



**San Gabriel Valley
Cactus & Succulent Society**

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**July Meeting:
Thursday,
July 14 at 7:30 pm**

Meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of the month at **7:30 pm** in the Palm Room, Los Angeles County Arboretum, Arcadia.

Mini-Show Plants:

CACTUS:
Dish Gardens

SUCCULENT:
Dish Gardens

Study Group:

Study group will meet on Wednesday, July 20th in the Palm Room, Los Angeles County Arboretum at 7:30 pm. The topic will be:

Staging

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President's Message

Summer is finally here. No more rain? What a strange year for weather. June Gloom is still with us, of course it's still June, but who knows?

The **CSSA Show and Sale** is coming up on July 1, 2 and 3 at the Huntington. There is no admission charge to get into the Show & Sale. If you volunteer to help set up Thursday, June 30 from 10:30 to 1:00, or to help with the sale, you get free admission to the gardens.

Our annual **Club Picnic** is on Saturday, July 9. That is before our next meeting. It will be held at Pitzer College, see map and directions on page 4. Plan to arrive before 12:00 noon. We'll eat and play games and then have an auction. You may bring as many as 3 plants for the auction. Don't bring something that you would not buy.

The Picnic is a Potluck. The club provides soda and water and chicken. You provide side dishes. Come along and enjoy. The shaded picnic area is always cooler than the surrounding area.

Depending on how hot it is, Joe Clements likes to take us on a tour of the campus so we can see what new succulent plantings that he's accomplished in the past year.

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May Mini-Show Results

Cacti - Notocactus and Parodia

Novice

1st Peter Claridge	Parodia scopa
2nd Tricia Kangrga	Notocactus graessneri
3rd Betty Farfan	Parodia magnifica

Intermediate

1st Rita Gerlach	Notocactus scopa
2nd Kan Shaw	Parodia buiningii
2nd Cindy & Calvin Arakaki	N. calviceps
3rd Cindy & Calvin Arakaki	N. scopa
3rd Cindy & Calvin Arakaki	P. occulta

Master

1st Buck Hemenway	P. scopa ssp. succinea
2nd Frank Nudge	Parodia maassii

Succulents - Dorstenia and Ficus

Novice

1st Tricia Kangrga	Dorstenia foetida
2nd Tricia Kangrga	Dorstenia gigas

Intermediate

1st Rita Gerlach	Dorstenia foetida
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Master

1st Yvonne Hemenway	Dorstenia lavrani
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President's Message, cont'd.

Please join us. It is always a lot of fun. Members and their immediate families only please.

The Inter-City Show and Sale is coming up fast. We saw the new T-shirts at the Study Group. Get yours at the next meeting.

See you there!
Buck Hemenway

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.

This Month's Program

"The Baobab"

Our speaker for July is Bruce Hargreaves. Bruce and his wife Polly have spent most of the past 45 years in Africa. He is a college professor with a PhD after his name, but his love is succulent plants. The Hargreaves are now living with relatives in Bakersfield due to economic conditions of their adopted country, Botswana. They have traveled extensively throughout southern Africa and are very familiar with succulent plant forms there. Their talk should be very interesting, don't miss it.

Bruce will tell us about baobab trees. The baobab talk consists of two parts: a somewhat scientific discussion of the biology of the trees as found in Malawi and their distribution in Africa, Madagascar and Australia. The second part consists of a tourist's look at trees in Botswana, especially those at a resort known as "Planet Baobab".



CSSA Corner

Those who live in the western US should be planning to attend the Succulent Symposium at the Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens on September 3, 2011.

The Annual General Meeting of the Society was held on July 2 at the Huntington Library. President Laurel Woodley recapped the past year's activities which included the successful Convention in San Diego in April. It's not too early to begin planning to attend the next Convention in April 2013.

Study Group

Wednesday, July 20th • Staging

The study group is an informal, hands-on learning experience that is fun for expert and novice alike. Come and learn from the experience of others. We are always happy to share our knowledge.

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.



This beautiful succulent dish garden was entered in the 2011 CSSA Show by Hannah Nguyen.

Welcome New Members

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

- Patti & Gary Gong, Monterey Park**
- Leslie Martel, West Covina (Welcome Back!)**
- Richard & Nancy Bogart, Oak View**
- Greg & Anna Cavanaugh, Alta Loma**
- Sonali Perera, Los Angeles**
- Elliott Mazur, Pasadena**

Plants Of The Month

Enter your specimen plants in 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 these species of plants you can learn about them at the meeting.

CACTI and SUCCULENT OF THE MONTH —

DISH GARDENS

There are two closely related categories in most shows. One is planters, the other is dish gardens. Planters have multiple plants with some unifying theme. Usually the plants are the same genus or variations in a single species, or plants from a specific locality. Planters are limited to plants, with an unobtrusive rock or other natural object that would be typical of the locality.

Dish gardens on the other hand generally have props, an extremely decorative pot, or some other object that helps tell a story. In recent years winning dish gardens have had Chinese mud men as would normally be seen in a Penjing display, a rusted toy car, telling a story of unexpected difficulties on the road to Bahia de Los Angeles.

As with all other entries, health and condition of the plants is paramount. Beyond this, creativity and originality are the keys to success. Dish gardens are at their best for only a short time. It is best to put together a dish garden a few weeks before the show. This gives the plants time to root in and become established, and at the same time it a short enough time that one plant won't have time to over grow the others and destroy the art behind the display. It's perfectly acceptable to pot up a dish garden for display, and then replot the plants into separate pots after the show is over.

Tom Glavich, June 2011

Photo courtesy of Buck Hemenway



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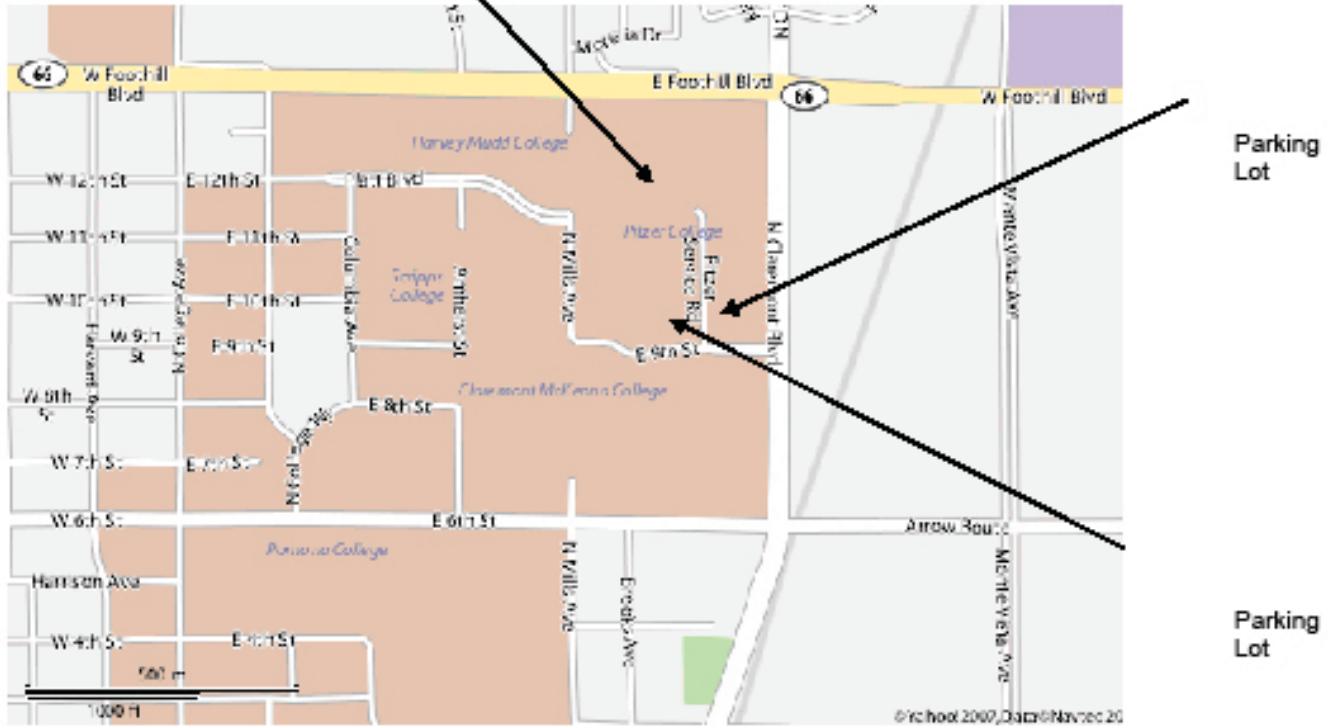
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Map to Pitzer College

Picnic Area – Area 12 of map below. You may drive in Service Road to drop off items then return to either of the parking lots.



Calendar of Upcoming Events

July 1, 2 and 3 — CSSA Annual Show & Sale at the Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA. Plant sales on all three days, show is open in Friends Hall for viewing July 2 and 3. Free to the public.

July 9, 11:30 am, — San Gabriel Cactus & Succulent Society Annual Picnic at Pitzer College. Maps are on Page 3.

July 29 and 30 — Orange County Cactus and Succulent Society Summer Show & Sale ****NEW VENUE**** Anaheim United Methodist Church, 1000 S. State College Blvd., Anaheim, CA. Friday noon until 7:00 pm and Saturday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. For more information contact Vince Basta at 714-267-4329.

August 13 and 14 — 26th Annual Intercity Show and Sale at the LA County Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia, CA. For information call Tom Glavich at 626-798-2430 or John Matthews at 661-297-5364.

September 3, 9:00 am — Succulent Symposium at the Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA. For information, including the fee for the Symposium, will be published next month.

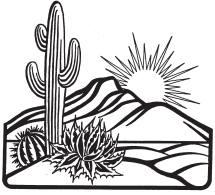
Refreshment Signup

The following three club members have sign up to bring refreshments this month and will receive a **FREE** plant as thanks.

Anne Keegan
 Raquel Castellanos
 Armida Saucedo

2011 Plant-of-the-Month and Study Group Topics

	Cacti of the Month	Succulent of the Month	Study Group
July	Dish Gardens	Dish Gardens	Staging
Aug.	Members 3 oldest (longest owned)	Members 3 oldest (longest owned)	Echinopsis-Trichocereus-Lobivia
Sept.	Coahuila Native Cacti	Madagascan Euphorbia	Eriocyce
Oct.	Crests/Monstrose/Variegates	Crests/Monstrose/Variegates	Crests/Monstrose/Variegates
Nov.	3 Ribbon-winning Plants from Intercity or Winter Show	3 Ribbon-winning Plants from Intercity or Winter Show	Winter Seed Workshop



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