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Holiday Party Sunday, December 7 at 5:00 pm

The Holiday Party will be held in Ayers Hall on Sunday, December 7 at 5:00 pm, Los Angeles County Arboretum, Arcadia.



Study Group:

Study group will reconvene on Wednesday, January 21st in the Palm Room, Los Angeles County Arboretum at 7:30 pm. The topic will be **Mammillarias**.

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President's Message

As they say, "It was a very good year." Our membership has grown, our shows and events were terrific, but above all, the spirit of friendship and support have really made this year special. I'd like to thank the SGVCSS officers, board members, and committee members for making it look easy, even though it was the tremendous amount of work and team effort that made the all the difference. I'd also like to thank our new slate of officers who will allow us to continue the great work we already do.

2015 will be THE most important year for us. We, along with the Gates Club, will be hosting 2015 Cactus and Succulent Society of America Biennial Convention in Claremont. C&S enthusiasts from all over the world will be here. We hope we can count on you to volunteer for one or more of the important tasks and committees required for such a massive undertaking.

We will also have 501 (c) (3) non-profit status in 2015. The possibilities and impact on the SGVCSS are enormous. Special thanks go to Buck Hemenway for shepherding us through the process from beginning to end.

Our Holiday Party will be Sunday, December 7th. The fun begins at 5:00 pm. Don't forget to mark your calendar and bring one of your delicious side dishes or deserts. Yes, there will be live entertainment again this year. There are full details on our website.

Please remember there is no December meeting or C&S Workshop. See you at the Holiday Party!

Gunnar Eisel

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November Mini-Show Results**Grafted Cacti****Novice**

1st Diane Danks Mammillaria luethyi

Intermediate

1st Barb Hall Aztekium ritteri
2nd Rob MacGregor Ariocarpus retusus

Masters

1st Tom Glavich Myrtillocalycium 'Polyp'
2nd Tom Vermilion Astrophytum (coahuilense x
'Super Kabuto')
2nd Tom Vermilion Ariocarpus kotschubeyanus
3rd David Hawks Astrophytum

Grafted Succulents**Novice**

No Entries

Intermediate

1st Barb Hall Euphorbia columnaris
2nd Phil Skonieczki Pachypodium brevicaule
3rd Tom Howard Euphorbia lactea crest

Masters

1st Frank Nudge Pachypodium brevicaule
2nd Tom Vermilion Pachypodium brevicaule
3rd Tom Vermilion Pachypodium brevicaule

2014 Mini-Show Prize Plants will be awarded at the Holiday Party!

Study Group

**The Study Group will reconvene on
January 21, 2015**

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.

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Winter Show 2014

Hi Points Results**Novice Cacti:**

Jose Esparago 48
Phyllis Frieze 24
Dave Johnson 15
Rene Hernandez 15

Novice Succulents:

Phyllis Frieze 61
Nilda Howard 39
Kyle Robinson 19

Novice Overall:

Phyllis Frieze 85
Jose Esparago 63

Advanced Cacti:

Glen & Linda Carlzen 57
Barbara Hall 50
Horace Birgh & Tommy Dodson 36

Advanced Succulents:

Sandy Chase 59
Mary Brumbaugh 53
Barbara Hall 52

Advanced Overall:

Barbara Hall 102
Horace Birgh & Tommy Dodson 75

Open Cacti:

Peter Walkowiak 84
Karen & Martin Ostler 60
Pat Swain 41

Open Succulents:

Peter Walkowiak 83
Jim Hanna 63
Petra Crist 46

Open Overall:

Peter Walkowiak 167
Jim Hanna 80

**SWEEPSTAKES WINNER:
PETER WALKOWIAK**

Club Bulletin Board

— SGVCSS Winter Show and Sale



These smiling faces are some of the winners whose outstanding plants were chosen by our judges to receive a trophy for the SGVCSS Winter Show.

L to R: Bob Danks, Martin Ostler, Charles Spotts, Karen Ostler, Peter Walkowiak, Joann Spotts, Manny Rivera, Jim Hanna, Mary Brumbaugh, Joe Wujcik, John Matthews, Gunnar Eisel, Petra Crist, Pat Swain, and Jose Esparago. Contratulations to all!



Above: Bill and Rita Gerlach waiting for the auction action to begin.

Below: Woody Minnich and Manny Rivera discussing serious Winter Show business.



An amazing selection of auction plants that went home with some lucky bidders.



Tom and Jeanette Glavich packing up after a very successful weekend.

The Winter Show - It's all about the Plants !



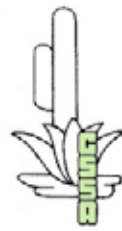
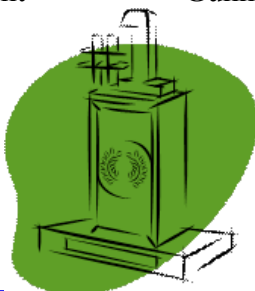
2014 Winter Show Trophy Winners

Cactus

Best Cactus, Novice	Jose Esparrago
Best Cactus, Advanced	Joe Wujcik
Best Cactus, Open	Peter Walkowiak
Best Ariocarpus	Karen & Martin Ostler
Best Mammillaria	Shaun Adams
Best Epiphytic Cactus	Lynn & Chester Olson
Best Gymnocalycium	Jose Esparrago
Best Rebutia/Sulcorebutia	Peter Walkowiak
Best Opuntia	Pat Swain
Best Echinocereus	Pat Swain

Succulents

Best Succulent, Novice	Bob & Dianne Danks
Best Succulent, Advanced	Mary Brumbaugh
Best Succulent, Open	Peter Walkowiak
Best Agave	Mary Brumbaugh
Best Mesemb	John Matthews
Best Haworthia	Jim Hanna
Best Madagascan Euphorbia	Petra Crist
Best Euphorbia	Petra Crist
Best Dorstenia	Manny Rivera
Best Crassulaceae	Petra Crist
Best Geraniaceae	Peter Walkowiak
Best Pachypodium	Kyle Robinson
Best Winter Growing Succulent	Peter Walkowiak
Best Collection	Charles & Joann Spotts
Best Mutant	Jim Hanna
Winter Theme	Karen & Martin Ostler
Best Baja Plant	Petra Crist
Best Mexican Plant	Karen & Martin Ostler
Best Miniature	John Matthews
Best Staged Plant	Gunnar Eisel



CSSA CORNER

2015 CSSA Convention

The 39th Biennial CSSA Convention is just around the corner. It will happen in June (June 14 - 19) of 2015 and be hosted at Pitzer College in Claremont, CA by Gates and San Gabriel Valley Cactus & Succulent Societies.

Presenting this event gives our members unprecedented access to some of the most renowned plant explorers and authors of our time. We have invited Ernst Van Jaarsveld and Heidi Hartmann among others. You can find a list of the speakers and their bios at www.cssa2015.com as soon as it is ready to be posted by Gunnar Eisel.

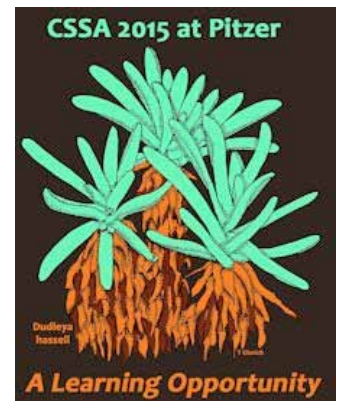
We are taking on the responsibility of making sure that succulent nuts from around the world have a great experience in our Inland community. To make this happen, we will need our members help as volunteers. In the next few weeks, we will publish a list of volunteer opportunities that will give everyone a chance to sign up and help out.

So, what do the members get for volunteering? **Free access to the entire schedule of presentations throughout the week.**

There will be much more detail available in January. For example, a volunteer may attend presentations for free, but must pay for food, and lodging if you are staying at the College. We will have a special price list for our members to refer to and sign up from – AND be sure that your 2015 dues are paid up!

Buck Hemenway

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Book Review

(Reprinted with permission of *Cactus World*, the Journal of the British Cactus & Succulent Society)

Stapeliads (refreshed)

A gallery of 714 pictures of all 59 genera of this popular group of succulent plants

British Cactus and Succulent Society, 2014. 224 pages, illustrated throughout with 714 color photos. Hard cover.

This second edition has been made possible because the print run of the first edition from 2010 has sold out. This in itself is remarkable, for despite the author's subtitle indicating the popularity of this group of succulents, in my own experience at least, these plants are frustratingly difficult to maintain in cultivation for any length of time, such that their popularity undoubtedly waxes and wanes. (Editorial Note: This comment does not apply to southern California, where we are blessed with ideal warm and dry conditions for growing stapeliads).

According to the author: "This new edition has enabled the inclusion of many new photos as well as sharpening the details of occurrence of some species and improving many of the existing photos".

This new edition closely follows the format and layout of the first, with each genus being treated to a short introduction, followed by a pictorial guide to the included taxa. Conflicting alternative classifications (the classic splitter versus lumper approaches) are treated appropriately, such that the reader can choose his/her favorite authority to follow.

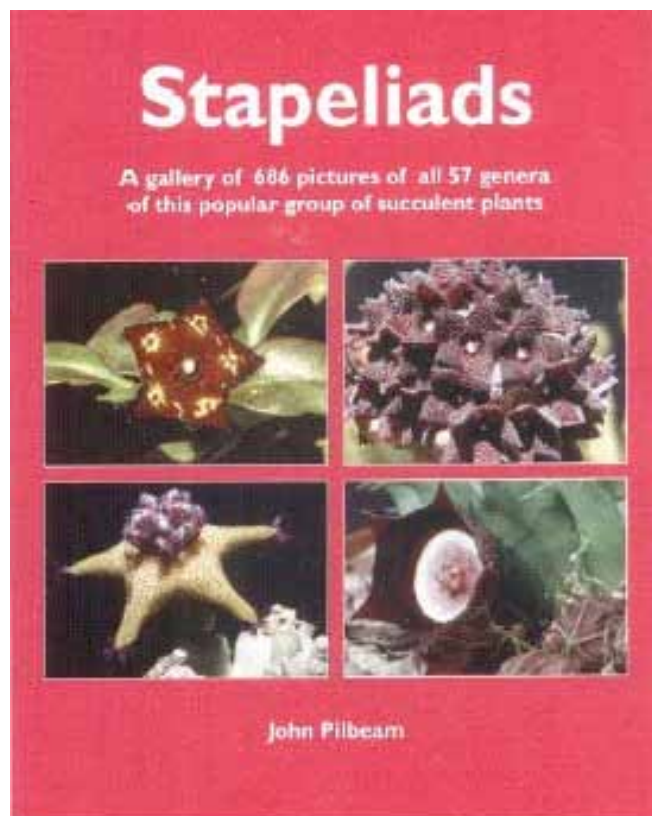
Since the first edition two genera have been added, bringing the total to 59. These are: *Hutchinia* and *Pendalluma*, the first resurrected, the second newly described, for six species in total previously included in *Bousserisia*.

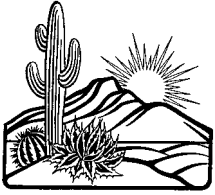
The 15 pages of addenda represent the principal additions when the two editions are compared. This includes a reprint of a color plate of *Huernia concinna* from Curtis's *Botanical Magazine* (1903) and photos of the following recently described or resurrected species, mainly but not exclusively resulting from the work of Darrel Plowes: *Angolumma kulalensis*, *Bal-*

lyanthus major, *Echidnopsis kohaitoensis*, *Huernia anagaynensis*, *H. arabica*, *H. asirensis*, *H. baradii*, *H. collenetteae*, *H. delicata*, *H. foetida*, *H. penzigii*, *H. pulchra*, *H. radhwana*, *H. rubrosticta*, *H. sudanensis*, *H. yemenensis*, *Orbopsis karibensis*, *O. lateritia*, *O. matabelensis*, *O. occidentalis*, *O. pseudonebrownii*, *O. rubra*, *O. sousae*, *Sulcolluma erica-maccoyeae*, and *S. mirbatensis*. Just how distinct many of these newly described taxa are remains to be seen, and several will be difficult to identify merely from photos. Four of the new photos are featured on the book cover, and all these new species are included as half-page pictures in the book.

The final index of species enables quick access to the information in the book, from the standpoint of the species names if not from the genera, which are treated, mainly, in alphabetical order throughout the core of the book.

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