



*San Gabriel Valley
Cactus & Succulent Society*

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Holiday Party Sunday, December 5th at 5:30 pm

The Holiday Party will be held in Ayers Hall on Sunday, December 5th at **5:30 pm**, Los Angeles County Arboretum, Arcadia.



Study Group:

Study group will reconvene on Wednesday, January 19th in the Palm Room, Los Angeles County Arboretum at 7:30 pm. The topic will be announced in the January 2011 newsletter.

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President's Message

Wow! December already, the end of 2010 is almost here and the holiday season is upon us. Time really does fly when we're having fun.

Speaking of fun, Yvonne and I have just returned from 2 weeks in the wilds of NW Argentina. We had a terrific time with a really nice group of people, led by Guillermo Rivera. Our group included Paul and Carol Maker and three men from Phoenix, Germany and Slovenia. We saw fabulous plants and thoroughly enjoyed the Argentine culture. We all found out that climbing around the hills at 13,000 ft. elevation is not so hard if you get acclimated and take it easy.

Please plan to join us for the Holiday Party. Take note of the date. It is on Sunday Dec. 5 this year. Lots more details later in this newsletter.

I am sure that everyone enjoyed our speaker in November. Debra Lee is a treasure in the plant world. I, for one am very happy that she has decided to write about succulents. Her books are very special. She attends the Intercity and our Winter shows regularly. Take the time to say hello and talk plants.

So, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year to our more than 200 members of the San Gabriel Valley Cactus & Succulent Society.

See you at the Party,

Buck Hemenway

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November Mini-Show Results

Cacti - Opuntia

Novice

- 1st Hannah Nguyen Puna clavarioides
- 2nd Louise Stack Tephrocactus articulatus inermis
- 3rd Ralph Massey Austrocylindropuntia pachypus

Intermediate

- 1st Pat Swain Opuntia erinacea v. ursina
- 2nd Cindy/Calvin Arakaki Grusonia marenae
- 3rd Matt/Pat Swain Tephrocactus imposter v. guavacus

Master

- 1st Patty Caro Maihueniopsis darwinii v. hickenii
- 2nd Patty Caro Maihueniopsis glomerata v. andicola
- 3rd Patty Caro Puna subterranea

Succulents - Asclepiad

Novice

- 1st Alan Del Castillo Whiteslonea crassa
- 2nd Louise Stack Orbea variegata
- 3rd William Molina Huernia pendula
- 3rd Ana Wisnev Huernia crest

Intermediate

- 1st Cindy/Calvin Arakaki Trichocaulon officinale
- 2nd Cindy/Calvin Arakaki Caralluma pericilata
- 3rd Babara Nolan Hoodia gordonii

Master

- 1st Frank Nudge Caralluma penicillata

Here are a couple of pictures from the Hem-enway's trip to Argentina.



Dwarfed by a blooming *Pachycereus terscheckii*



Beautiful bloom on *Oreocereus celsianus* (photographed at over 13,000 ft. elevation)



Delicate bloom on spiny *Lobivia ferox*

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.

Club Bulletin Board

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.

2011 SGVCSS Dues

2011 Dues are due. \$15 for e-mail or \$25. for US mail delivery of the Communique newsletter. Dues can be mailed to SGVCSS Membership at 719 Albertson, Covina, CA 91723 or paid at a monthly meeting. Make checks out to: **SGVCSS Membership**

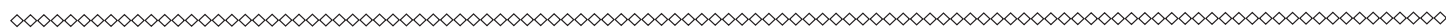


Holiday Party

Please join us for a fun-filled party on Sunday, December 5th, starting at 5:30. Please bring along a side dish to share with others. The club will provide turkeys, ham and mashed potatoes.

There will be a plant gift exchange so please bring a plant or plant-related item if you wish to participate; and bring \$\$\$ to participate in the Holiday Auction.

Come early, beginning at 3:00, if you can assist in set-up and join in some pre-party fun.



SGVC&SS LEADERSHIP TEAM - 2010

Buck Hemenway, President
Horace Birgh, Vice President
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2011 Roster Cover Coloring Contest

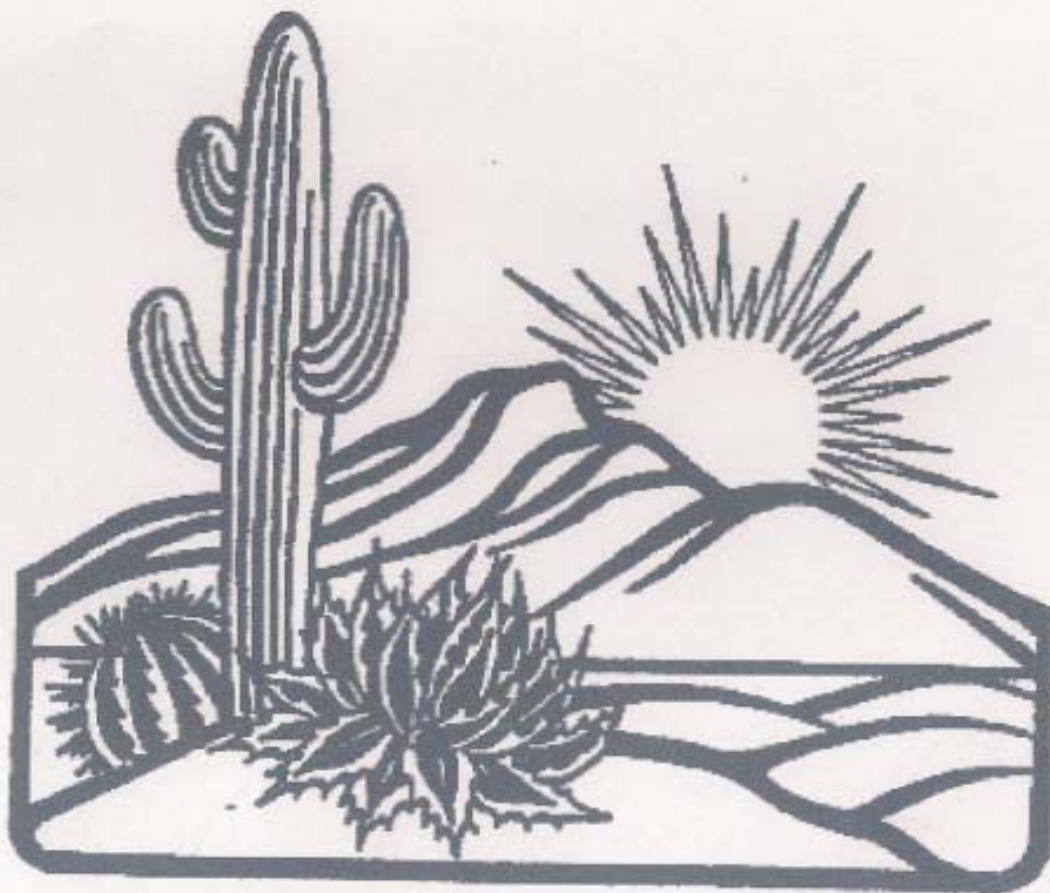
We are having a coloring contest for the cover of the 2011 roster. The best entry will be used for the 2011 Roster Cover. Entries must be received by the January 12th meeting.

Runnerups will be considered for future covers.

Bill Gerlach



2011 ROSTER



And General Information

Calendar of Upcoming Events

December 3, 4 and 5 — Orange County Winter Show and Sale at the Fullerton Arboretum, 1900 Associated Road, Fullerton. Show and Sale open Friday, December 3th, noon to 4pm, Saturday and Sunday 10am to 4pm. For information call 714-870-4887.

Sunday, December 5, 5:30 pm — Annual San Gabriel Valley Cactus and Succulent Society HOLIDAY PARTY! in Ayers Hall, LA Arboretum.

January 22, 10:30 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.



Welcome New Members

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

Elizabeth Eubank, Pasadena

Brian McGurty, Diamond Bar

Dorothea Shiavo, San Gabriel

Douglas Johnston, Pasadena

Mike Nealon, North Hollywood

Kathy Weiser, Glendale

Libby Simon, Los Angeles