



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, May 11 at 7:30 pm in Ayres Hall at the Los Angeles County Arboretum in Arcadia.

Meetings are on the second Thursday of the month.

Mini –Show Plants for May

- Cacti:**
- Miniatures
- Succulents:**
- Pachypodium

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**Cactus and Succulent
Workshop
Wednesday, May 17
Topic: Vegetative Propagation**

The C&S Workshop will meet on
in the Palm Room
at the Los Angeles Arboretum
on Wednesday, May 17 at 7:30 pm

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This Month's Presentation: Tom Glavich

Geophytes: Nature's Buried Treasures

This month's presentation will be about Geophytes - Nature's Buried Treasures. Although there is a category for geophytes at both the Inter-City and San Gabriel Shows, many people do not know what a geophyte actually is. This presentation will show the types of geophytes that are often encountered in succulent plant collections and will include display and horticultural information to help with successful growth.



Brachysyelma sp.
Photo from Pinterest



Peperomia dolabella geophyte
Photo from Pinterest

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Cactus of the month — May 2017 — Miniatures

Tom Glavich

This month, the Cactus 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.

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



Geohintonia bexicana
Photo by Tom Glavich



Blossfeldia liliputana
Photo from Wikimedia.org

Miniatures (continued)

Ariocarpus kotschoubeyanus - the classic entry

Aztekium (both species)

Blossfeldia - a genus of miniature cacti from Brazil

Epithelantha micromeris a variable species from Texas and Northern Mexico.

Frailea - a genus of small cacti, some of which clump.

Geohintonia mexicana

Mammillaria saboae (discovered by club member Kitty Sabo!)

Mammillaria herrerae

Mammillaria hernandezii is a particularly beautiful species from Oaxaca.

Pelecyphora asseliformis another classic from Mexico.

Turbincarpus another genus of slow growing, small cacti from Mexico. There are many great species in this genus, all small and all worth growing.

Ariocarpus kotschoubeyanus
Photo from cactus-art.biz
a miniature cactus





Pachypodium bispinosum

Photo by Tom Glavich



Look up Vinvocci in YouTube videos and you can see a talking cactus.

He even talks with a English (England English) accent.

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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 — May 2017 — Pachypodium**Tom Glavich**

Pachypodium are members of the *Apocynaceae* or *Periwinkle* family and are most closely related to *Adenium* and more distantly to *Oleander* and *Plumeria*.

Pachypodium are native to only Southern Africa and Madagascar. There are more Madagascan species than African due to the geography of the island of Madagascar, with isolated habitat pockets that encourage the development of unique populations of plants, animals and insects.

All of the species of African *Pachypodium* can be grown out of doors year around in Southern California, requiring protection only from simultaneous cold and wet weather. The plants from South Africa are easier than those from Madagascar, and those from Southern Madagascar are easier than those from the tropical regions of Northern Madagascar.

African Species:

Pachypodium bispinosum comes from the southern tip of South Africa. In habitat, most of the caudex of this plant is wedged between and beneath rocks, giving it protection from the sun and predators. (photo on page 5)

Pachypodium lealii is the most tropical of the African species growing into Namibia and Southern Angola on the west coast and in South Africa and southern Zimbabwe on the east coast.

Pachypodium namaquanum is perhaps the most spectacular of all of the African species. Its common name is 'half man', which is what it appears to be on the hillsides of Namaqualand.

Pachypodium succulentum is a dwarf species that grows at the Southern tip of South Africa.

Pachypodium saundersii v. *compacta*

Entered (and won first place)
in the SGVCSS winter show.

Peter Walkowiak's plant

Photo by Richard Roosman



Madagascan Species:

The Madagascan species are trickier to grow, with the difficulty being their sensitivity to cold and wet. If they are protected, either by being brought indoors during the winter, or protected from rain and cold in a cold frame, or even a garage, they will survive and grow quickly.

Pachypodium brevicaule is a ground hugging, nearly flat caudiciform, the shortest of all the species. It comes from east side of Madagascar, near the middle of the island. Its knobby top growth hides roots that anchor it to the soil.

Pachypodium baronii* v *windsorii comes from a peak named Windsor Castle in the northernmost part of the island. It is a small species with a bulbous base. ***Pachypodium baronii* v. *baronii*** grows 200 miles further down the coast and is larger, growing to 6 feet in the wild. Both of these are sensitive to both over and under watering.

Pachypodium geayi is a southern species, similar in appearance to *Pachypodium lamerei*, but more robust. It is the largest member of the genus, growing in a few instances to 30 feet. Like *P. lamerei*, it is a fast grower but is less tolerant to cold. The main visible difference is the fine coating of hair or down on the spines, and when in flower, the completely different flower. It will grow outdoors in Southern California with only slight protection from frost.

Pachypodium horombense, known also as ***P. rosulatum* v. *horombense***, is a Southern species with a wide base. It is the queen of the Madagascar Pachypodiums with many people agreeing that this is the most beautiful. It takes a place of honor as one of the oldest plants in the Huntington Conservatory. It is relatively easy to grow. It has open yellow flowers that are easily pollinated by bees and forms a robust pachycaul trunk even as a young seedling.

Pachypodium lamerei is the best known of all the *Pachypodiums*, available as a “Madagascar Palm” in florists, home centers and even supermarkets. It grows quickly, reaching 12 inches within a year if well cared for (lots of food and water). It tolerates indoor life and is popular as a house plant. Several cultivars have been created with more robust trunks or lower and more frequent branches. It grows in the South and West.

Pachypodium rutenbergianum is the opposite of ***P. brevicaule***, reaching for the sky, even as a young seedling. It grows from the northernmost tip to the South East of the island, but in spite of this wide distribution is fairly difficult to grow. It likes warmth but the roots will shrivel and die if kept too dry in the winter. The tips will freeze and rot, even in the mild winters of the San Gabriel valley.

Written by Tom Glavich April 2017

May Refreshments

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

Bringing Snacks:

Fred Parrales

Una Yeh

Lydia Gantt

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

- Agave
- Tylecodon and Cotyledon
- Crests and Monstrose
- Haworthia
- Pachypodium
- Miniatures
- Adenium
- Favorite succulent
- Bursera and Commiphora
- Mesembryanthemum
- Variegated Succulents

Plant of the Month Mini Show Results for April 2017

Open Cactus

- 1st — Tom Glavich — *Buiningia brevicylindrica*
- 2nd — Gunnar Eisel — *Discocactus crystallophilus*
- 3rd — Frank Nudge — *Melocactus zehntneri*

Open Succulent

- 1st — John Matthews — *Haworthia semiviva*
- 2nd — Karen Ostler — *Haworthia pumila*
- 3rd — Tom Glavich — *Haworthia Prickly Pete* x *Bev's Wonder*
- 3rd — Frank Nudge — *Haworthia limifolia* (hybrid)

Intermediate Cactus

- 1st — Kal Kaminer — *Melocactus matanzanus* (montrose)

Intermediate Succulent

- 1st — Tricia Kangrga — *Haworthia coarctata*
- 2nd — Dick Hammer — *Haworthia pumit*
- 2nd — Tricia Kangrga -- *Haworthia attenuata*
- 3rd — Louise Stack — *Haworthia maxima*

Novice cactus

- 1st — Richard Salcedo -- *Melocactus magnifica* (monstrose)
- 2nd — David Lew — *Melocactus magnifica* variegated
- 3rd — M. A. Bjarkman — *Melocactus*

Novice succulent

- 1st — Shaun Adams — *Haworthia splendens*
- 2nd — Shaun Adams — *Haworthia truncatea*(Lime Green)
- 2nd — Shaun Adams — *Haworthia splendens* hybrid
- 3rd — Shaun Adams — *Haworthia* hybrid

Calendar of Upcoming Events.

May 6 & 7 — Sunset Cactus & Succulent Society Show and Sale.

Saturday and Sunday. Veterans' Memorial Center, Garden Room,
4117 Overland Ave, Culver City. Information: 310-822-1783

May 7 -- South Bay Epiphyllum Society Show and Sale

Sunday from 9 am to 4 pm. South Coast Botanical Gardens.
Information: 310-833-6823

May 12 & 13 — Gates Cactus & Succulent Society Show and Sale.

Friday and Saturday from 9 am to 4:30 pm at Land Scapes Southern California
Style, 450 East Alessandro Blvd., Riverside. Information: 951-360-8802

May 20 & 21 — Long Beach Cactus Club Plant Show and Sale.

Saturday and Sunday from 10 am to 4 pm. Rancho Los Alamitos,
6400 Bixby Hill Road, Long Beach. Information 562-631-5876

**May 21 — Epiphyllum Society Show and Sale, Sunday 9 am to 5 pm, Ayres
Hall,**

L A County Arboretum, 310 Baldwin Ave, Arcadia

**May 27 & 28 — Central Coast Cactus & Succulent Society Show and
Sale.**

Saturday and Sunday from 10 am to 4 pm. Ludwick Center, 864 Santa Rosa,
San Luis Obispo. Information: 805-237-2064 or www.centralcoastcactus.org

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

.Calendar of Upcoming Events (continued)

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 & Suculent Sciety 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

October 29-29 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 . 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

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

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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

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. The good news is that there is no table fee,

SGVCSS provides the required table covering (you may bring your own if you wish), you will have a very large audience for your sale plants/pots, and your sales are handled through the cash register. The tab for all this is the club takes their 30% cut (same as regular vendors),.

Due to space limitations you will probably only have half a table for your sales items.

* You must enter at least 5 plants in the Show,

- You must spend some time in the sales area during the show/sale,
- * You must double tag your plants/pots as well as use a club-provided bar code label,
- and you must complete a W-9 form (if not already on file with SGVCSS).

Because there is a selection process involved, you must notify me (phone, text, email, 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

661-714-1052

jgmplants@aol.com

Cactus and Succulent Workshop

Workshops are held on the third Wednesday of the month. The workshop is an informal, hands-on learning experience that is fun for the expert and novice alike. Come and learn from the experience of others. We are happy to share our knowledge.



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If you have a cactus or succulent related event that you would like to have announced in the **COMMUNIQUE**, forward the information to the address below. Please verify the event date. Articles, Notices and Corrections can be sent via email to: richardinwalnutpark@msn.com or via mail to:

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