





## 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 OF THE MONTH —

#### *Parodia and Notocactus*

*Parodia* is a genus of cacti named after the Argentinian botanist Lorenzo Raimundo Parodi (1895-1966). *Notocactus* is a genus of cacti named after the German botanist Karl Moritz Schumann (1851-1904).

*Parodia* and *Notocactus* are members of Franz Buxbaum's (Austrian botanist, 1900-1979) tribe *Notocactinae* that consists of mostly globular genera exclusive to South America. *Notocactinae* was then subdivided into four sub-tribes:

1. *Corryocactus, Austrocactus, Eriosyce, Pyrrhocactus, Eulychinia.*
2. *Neoporteria, Islaya, Copiapoa.*
3. *Notocactus, Parodia, Blossfeldia, Frailea*
4. *Discocactus, Melocactus.*

*Parodia* and *Notocactus* belong to a group of short-columnar to globular and dwarf genera. There is a further "unofficial" division of this sub-tribe according to altitude: lowland (the pampas) and highland (high mountains).

*Notocactus* are found in the lowlands at relatively low altitudes (below 3,000 feet). They are located primarily in the recesses of low rocky hills in the grasslands and forests. *Notocactus* distribution is very wide, primarily in southern Brazil and Uruguay, with various species found in Paraguay, and a few

found in northeastern Argentina.

*Parodia* are found in the highlands at altitudes ranging from 1,500 to 12,500 feet. They are located mostly in the eastern mountains and foothills of Argentina, Bolivia and Paraguay.

The current theory is there was originally an ancestor of these genera that divided into the mountainous branch of *Parodia* and the lowland branch of *Notocactus*.

These two genera were combined, at some controversy. In 1986, the preliminary findings of the International Organization for Succulent Plant Studies (IOS), inter alia, included the genus *Notocactus* within the genus *Parodia* (Bradleya 4 :65-78, 1986). Suffice it to say that not everyone agrees.

The cacti that were in the genus *Parodia* before the merge generally do better in winter if kept above 50°F to avoid completely dormancy as they are much more likely to lose their roots, and can be slow to restart in the Spring. Species in the old genus *Notocactus* are fairly cold resistant and can be used in outdoor cactus gardens.

#### *Parodia* and *Notocactus* TO TRY

*Parodia buiningii* (ex *Notocactus*) is a rare small (under four inches), dark green globular plant found in Uruguay. Its large (as the mature plant) day-blooming flowers are yellow. It prefers bright light.

*Parodia leninghausii* (ex *Notocactus*) is a solitary columnar plant (up to three feet) with an angled crown that faces the sun, branching at the base with age. Its spines are golden yellow, rising through white wool. From southern Brazil, it is a day bloomer with yellow flowers. It needs sun.

*Parodia magnifica* (ex *Notocactus*) is a bluish-green plant that frequently offsets to form clumps. It has numerous white short radial spines and slightly longer

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brown central spines. This Brazilian day bloomer has sulfur-yellow flowers. Bright light is essential.

*Parodia subterranea* is the smallest *Parodia*. This Bolivian native is less than half an inch across. Its flowers are as large or larger than the plant, and range in color from red to reddish-orange to yellow.



*Parodia subterranea*

*Parodia schumanniana* (ex *Notocactus*) is an initially globular light-green plant that is to columnar (and darker green and corky) with age (up to three feet). This cliff dweller is found in Paraguay and northern Argentina. It flowers are yellow with a yellow stigma, near the apex. This plant prefers light shade, regular water during Summer and dry in Winter.



*Parodia schumanniana*

*Parodia schwebsiana* is a small (four inches) solitary globular to weakly cylindrical plant that rarely sprouts from the base. It has dense white wool with 10 yellowish to brownish slightly hooked radial spines. It is found in Bolivia, apparently thriving within the city of Cochabamba. Blood red flowers appear in the woolly apex. This requires light shade,



*Parodia schwebsiana* in flower

regular water in Summer and dry in Winter.

Sources: Notocactus Information Exchange, Faint; The Cactus Handbook, Haustein, and, Cacti, Innes & Glass

Anne Keegan, October 2009

SUCCULENT OF THE MONTH —

### *Stemless Mesembs (sans Lithops)*

The Mesembs are the largest family of succulent plants in the world. The plants of this family take on an extraordinary number of shapes and colors in their struggle to survive in a very unforgiving environment.

Cultivation requirements of mesembs are particular to the genus, and sometimes the species. The family is divided into winter growers, growing where there is little summer rain; summer growers, where just the opposite occurs; and opportunistic growers which generally grow in regions where rainfall is sparse, but can occur at any time. Some of the winter growers do not want any summer water, and will easily rot if watered too often. It is much hotter and dryer sitting in a pot in a Southern California valley than it ever is in their habitat. For the winter dormant species, it is best to provide some summer shade (50% shade cloth is fine) and an occasional light misting. (Once every week or so, and just a flick with the hose will do.)

All mesembs grow well in a potting mix that contains very little organic matter. A mix of 3 parts pumice, 3 parts plaster sand and one part potting soil will produce plants that are closer to their natural appearance, will require less water, and will be easier to maintain. Many growers use straight pumice as a potting mix for the more difficult species.

With such an enormous family, there isn't room to even list all the genera worth growing. Every collection should have some *Faucaria* (all the species, and all the varieties are great). Almost all the *Cheirodopsis* are worth growing. The colors on the leaves of these plants are wonderful, changing throughout the year.

*Antegibbaeum fissoides* is a rarely seen monotypic genus (one species) with great leaves, and fantastic purple flowers. *Titanopsis* have leaves that look like thin concrete or dried mud. *Aloinopsis*, also shown above, are miniature caudiciforms with flowers that change shape from day to night (when they fully open). *Aloinopsis* and many other mesembs are night fragrant. It is worth visiting your collection after dark.

*Conophytum* is the largest of the genera and is the home of many spectacular species with wonderful body shapes and flowers unparalleled by any in the plant world. Everyone should grow a few hundred. (Most are very small.)

Seeds for nearly all the mesembs are readily available, and can be started either in the spring (March or April is best) or October through December. Growth is rapid, and they will need repotting into growing pots within a year.

Tom Glavich October 2009



*Gibbaeum heathii* in the Little Karroo



*Conophytum devium* flowers



*Conophytum maughanii*



*Antegibbaeum fissoides*



Large clumps of *Dactyloopsis digitatus* show outstanding color in the quartz fields.

Tiny *Oophytum nanum* in the South African Knersvlakte.



### GOEIE DAG from the Richtersveld

Buck and Yvonne Hemenway and Jenni Craig are having a blast in the Richtersveld.  
Wish you were here!



The South Africa Adventurers: Woody Minich, L.Z. De Toit, Doug Dawson, Jan Hemming, Jenni Craig, Buck and Yvonne Hemenway, and Karel De Toit



We spotted this beauty in the veld at Goegap Nature Reserve.



Yvonne and her new friend, *Pachypodium namaquanum*



The rare *Aloe pilansii* in the Richtersveld morning fog.



*Hoodia alstonii*, lovely to look at in bloom but phew!



*Conophytum bilobum ssp cordatum*, one of several species found throughout the Richtersveld.



A bed of *Fenestraria rhopalophylla* tucked under a *Monsonia*

### *Calendar of Upcoming Events*

**November 7 and 8** — San Gabriel Valley Cactus and Succulent Society Show and Sale at the LA County Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia, CA. For information call Manny Rivera at 626-793-6917.

**December 4, 5 and 6** — Orange County Winter Show and Sale at the Fullerton Arboretum, 1900 Associated Road, Fullerton. Sale is open Friday, December 4th, noon to 4pm, Saturday and Sunday 10am to 4pm. Show is on Saturday and Sunday, 10am to 4 pm. For information call 714-870-4887.

**December 13, 5pm** — San Gabriel Valley Cactus And Succulent Society Annual Holiday Party at Ayers Hall,



### *Welcome New Members*

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

**The Onufer Family**

**Peggy Oberg**

**Lynn Trinh & Daniel Chan**

**Art Knowles**

### *Refreshment Signup*

These club members have signed up to provide refreshments at this month’s meeting.

**Minh Au  
Tricia Kangrga  
Brian Le**

The first three club members who sign up and bring refreshments each month will receive a **FREE** plant as thanks.

### 2009 Plant-of-the Month and Study Group Topics

	Cacti of the Month	Succulent of the Month	Study Group
Oct.	Parodia & Notocactus	Stemless Mesembs - No Lithops	Ariocarpus
Nov.	Frailea & Blossfeldia	Tylecodon	Winter Seed Workshop

## 16<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY WINTER SHOW AND SALE

**The Club Winter Show and Sale:** Our 16th ANNUAL WINTER SHOW is coming the weekend of November 7 and 8! This is the Show that needs all of our support and attention. It is our way to raise money for field trips, guest speakers, study groups, books, picnic etc. So make it public, pick up some flyers and pass them out. Tell your friends, neighbors or bring them over and give them a tour through the Show and Sale areas. Make sure you participate; bring lots of plants. All of you at the Beginners level are doing a wonderful job at our monthly mini shows, so I hope to see all of those plants at the Winter Show. The Show Schedule and show entry tags will be available at our meeting and at the October Study Group. I am really looking forward to seeing a lot of nice plants. We are a great Society. Let's make it a wonderful Show.

**Set Up:** We need club members help on Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at about 8:30am at the show and sale areas to help set up tables for the sales area, show area, and the trophy table. Show and sale plants are welcome on Thursday from noon to 9:00pm. All show plants must be in by Friday at 4:00pm.

**Clerks, tabulators and helpers** are also needed Friday evening. It's Fun! It gives you the opportunity to hear the judges' comments and learn more about the Show. There will be a sign-up list at the next meeting, or call Manny at (626) 579-7954.

**2008 Trophy Winners:** If you won a trophy last year, please bring it back to the show.

**SHOW DINNER** will be Saturday evening, November 7th at 6:00 pm at Ayers Hall in the show area. Dinner will be a special meal, prepared by Richard Jones Pit BBQ Catering. The menu will include three meats; Chicken Breast, Beef Brisket (cooked for 16 hours) and Pork Spare Ribs. It will be accompanied by 4 side dishes including BBQ beans, Green Beans & Almonds, Mixed Green Salad and Rice Pilaf. Also included are Rolls, Butter, BBQ Sauce, Beverage, and Peach Cobbler for dessert. Total cost is \$17.50 per person. There will be an awards presentation, auction and lots of fun! Please reserve your seat with Bill Gerlach or Manny Rivera.

See you at the next meeting! - Manny Rivera

# The San Gabriel Valley Cactus & Succulent Society

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## The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Show

November 7 & 8, 2009

At the Los Angeles County Arboretum  
301 N. Baldwin Avenue Arcadia, CA

### SHOW SCHEDULE

**Set-up:** Thursday November 5<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am till noon (set-up tables, show & sales area)  
Exhibitors & sellers may bring in plants on Thursday from noon till 9:00 pm.

**Set-up:** Friday November 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am till 4:00 pm.

**Judging:** Friday November 6<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 pm till 10:00 pm.

**Take-down:** Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 pm till close

**Pre-sale:** The sales area will be open for workers and participants from 3:00 p.m. till 5:00 p.m. on Friday the 6<sup>th</sup>. Plants bought during pre-sale must be paid for and removed from the show no later than 9:00 p.m. Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> or they will be placed back in the sales area.

### Horticultural Classifications

Competitive entries shall be as follows:

**NOVICE:** Exhibitor has won no more than 40 blue ribbons total in recognized C&S shows.

**ADVANCED:** Exhibitor has won 41 or more blue ribbons. No commercial sellers.

**OPEN:** Exhibitor must have won 80 or more blue ribbons or be a commercial seller of C&S plants.

**All entrants must register their total entries in the show registrar prior to placement on tables.**

### DIVISION 1 INDIVIDUAL POTTED SPECIMENS, CACTI

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|----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|-------------------------------------------------------|
| 1  | <i>Ariocarpus</i> up to 5"                                                       | 21 | <i>Mammillaria</i> hooked up to 6"                    |
| 2  | <i>Ariocarpus</i> single over 5"                                                 | 22 | <i>Mammillaria</i> hooked over 6"                     |
| 3  | <i>Ariocarpus</i> cluster over 5"                                                | 23 | <i>Mammillaria</i> w/o hooks single up to 6"          |
| 4  | <i>Astrophytum</i>                                                               | 24 | <i>Mammillaria</i> w/o hooks single over 6"           |
| 5  | <i>Aztekium, Pelecyphora, Epithelantha</i>                                       | 25 | <i>Mammillaria</i> w/o hooks cluster up to 5"         |
| 6  | <i>Borzicatus, Matucana, Submatucana, Oroya</i>                                  | 26 | <i>Mammillaria</i> w/o hooks cluster 5 to 10"         |
| 7  | <i>Blossfeldia, Frailea</i>                                                      | 27 | <i>Mammillaria</i> w/o hooks cluster over 10"         |
| 8  | <i>Buiningia, Uebelmannia</i>                                                    | 28 | <i>Melocactus</i>                                     |
| 9  | Columnar - Ceroid types (N or S American)                                        | 29 | <i>Notocactus, Parodia</i>                            |
| 10 | <i>Obregonia, Strombocactus, Encephalocarpus</i>                                 | 30 | <i>Opuntia</i> (all Opuntioideae)                     |
| 11 | <i>Copiapoa</i>                                                                  | 31 | <i>Pediocactus, Sclerocactus, Turbinicarpus</i>       |
| 12 | <i>Coryphantha, Escobaria, Gymnocactus, Neobesseya, Neolloydia, Ortegocactus</i> | 32 | <i>Rebutia</i>                                        |
| 13 | <i>Discocactus</i>                                                               | 33 | <i>Sulcorebutia, Weingartia</i>                       |
| 14 | <i>Echinocereus</i> up to 5"                                                     | 34 | <i>Stenocactus (Echinofossulocactus)</i>              |
| 15 | <i>Echinocereus</i> over 5"                                                      | 35 | <i>Thelocactus</i>                                    |
| 16 | <i>Echinopsis, Lobivia, Acanthocalycium</i>                                      | 36 | Epiphytic Cacti ( <i>Aporocactus, Hatiora</i> , etc.) |
| 17 | <i>Echiocactus, Ferocactus, Hamatocactus</i>                                     | 37 | Any other genus                                       |
| 18 | <i>Eriosyce (Neoporteria, Neochilenia, Pyrrhocactus, Horridocactus)</i>          | 38 | Variegated Cacti                                      |
| 19 | <i>Gymnocalycium</i> up to 5"                                                    | 39 | Crested Cacti (fan-shaped growth)                     |
| 20 | <i>Gymnocalycium</i> over 5"                                                     | 40 | Montrose (multiple, irregular, growth centers)        |
|    |                                                                                  | 41 | Seed grown by exhibitors up to 5 years                |
|    |                                                                                  | 42 | Miniature Cacti (3" maximum pot size)                 |
|    |                                                                                  | 43 | Cacti Collections of 5 - 12 plants                    |

## DIVISION 2 INDIVIDUAL POTTED SPECIMENS, SUCCULENTS

### **Aizoaceae** (*Mesembrianthemaceae*) family

- 44 *Lithops*
- 45 *Conophytum*
- 46 Other genera - with prominent stems/roots:  
*Aloinopsis, Faucaria, Mestoklema*, etc.
- 47 Other genera - without prominent stems/roots:  
*Dinteranthus, Lapidaria*, etc.

### **Asphodelaceae** family

- 48 *Aloe* under 6"
- 49 *Aloe* 6" and over
- 50 *Gasteria*
- 51 *Haworthia* & *Astroloba* under 5"
- 52 *Haworthia* & *Astroloba* 5" and over

### **Crassulaceae** family

- 53 *Adromischus*
- 54 *Cotyledon, Tylecodon*
- 55 *Crassula, Kalanchoe*
- 56 *Dudleya*
- 57 *Echeveria*
- 58 Other *Crassulaceae*: *Aeonium, Pachyphytum, Graptopetalum, Monanthes, Sedum, Tacitus, Orostachys*, etc.

### **Euphorbiaceae** Family

- Euphorbia* - species endemic to Madagascar
- 59 Caudiciform or Geophyte (*capsaintmariensis, cylindrifolia v. tubifera*, etc.)
- 60 Other Madagascar (*decaryi, milli*, etc.)
- Euphorbia* - species not endemic to Madagascar
- 61 Caudiciform (*knuthii, squarrosa*, etc.)
- 62 Medusa type (*esculenta, gorgonis*, etc.)
- 63 Stem type (*abdelkuri, obesa, suzannae*, etc.)
- Other genera of *Euphorbiaceae*;
- 64 *Jatropha, Monadenium, Pedilanthus*, etc.

### **Geraniaceae** family

- 65 *Pelargonium*
- 66 *Sarcocaulon*

### **Apocynaceae** family

- 67 *Adenium* & *Plumeria*
- 68 *Pachypodium* - African
- 69 *Pachypodium* - Madagascar

### **Asclepiadaceae** family

- 70 *Fockea, Raphionacme, Brachystelma*
- 71 *Caralluma, Hoodia, Huernia, Pseudolithos, Stapelia, Trichocaulon*, etc.
- 72 Other *Asclepiadaceae*: *Ceropegia, Sarcostemma, Hoya*, etc.

### **Succulents in Other Families**

- 73 **Agavaceae**: *Agave, Nolina, Yucca*
- 74 **Asteraceae**: *Senecio, Othonna*
- 75 **Bromeliaceae**: *Abromeitiella, Dyckia*, etc.
- 76 **Burseraceae**: *Bursera, Commiphora*
- 77 **Didiereaceae**: *Alluaudia, Decaryia, Didierea*
- 78 **Dracaenaceae**: *Sansevieria* (may include variegates)
- 79 **Moraceae**: *Dorstenia* (enter *Ficus* in 83 or 84)
- 80 **Passifloraceae**: *Adenia*
- 81 **Portulacaceae**: *Anacampseros, Avonia, Ceraria*
- 82 **Vitaceae**: *Cissus, Cyphostemma*

### **Pachycauls, Caudiciforms & Geophytes**

- Adansonia, Bombax, Chorisia, Cucurbitaceae, Dioscorea, Fouquieria, Pachycormus*, etc.
- 83 Pot size under 8"
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## DIVISION 3 ARRANGEMENTS

- 92 Dish gardens (miniature scene)
- 93 Planters (group of the same or assorted plants)
- 94 Bonsai (8" or taller)
- 95 Bonsai Miniature (less than 8 " tall)

## DIVISION 4 DISPLAYS

- 96 Individual display
- 97 Commercial display
- 98 Educational Display

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## DIVISION 5 ALLIED INTERESTS

- 99 Photography
- 100 Art Work & Handicrafts

## DIVISION 6 HOLIDAY PLANTS

- 101 Cacti
- 102 Succulents

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## SHOW RULES

- 1) Showers must be members of the SGVC&SS
- 2) Entries must be in the possession of the exhibitor for at least 6 months. Artificially propagated plant entries are encouraged. They must be clean (no weeds and debris), healthy (no insects, disease, and pesticide odor) and dry (to keep tables and table coverings from being ruined). Plant labels should be removed. Exhibitors are responsible for placing entry cards with exhibits prior to judging. The show committee may remove any entry which detracts from the show or jeopardizes the health of other entries.
- 3) Plants in Division I, II & VI must be individually potted specimens. **Pot size** refers to the inside diameter of the pot at soil level (Irregular pots; the average diameter). **Cristate & Monstrose** plants should appear only in their specific classes. **Miniature** refers to the intrinsic characteristic of the species; ie., a small, mature plant; not an immature, or stunted plant. A collection should be of individually potted, identified plants of one genus or some unifying theme.
- 4) Depending on the number of entries, prior to the judging, the Show Committee may combine or divide categories and rearrange entries. The Show Room is open to authorized people only during judging. Entries must remain until the end of the show.
- 5) Entries are judged on: Condition, Size & Maturity & Difficulty of Culture (70%); Staging (25%); and Nomenclature (5%). Entries are judged against "perfection"; award are given only if the judges, whose decisions are final, believe they are merited.
- 6) The Society and Show Committee will take due care to safeguard entries but cannot be held responsible for damage to, or loss of, plants or other property.

## AWARDS

First, second and third place ribbons may be awarded in each class in Divisions 1 through 6. In addition 18 rosettes will be awarded for outstanding entries in both Divisions 1 & 2. For Sweepstakes calculations 1<sup>st</sup> place = 6 pts, 2<sup>nd</sup> place = 3 pts and 3<sup>rd</sup> place = 1 pt. Rosettes will be tie-breakers.

## TROPHIES

**Best Cactus** (all categories), donated by *Cactus Data Plants*

**Best Succulent** (all categories), donated by *Steve Crider*

**Sweepstakes** overall; **High Points Cacti** (all categories); **High Points Succulents** (all categories).

Other trophies awarded as perpetuals include:

**Best Agave** donated by *Darlene Osborn*, **Best Ariocarpus**, **Best Collection**, The VIRGINIA SHAMBEAU trophy for **Best Crassulaceae** donated by the SGVC&SS, **Best Dorstenia** donated by *Tom & Carol Loehman*, **Best Epiphytic Cacti** donated by *Rainbow Gardens*, **Best Euphorbia**, **Best Gymnocalycium**, **Best Haworthia**, **Best Mammillaria** donated by *Woody & Kathy Minnich*, **Best Mutant** - includes variegates, crests or monstrose donated by *Ken Felton*, **Best Opuntia** donated by *Jean Mullens*, **Best Pelargonium-Sarcocaulon** donated by *Arid Lands Greenhouses*, **Best Rebutia-Sulcorebutia**, **Best Winter Growing Succulent** donated by *David & Eileen Tufenkian*, **Best Pachypodium** donated by *Bill Hagblom* and *Vince Basta*, The Dick Hulett trophy for **Best Miniature**, The Ellen Low trophy for **Best Baja Plant**, & The Virginia Martin trophy for **Best Mexican Plant**, all three donated by the SGVC&SS.

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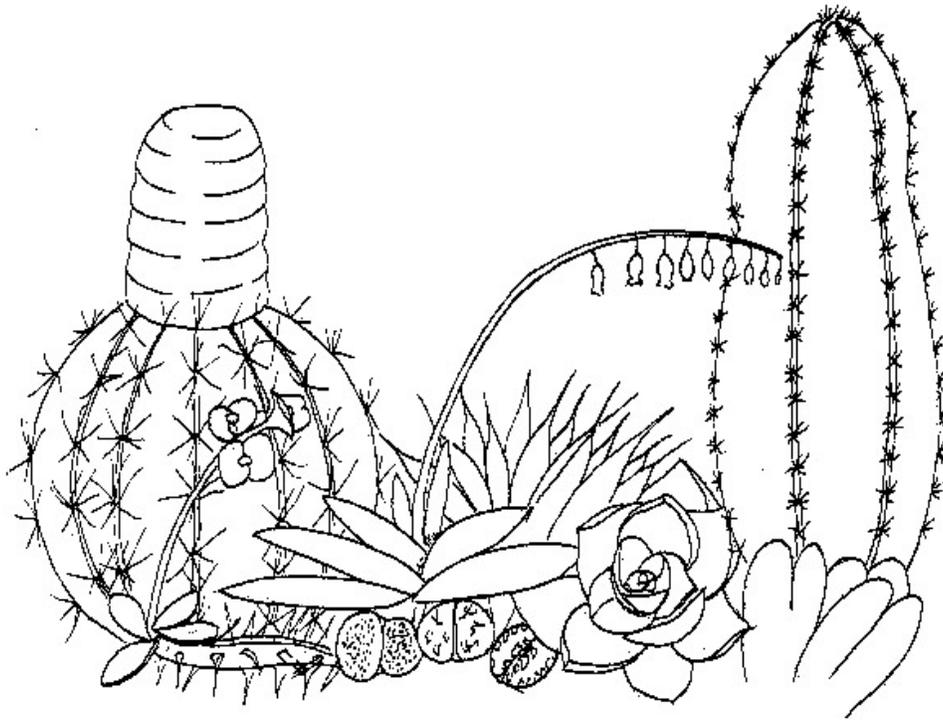
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Sat. and Sun. November 7 & 8, 2009 9 to 4

Los Angeles County Arboretum  
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