



San Gabriel Valley Cactus & Succulent Society

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Holiday Party Sunday, December 11 at 5:00 pm

The Holiday Party will be held in Ayers Hall on Sunday, December 11 at 5:00 pm, Los Angeles County Arboretum, Arcadia.



Study Group:

Study group will reconvene on Wednesday, January 18th in the Palm Room, Los Angeles County Arboretum at 7:30 pm. The topic will be announced in the January 2012 newsletter.

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President's Message

Happy Holidays! The Hemenway household is getting ready, Yvonne's mother has escaped cold, wet Canada once again and is with us.

We are just completing a terrific year at the Cactus Club that included a bus trip to Santa Barbara, great participation in the CSSA Convention in San Diego, a fantastic Winter Show & Sale, home garden tour and many other great events to add to the wonderful, quality educational experiences that our meetings and study groups always provide. Our Club is growing at more than 10% per year, and we all appreciate the social aspect that this group of Cactus Crazyes presents.

We're looking forward to an equally busy and fulfilling year in 2012, starting right out with one of our most knowledgeable members, Tom Glavich, presenting his great "Monsters" talk. January 14th is the CSSA free day at the Huntington Library, and January 28th is the Aloe Walk at Jurupa Mountains Discovery Center.

Mary Brumbaugh and Rebecca Maloney stepped up and took charge of the Holiday Party. We all know that they will do a great job. Thanks ladies!

So, get ready, 2012 will be a fun-filled, action packed year at the San Gabriel Valley Cactus & Succulent Society. Make time to join us and share the wealth.

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

See you at the Party! **Buck Hemenway**

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November Mini-Show Results**Ribbon-Winning Cacti****Novice**

1st	Betty Farfan	Mammillaria pilcayensis
2nd	Tricia Kangrga	Gymnocalycium saglione
3rd	Betty Farfan	Rhipsalis cerus

Intermediate

1st	C & C Arakaki	Mammillaria humboldtii
2nd	C & C Arakaki	Epithelantha micromeris
2nd	Louise Stack	Neoporteria jussieui
3rd	Jim Nones	Epiphyllum 'Venetian Affair' x 'King of Yellows'
3rd	Louise Stack	Stenocactus xiphicanthus

Ribbon-Winning Succulents**Novice**

1st	Minh Au	Aeonium crest
2nd	Shaun Adams	Euphorbia sp.
2nd	Shaun Adams	Cycas revoluta
3rd	Dean Elzinga	Adromischus herrei (select clone)

Intermediate

1st	C & C Arakaki	Cryptanthus 'It'
2nd	Tom Vermilion	Lithops pseudotruncatella v. alpina
3rd	Tom Vermilion	Lithops 'Dintergreen'
3rd	C & C Arakaki	Haworthia 'Mandas Hybrid'

2011 Mini-Show Prize Plants will be awarded at the Holiday Party!

Study Group

**The Study Group will reconvene on
January 18, 2012**

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.

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.

**San Gabriel Valley Cactus & Succulent Society
Winter Show 2011****Hi Points Results****Novice Cacti:**

Gregg & Anna Cavanaugh	58
Louise Stack	51
Anne Keegan	31

Novice Succulents:

Mary Brumbaugh	81
Mike & Ana Wiznev	77
Rebecca Mallonee	57

Novice Overall:

Greg & Anna Cavanaugh	97
Mary Brumbaugh	86

Advanced Cacti:

Glen Carlzen	53
Paul & Carol Maker	49
Tommy Dodson	32

Advanced Succulents:

Gunnar Eisel	60
Calvin & Cindy Arakaki	59
Sandy Chase	59

Advanced Overall:

Calvin & Cindy Arakaki	84
Gunnar Eisel	79

Open Cacti:

Peter Walkowiak	100
Karen & Martin Ostler	59
Pat Swain	49

Open Succulents:

Jim Hanna	62
Peter Walkowiak	58
Larry Grammar	56

Open Overall:

Peter Walkowiak	158
Charles & Joann Spotts	78
Karen & Martin Ostler	74

SWEEPSTAKES WINNER:

PETER WALKOWIAK

ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY!

Instead of our usual meeting, we'll have our annual Holiday Party & Potluck Dinner on Sunday, December 11th, in Ayers Hall at the LA County Arboretum. Park in the side parking lot and enter through the gate next to the hall. (Ayers Hall is where our Winter Show is held.)

Setup starts at 3:30 p.m., and WE CAN REALLY USE YOUR HELP to set up tables and decorate. Dinner starts at 5:00 p.m. The club will provide turkey, ham, gravy, mashed potatoes, plates, cups, and utensils. Appetizers, salads, relishes, side dishes, and desserts will be provided by you, our club members. Please bring stuffing, yams, that yummy casserole your family begs for....anything you'd like to share with your fellow enthusiasts. Suggested items to bring are (according to your last name):

A – F Dessert
G – L Appetizer, Salad, Bread
M – Z Side Dish

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 fantastic cooks in our club, and the meal is always outstanding.

Please call your dinner coordinators Mary Brumbaugh 626/852-2914 or Rebecca Mallonee 626/967-0716 to volunteer your set-up and/or clean-up services, or for questions. If you volunteered to bring the turkey or ham, or to perform any other function and will be unable to, please call either Mary or Rebecca AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Gift Exchange: Anyone may participate in this optional activity. Bring a cactus, succulent, or related item (one item per person). It must 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, the species on the other. The plant or item that is deemed most desirable will be sold during the plant auction. The person who brought in that item gets first pick from all remaining items. The person who brought that item gets to pick next, and so on. As you can see, the more desirable the item you bring, the earlier you will likely get to pick!

Holiday Plants: Each member receives a Holiday Plant as an annual gift from the Club. Members are invited to bring in all surviving plants from previous Holiday Parties to show how well they have been grown, so remember to bring in your plants from years gone by.

Plant Auction: Bring Money! This is a great opportunity to purchase or sell rare or specimen sized plants. Items will be auctioned by some of our knowledgeable members. Auction Rules are:

- Must be a club member to sell.
- Limit of 3 plants or cactus/succulent-related items per member. (Other items may include artwork such as paintings and pottery, or just neat items with cactus/succulents on them.)
- Plants must be mature, well-grown specimens rather than immature plants.
- Club gets 30% of the proceeds, seller gets 70%.
- Label your auction items with your name, and the minimum bid you'll accept. If the item is a donation to the club, then indicate such.

The auction is always great fun so, again, bring money, and come prepared to buy yourself a present! (After all.....who knows you better?)

SEE YOU SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, AT THE ARBORETUM!

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sunday, December 11, 5:00 pm — Annual San Gabriel Valley Cactus and Succulent Society **HOLIDAY PARTY !** in Ayers Hall, LA Arboretum.

January 14, 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 28, 9:30 am - 11:00 am — 11th Annual ALOE WALK at the Jurupa Mountain Discovery 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 11, 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.

Dues for 2012 are now due. The rate for 2012 is unchanged and will be \$15.00 per household member for electronic delivery and \$25.00 per household per year for postal delivery. Please make your check payable to SGVCSS and mail to: Bill Gerlach, 719 S. Albertson, Covina, CA 91723.

Checks must be received by January 31 to be included in the 2012 Roster.



Welcome New Members

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

Deek Dittrich, Oroville

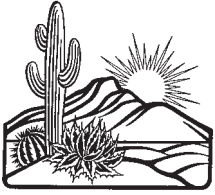
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