



San Gabriel Valley *Cactus & Succulent Society* **COMMUNIQUE**

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The next meeting of the San Gabriel Valley Cactus and Succulent Society will be Thursday, June 8 at 7:30 pm in Ayres Hall at the Los Angeles County Arboretum in Arcadia.

Mini –Show Plants for June

Cacti:
Echinopsis

Succulents:
Miniatures

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Cactus and Succulent Workshop
Wednesday, June 21
Topic: Staging
The C&S Workshop will meet on in the Palm Room at the Los Angeles Arboretum on Wednesday, at 7:30 pm

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This Month's Presentation: Ernesto Sandoval
South African Succulents in Summer:
A Grower's Perspective

Ernesto Sandoval has been wondering why plants grow and look the way that they do for a long time. Now he explains and interprets the world of plants to a variety of ages and experiences from K-12 to professionals and Master Gardeners. He regularly lectures to a variety of western Garden Clubs throughout the year and particularly to Succulent Clubs throughout the state and elsewhere since that group of plants is his particular passion within his general passion for plants. He describes himself as a "Jose of All Plants, Master of None." Ernesto thoroughly enjoys helping others, and gardeners in particular, to understand why and how plants do what they do.

When he was about 13 he asked his dad why one tree was pruned a particular way and another tree another way. His dad answered bluntly "because that's the way you do it." Since then he's been learning and teaching himself the answers to those and many other questions by getting a degree at UC Davis in Botany and working from student weeder/waterer to Director over the last 25 years at the UC Davis Botanical Conservatory. He's long left the "mow blow and go" monoculture landscape gardening world and has immersed himself in the world of polyculture and biodiversity by growing several thousand types of plants at the UC Davis Botanical Conservatory, many of them succulents. Several of his favorite garden projects involved converting lawns and/or water loving landscapes to drought tolerant and diversity filled gardens! He likes to promote plant liberation by encouraging gardeners of all sorts to grow more plants in the ground when possible. He loves the technical language of Botany but prefers to relate information in more understandable methods of communication! By helping people to understand the workings of plants he hopes to help us better understand how to and why our plants do what they do and how we can maximize their growth with less effort.

Join Ernesto for a grower's perspective on seeing succulents in Southern Africa both in gardens and the wild from his travels there. From his "Summer Sabbatical" in South Africa and Namibia he'll share what he learned about the features of these plants from the diversity of habitats and cultivated environments he experienced. Some highlights will include exploring the Conservatory at Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden, a little of the Richtersveld including species of Aloes that are home to this formidable part of northwestern South Africa, a visit to Namibia including the Kokerboom forest (*Aloe dichotoma*) near Keetmanshoop and several populations of the unique *Welwitschia mirabilis*, as well as other succulents from the Cape region and other deserts from that amazingly diverse part of the world!



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Cactus of the month — June 2017 — Tom Glavich
Echinopsis (including Lobivia and Trichocereus)

Echinopsis is a genus of easily grown South American Cacti. The genus has expanded to include Trichocereus (which may or may not stay) and Lobivia. The border between Lobivia and Echinopsis is fuzzy at best. Plants labeled Trichocereus and Lobivia are welcome in this month's Plant of the Month.

Echinopsis like a general cactus mix, fast draining with more pumice than potting soil. They are tolerant of nearly everything including cold weather, hot weather, over watering and under watering. They are the perfect entry level plant for the novice cactus grower. They have spectacular flowers with flower size often greatly exceeding plant size.

Best growth will occur when they are fed continually throughout the growing season, starting in April and continuing into early October. They should be allowed to go dormant in November, but will sit out the winter without cover as long as they are in a very rapidly draining mix. They are sensitive to the usual pests of succulent growth including mealybugs and spider mites. Plants should be inspected frequently and insects cleaned off as they appear.

Propagation of Echinopsis is easy. Cuttings can be taken, left for a few weeks and then potted. Rooting is rapid and new growth can usually be seen in a couple of months. Seeds are easily obtained and these also are easy to germinate, long lived, and rapid growers.

Echinopsis and related genera have been used to make hybrids with large colorful flowers for many years. The 1930's saw the rise of Harry Johnson's Paramount Hybrids, colorful plants with moderate size flowers. These hybrids were created in Los Angeles, and many still are available although separation of labels from plants make most of the named plants suspicious at best. More recent hybrids have been made by Bob Schick at the Huntington. These are based on the Paramount Hybrids with additional genetic inputs and are renowned for their extremely large and colorful flowers. The Huntington is keeping the entire set of named hybrids in production. These are available through the Huntington's sales and web page, and are guaranteed to be true to name. Other hybridizers have been and are working with this flexible genus to make their own mix of genes and colors. The hybrids are as easy as the species to grow (often easier) and reward their growers with fantastic flowers.



Bacarole

Photo by Tom Glavich



Echinopsis longispina

Photo by Tom Glavich

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****Note **** Membership Dues are Due!
 Your 2017 Club membership renewal
 can be paid at the next meeting
 or mailed direct to Mary Brumbaugh,
 2123 Pinehurst St.,
 Glendora, CA 91741.

Regular membership is \$20 per year
 or \$30 if you request the Communique
 by mail. Make checks to SGVCSS.

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Succulent of the Month — June 2017 — Miniatures**Tom Glavich**

This month, the Succulents of the Month are miniatures. Miniatures are defined differently for different shows. In most cases the definition is a mature plant in a pot with an inside diameter less than three inches. Some shows define the miniature category as any plant displayed as a miniature. This allows seedlings and young plants to be entered as miniatures. Others require the plant to be the smallest in a genus. We'll use the broad definition for the Plant of the Month: The inside dimension must be less than three inches but anything else is allowed.

The miniature category is one of the most popular in our shows with the number of entrants often one of the largest. The key to success is staging plants. Particular attention must be paid to the relation of the plant to the pot, the top dressing, and any rocks. The importance of color, geometry, and texture are all magnified in the smaller scale of miniatures.

Succulents entered as miniatures include representatives from almost every family and a list would be far too long to print. Unusual entries often do well. Many *Haworthia* fit, as do *Lithops*, *Conophytum* and many of the other smaller mes-embs. Small *Crassulaceae* also do well.

With care, species that normally grow large can be kept small by controlling root development. Even though small, miniatures need a little fertilizer to keep top growth looking fresh and frequent watering, since there is little storage either in the pot or the body of the plant.



On page 3 is a photo of Ernesto Sandoval. He says that's *Aloe dichotoma* he's next to.

The photo was from 9 years ago when his hair was a bit longer than now.

The photo on the left is *Haworthia parksiana*. Photo by Tom Glavich

June Refreshments

The first three club members who sign up and then bring refreshments for the meeting will receive a **free** plant.

Bringing Snacks:

Rosie Garcia

Fred Parrales

Richard Salcedo

2017 Cactus and Succulent Workshops

Jan	Othonna and Senecio
Feb	Caudiciforms and Medusoid
Mar	Crests and Monstrose
Apr	Spring Seed Workshop
May	Vegetative Propagation
Jun	Staging Workshop
July	Echinopsis
Aug	Member Photo Tour
Sep	Astrophytum
Oct	Mesembryanthemum
Nov	Winter Seed Workshop
Dec	None

Plant of the Month: Cacti

Jan	Mammillaria clusters
Feb	Copiapoa and Eriosyce
Mar	Crests
Apr	Cephaliated Cacti
May	Miniatures
June	Echinopsis
July	Monotypic Cacti
Aug	Favorite cactus
Sept	Astrophytum
Oct	Columnar Cacti
Nov	Variegated Cacti

Plant of the Month: Succulent

Jan	Agave
Feb	Tylecodon and Cotyledon
Mar	Crests and Monstrose
Apr	Haworthia
May	Pachypodium
June	Miniatures
July	Adenium
Aug	Favorite succulent
Sept	Bursera and Commiphora
Oct	Mesembryanthemum
Nov	Variegated Succulents

Plant of the Month Mini Show Results for May 2017

Open Cactus

- 1st — David Hawks — *Pelecyphora aselliformis*
- 2nd — Tom Glavich — *Ariocarpus kotschoubeyanus*
- 3rd — Cindy Arakaki — *Mammillaria scheideana*

Open Succulent

- 1st — Manny Rivera — *Pachypodium bispinosum*
- 2nd — Gunnar Eisel — *Pachypodium bispinosum*
- 3rd — Tom Glavich — *Pachypodium succulentum*

Intermediate Cactus

- 1st — Jim Schlegel — *Epithelantha micromeris*
- 2nd — Jim Schlegel — *Frailea grahliana*
- 3rd — Jim Schlegel — *Opuntia pentlandii*

Intermediate Succulent

- 1st — Jim Schlegel — *Pachypodium rosulatum*
- 2nd — Tom Howard — *Pachypodium saundersi compacta*
- 3rd — Tricia Kangrga — *Pachypodium lamerei crest*

Novice cactus

- 1st — Nilda Howard — *Rebutia heliosa*
- 2nd — Nilda Howard — *Rebutia sanguinea*
- 3rd — Fred Parrales — *Cereus species*

Novice succulent

- 1st — Richard Salcedo — *Pachypodium bispinosum*
- 2nd — M A Bjarkman — *Pachypodium brevicauli*
- 3rd — M A Bjarkman — *Pachypodium lamerei*

June 3 & 4 — San Diego Cactus & Succulent Society Show and Sale.

Balboa Park, room 101, San Diego. Information 858-382-1797

June 10 & 11 — Los Angeles Cactus & Succulent Society Show and Sale.

Saturday from 9 am to 4 pm and Sunday from 9 am to 3 pm. Sepulveda Gardens, 16633 Magnolia Blvd, vd., Encino. Information www.lacactus.com

June 30, July 1 & 2— CSSA Show and Sale at the Huntington

Plant sale Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Show Saturday and Sunday. Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino

July 20, 21, 22— Orange County Cactus & Succulent Show and Sale.

Thursday from 6 pm to 8 pm, Friday from 9 am to 7 pm, and Saturday from 9 am to 5 pm. Anaheim United Methodist Church, 1000 South State College Blvd., Anaheim. Information 949-212-8417

July 27, 28, 29, 30, and 31 — CSSA Convention in Tempe, Arizona.

CSSA Convention complete information:

<http://cssaconvention.com>

Online reservation:

<https://cssa.myshopify.com/collections/convention.memberships>

You'll need to copy these addresses onto your browser.

August 12 & 13 — Intercity Show and Sale.

Saturday and Sunday from 9 am to 4 pm. Los Angeles County Arboretum, 301 North Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia.

Information Tom Glavich 626-798-2430 or

John Martinez 805-390-2139

September 2 — Huntington Botanical Gardens Succulent Symposium.

All day Saturday at the Huntington. 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino.

September 17— Long Beach Cactus Club Annual Plant Auction.

Sunday from noon to 5 pm. Rancho Los Alamitos, 6400 Bixby Hill Road, Long Beach,. Information 562-631-5876

October 7 & 8 Bakersfield Cactus & Succulent Society Show and Sale

Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm and Sunday from 11 am to to 3 pm. St. Paul's Church, 2216 17th Street, Bakersfield, CA 93304 Free admission & parking, Information 661-831-8488

.Calendar of Upcoming Events (continued)**October 28-29 Palomar Show and Sale**

Saturday from 9 am to 5 pm and Sunday from 10 am to 4 pm.

San Diego Botanic Gardens, 230 Quail Gardens Road, Encinitas

Information: hciservices@gmail.com or call 858-382-1797

November 4-5 San Gabriel Valley Cactus and Succulent Society, from 9am to 4 pm both days show and sale ---

Los Angeles County Arboretum, 310 North Baldwin, Arcadia, CA .

Information: Manny Rivera 626-780-6957

or John Matthews 661-714-1052

Sunday, January 7, 2018 San Gabriel Valley Cactus and Succulent Society Annual Banquet at the Arboreum.

List compiled by Jim and Roberta Hanna
modified by Richard Roosman

2017 SGVCSS Winter Sale

As mentioned in the February 2017 Communique, the opportunity to be invited to be one of the many club vendors at our Winter Sale is a benefit of being a SGVCSS member. In the May 2017 Communique, I outlined the details of being a club vendor.

Because there is a selection process involved, you must notify me (by phone, text, email, or in person) by July 1 if you want to be a club vendor at this year's sale. You will receive the official invitation to participate by August 15 if there is room for you this year. That will give you plenty of time to prepare your sales items and show plants.

If you have any questions about the SGVCSS Winter Sale, please contact me.

John Matthews – Winter Sales Chairman

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52nd ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE
CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY OF AMERICA
HUNTINGTON LIBRARY & BOTANICAL GARDENS

Dates: Friday, Saturday & Sunday, June 30, and July 1-2, 2017

Location: The Huntington: 1151 Oxford Drive, San Marino, CA

The Botanical Center. Contact 626-405-3504

Sale Hours: Friday, Saturday & Sunday 10:00am-5:00pm

Show: Saturday & Sunday 10:00am-5:00pm

Show Set-up: Thurs. June 29th, 9am-1pm

Enter Plants: Thurs., June 29th 1pm-8pm & Friday, June 30, 10:00am-4:00pm.

Judging starts at 5:00pm Friday

Auction: Items need to be registered by 3pm, Saturday, July 1

There will be a Silent Auction during dinner and a Live Auction (35 items max.) after dinner. Auctioneers will decide placement of items: 2 items per person/ business marked as donation or split.

Dinner: HBG's Bon Appetite: \$30 per person (\$35 after June 19). Mail checks, made out to CSSA, to Bonnie Ikemura – 8400 Bleriot Ave. Los Angeles, CA, 90045

Reserve spot by Phone: 213-305-1421 or email Bonnie at bikemura@hotmail.com.

Reservations must be made by June 19, 2017

Teardown: Sunday, July 2, 5:00pm

Be sure to pick up a Show Schedule, Index and entry tags from your CSSA Club Affiliate at your next club meeting if you are interested in entering plants in the Show or in the Auction.

All Cactus & Succulent Club members, CSSA members, vendors, volunteers or show participants need to wear their club badges (if you have one) **AND** a special CSSA/HBG pass that reads “Annual CSSA Show Participant” to enter the HBG for free. If you are a HBG member this doesn't apply. Please obtain a pass from your CSSA Affiliate at your club meeting or contact Barbara Hall, Show Chair before the event. We are not permitted to hand out passes at the HBG entryway.

There are opportunities to participate/volunteer in this year's show, even for a couple of hours in the showroom or sales areas, hospitality (food) area, information table, holding area, welcome table at the HBG entry & setup/teardown. All participants receive a show T-Shirt as a thank you.

See you at the Show!

Barbara Hall

CSSA Show Chair Email: lbcjhall@aol.com Phone: 818-368-6914



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