winter Show. The only real change is that we are collapsing the top two divisions in to one. There will now be **NOVICE, INTERMEDIATE, and MASTER** classes.

We're working on the sound system in the room to make it better. Give us a little time please.

Don't forget to sign up for the Bus Trip. Saturday, February 13. We'll leave the Arboretum parking lot at 8:00 AM, travel to San Diego Botanic Gardens (formerly Quail Botanical). We'll spend about 2-1/2 hours there and go to the San Diego C&SS Winter Show and Sale and shop til we drop. For those who've gone to this event, no parking is a great advantage. Cost is \$20.00 per member, limited to members and their immediate families please. Sign up sheet will be at the meetings.

HOLIDAY PARTY HAPPENINGS:

I'm looking forward to our Holiday Party. There's a nice write up on it elsewhere in this Communiqué. It's a Pot-Luck, bring your favorite dish and enjoy (I'm cooking turkey, you'd never have guessed, right?) Thanks in advance to Tommy Dodson and his committee for setting up this great function. They need our help to get the room set up and torn down.. See the write-up

PLANT GIFT EXCHANGE - We don't talk about this enough. There is a table at the party that is devoted to the "Plant Gift Exchange". This is a place

Be sure to take a look at the Club's website at www.sgvcss.com. Thanks to Gunnar Eisel for managing our website. If you wish to receive your **COMMUNIQUE** on-line please notify the editor at yvonne@pricklypalace.com.

where you bring an unwrapped plant related gift to exchange with another member. You must identify yourself as the giver, taped to the bottom, with a plant stake, etc.. A committee decides which is the best of these and that plant is placed on the Auction table and the giver of that plant is invited to come up and take any one of the remaining ones for themselves. They call out the name of the giver of that plant who comes up and so on.

HOLIDAY PLANT - Every member in attendance will receive a plant from the club for the Holiday. Thanks to the Caro's for supplying them.

MINI SHOW PRIZE PLANTS - We had 47 participants in the Mini Shows this year. Each will be invited to take a plant from the ones that Jim Hanna is bringing in descending order of most point received in the Mini Shows for 2009.

PLANT AUCTION - There will be an auction of plants following dinner. Please limit your contribution to two nice plants.

Yvonne and I wish all of you a happy and safe Holiday Season.

See you at the Party! Buck Hemenway



Study Group

**The Study Group will reconvene on
January 20, 2010**

Meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm in the Palm Room at the LA County Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia.

HOLIDAY PARTY

Happy Holidays!

Once again the joyous sprit of the season will descend on the Los Angeles County Arboretum for our annual Holiday Dinner and Auction on Sunday, December, 13th. The festivities begin at 5:00 pm in Ayers 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 extra special. There will be lots of fun and food.

Even if you have not signed up to bring a dish, feel free to bring that one-of-a-kind entree or dessert that you make so well. Just give me a call on 323 259-5900 (or e-mail @ edgeofeden@sbcglobal.net) and let me know what you plan on bringing, so we don't all show up with the same dish. Our club will provide the turkeys, ham and mashed potatoes.

We need helpers to set up the tables and chairs and decorate the Hall before the festivities, and then to help with clean-up and breaking down the tables and chairs afterwards. Set-up begins at 3:00 pm. Come on out and join us for pre-party fun. We can always use helpers in the kitchen, too. Feel free to pitch in wherever you can. Any help is greatly appreciated.

As in past years, there will be an *optional plant gift exchange*. And, of course, our Holiday auction is the big event of the evening. Bring \$\$\$, your favorite Holiday spirits (to be consumed before the action :) and a hearty appetite.

See you there!

Tommy Dodson
323-259-5900



SGVC&SS LEADERSHIP TEAM - 2009

Buck Hemenway, President
Horace Birgh, Vice President
Rita Gerlach, Treasurer
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Winter Show Chair

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John Matthews, Board Member
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2009 SGVCSS Winter Show



Larry Grammer discussing the finer points of staging with Barbara Hall and Sandy Chase.



Ariocarpus is always a tough category to judge with so many outstanding plants.



Arranging the plants before judging begins.



We love our weird shaped plants.



Tylecodons look their best this time of year.

Carol Maker is rightfully proud of her fabulous crested Pachyodidium lamerei



These Lithops cooperated by blooming.

A few more of the many Pachyodidiums on display



2009 Winter Show Trophy Table



Show Chair Manny Rivera introduces the auctioneers. Karen Ostler and Charles Spotts are ready to bid!



Auctioneers David Tufenkian (above) and Michael Buckner (right).



Calendar of Upcoming Events

December 5 and 6 — Orange County Winter Show and Sale at the Fullerton Arboretum, 1900 Associated Road, Fullerton. Show and Sale open Friday, December 4th, noon to 4pm, Saturday and Sunday 10am to 4pm. For information call 714-870-4887.

Sunday, December 13, 5:00 pm — Annual San Gabriel Valley Cactus and Succulent Society HOLIDAY PARTY ! Please read the Holiday Party write up by Chief Elf Tommy Dodson on page 2.



January 16, 9:30 am to 4:30 pm — DESERT FORUM at the Huntington Botanical Gardens. CSSA members and affiliate clubs are invited to a free day at the Desert Garden including a tour with knowledgeable staff, plant sale, and forum led by Director of the Gardens, Jim Folsom. Wear your name badge!

January 30, 9:30 am - 11:00 am — 10th Annual ALOE WALK at the Jurupa Mountain Cultural Center, 7621 Granite Hill Drive, Glen Avon, CA. Phone 951-685-5818 for directions. The 6 acre succulent gardens at the Center were planted by local succulent enthusiasts in the late 1960's and early 1970's. Buck Hemenway will lead the tour among the many specimens of blooming aloes and discuss their wide ranging natural habitats and how they survive in our Inland Empire climate. This event is Free.

February 13, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm — San Diego Cactus and Succulent Society Show and Sale, Room 101, Casa Del Prado, Balboa Park, San Diego.

February 13 — Bus trip to San Diego County Botanic Garden (formerly Quail Botanic Garden) and San Diego CSS Show and Sale. Bus will leave the LA Arboretum at 8:00 and return about 6:00 pm. Cost of the bus trip is \$20.00 which includes lunch. Please see Bill Gerlach to sign up or call 626-332-8008.

We Need Help!

Your Board of Directors needs help. Our terrific Secretary, Anne Keegan, has told us that she will not be able to function as our Secretary past January. We need someone to fill the slot for at least the one year elected cycle for 2010. The duties are:

1. Attend Board of Directors meetings (currently 4 per year) and record the minutes of the meeting and report them to the Board.
2. Collect and tally the Plant of the Month entry tags and report the results to the News Letter Editor.

Please contact Buck or one of the Board members if you are willing to fill this important job in the club.

Welcome New Members



Please welcome these new members and make them feel welcome at our functions.

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| Peter & Sherlyn Claridge | Rick Davenport | Robert Felde |
| Mostafa Hashad | Robin Noll | Joe Quick |
| Francine Spada | Tina Truong | Jorge Zavaleta |

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