



*San Gabriel Valley
Cactus & Succulent Society*

COMMUNIQUE

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**SEPTEMBER Meeting:
Thursday,
September 13 at 7:30 pm**

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

Mini-Show Plants:

CACTUS:
Hybrids and Cultivars

SUCCULENT:
Hybrids and Cultivars

Study Group:

Study group will meet on Wednesday,
September 19th in the Palm Room,
Los Angeles County Arboretum at
7:30 pm. The topic will be:

Loreto, Mexico Tour

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President's Message

Was it hot enough? The Inter-City Show & Sale suffered from heat and fuel overload. Gas prices up \$.30 in the week of the event. We survived and the Sale did pretty well considering the perfect storm of negative influence. The show was smaller than in past years, but the plant quality was outstanding as always. Thanks to all of our members who gave time and effort to be sure that this event was well staged.

We will all be happy to know that the club is entering into a new agreement with the Los Angeles Arboretum that will have us become a member of the Arboretum Foundation and as such have access to the facilities for our meetings and shows. You will notice no difference at all. We are very appreciative of the staff at the Arboretum for finding solutions to very serious issues surrounding our continued involvement there.

The Board has appointed a nominating committee for election of officers in November. They are Tom Vermilion, Rebecca Mallonee and Rita Gerlach. Please see one of those people if you wish to serve or would like to suggest someone for an open position.

We have decided to change the manner in which judges are selected for the monthly mini-shows. After the Plants of the Month are

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August Mini-Show Results

Favorite Cactus

Novice

1st	Sharon Sedillo	Mammillaria fragilis
2nd	Danielle Duboff	Ariocarpus retusus
3rd	Peter Claridge	Espositoa nana

Intermediate

1st	Rita Gerlach	Mammillaria geminispina
2nd	Rita Gerlach	Parodia scopa
2nd	C & C Arakaki	Mammillaria candida
3rd	C & C Arakaki	Mammillaria lenta

Open

1st	John Matthews	Sulcorebutia mentosa
2nd	John Matthews	Mammillaria supertexta
3rd	John Matthews	Gymnocalycium obductum

Favorite Succulent

Novice

1st	Rick Carran	Adenium obesum
2nd	Sharon Sedillo	Euphorbia suzannae
3rd	Peter Claridge	Echeveria sp.

Intermediate

1st	Tom Vermilion	Agave victoria-reginae variegata
2nd	C & C Arakaki	Haworthia aranea
2nd	C & C Arakaki	Pseudolithos cubiforme
3rd	Tom Vermilion	Lithops bromfieldii sulphurea
3rd	Tom Howard	Agave gypsophila

Open

1st	Yvonne Hemenway	Conophytum bilobum
2nd	John Matthews	Sceletium
3rd	Yvonne Hemenway	Aloinopsis schooneesii

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.

President's Message - cont'd.

decided on for 2013, we will publish a list and ask for volunteers to help Manny judge for each month. Those judges will be rewarded with a door prize plant. Two judges for each month and a limit of two judgments per person per year. We hope that this will allow all of our members to sign in each month. The judges who volunteer will be assumed to have an interest in the plants that they have volunteered to judge and as such should give a more consistent quality to the results.

Please note that the Study Group topics for September and October have been switched. In September, we will have the Loreto, Mexico Tour and in October we will do the Photo Tour, which is where we ask members to bring in Thumb Drives or CD's with photos of their landscapes and share with other club members at the study group.

The Winter Show & Sale is fast approaching. Are your plants ready to stand up? It is always amazing to me to see the winter growing plants start to put on new foliage when the temperatures are 100 deg. Plus.

See you at the meeting!

Buck Hemenway

This Month's Program

"Discovering Aeoniums"

Jim Gardner is a retired M.D. who is on the board of the South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation and also is a volunteer for the Plant Propagation Workshop at the garden. He will share with us images from his recent trip to the Canary Islands and display some of his *Aeonium* collection. Jim will be assisted by Laurel Woodley, current CSSA president, who always amazes with her wealth of botanical information.

Laurel Woodley is a retired Professor of Biology from Los Angeles Harbor College who has been involved in the succulent hobby since the mid 1960's. She is a long-standing member of the Sunset Succulent Society and a member of the South Coast Cactus and Succulent Society.

Club Bulletin Board

2012 Inter-City Show and Sale

Thanks to Tommy Dodson and Horace Birgh for sending in these pictures of people and plants.



Manny Rivera and Petra Crist



Roberta Hanna at the checkout table.



Chuck Everson and Susan Weststeyn



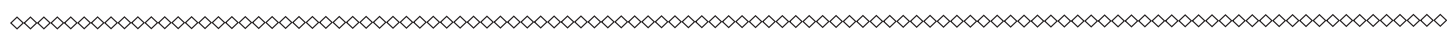
Jim Hanna checking out plants for sale.



Peter Walkowiak and one of his "gut busters" on the trophy table.



Outstanding plants on the trophy table.



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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.

Cactus and Succulent Hybrids and Cultivars

Hybrids are the offspring of two plants of different species. Examples of hybrids are the many Mada-



Aloe cv. Coral Fire

gascar *Aloes* currently available such as *Aloe* 'Lizard Lips', *Aloe* 'Gargoyle', *Aloe* 'Christmas Carol'. Other popular hybrids are the *Dyckia* hybrids created by Bill Baker (and others). *Dyckia* 'Brittle Star', *Dyckia* 'Arizona', *Dyckia* 'Turbo' are all hybrids. Many (but not all) of the *Gasteria* variegates are hybrids. *Gasteria* 'Little Warty' and *Gasteria* 'Pinto' are hybrids. Many of the *Haworthias* that are currently being collected



Gasteria "Little Warty"

such as *Haworthia* 'Bev's Wonder' and *Haworthia* 'Prickly Pete' are also hybrids. Hybrids are also common in *Euphorbia*, *Pachypodium*, *Hoya*, and many other genera. Most of the common houseplants sold at

big box nurseries are hybrids.

Generally both plants are in the same genus, but not always. *Dyckohnia* 'Conrad Martin' is a bi-generic hybrid between *Dyckia macedoi* and *Deuterocohnia meziana*. All of the *Gasteraloes* such as *Gasteraloe* 'Royal Highness' are also intergeneric hybrids. Intergeneric hybrids are much rarer in cacti, but *Ferobergia* is a hybrid between *Ferocactus* and *Leuchtenbergia*.

In some cases the cross between two parent plants produces a large number of seedlings that are interesting. These are all maintained, and are described as a grex. The cross that produced *Haworthia* 'Bev's Wonder' resulted in several seedlings, and this is more properly maintained as a grex. The cross has been repeated by several growers with plants that look similar, but not identical to the original release. In this case the proper nomenclature would be *Haworthia* × 'Bev's Wonder' grex, however this level of documentation is almost never seen outside the orchid world.



Aloe cv. David Verity

Cultivars are plants that are generally **vegetatively propagated**, and that share some unique trait that make them different than others of the same species. Cultivars include *Copiapoa hypogea* cv Lizard Skin, the variegated form of *Haworthia limifolia*, *Haworthia truncata* cv Lime Green.

Cultivars can be either a species or a hybrid.

When sufficiently isolated and self propagated for several generations, cultivars can also be propagated by seed. *Lithops* cv Jackson's Jade, named for our own Tim Jackson, and *Lithops* cv optica rubra reproduce fairly reliably from seed.



Haworthia cv. Chocolate

LONG BEACH CACTUS CLUB ANNUAL AUCTION and picnic

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TIME FOR ALL**

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WHERE IS IT? RANCHO LOS ALAMITOS, 6400 BIXBY HILL ROAD,

LONG BEACH, CA. 90815

<http://lbcss.org/> for information and directions

WHEN IS IT? SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2012

LUNCH/SET UP 11:30-1:00, AUCTION STARTS AT 1:00

FURTHER INFORMATION: CONTACT JOHN LUHNOW AT (310) 922-6090

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

September 1, 9:00 am — Succulent Symposium at the Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA.

September 23, 11:30 - 3:00 pm — Long Beach Cactus Club Annual Auction and Picnic, Rancho Los Alamitos, 6400 Bixby Hill Road, Long Beach, 90815. For information contact John Luhnnow at 310-922-6090.

November 3 and 4, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm — 19th Annual San Gabriel Valley Cactus and Succulent Society Winter Show and Sale in Ayres Hall at the LA Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin, Arcadia.

November 9 and 10, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm — Orange County Cactus and Succulent Society Winter Show and Sale at Anaheim United Methodist Church, 1000 S. State College Blvd., Anaheim, CA. For more information contact Lori Coxe at (562) 587-3357



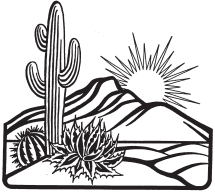
19th Annual San Gabriel Valley Winter Cactus and Succulent Show and Sale



November 3-4 2012
Los Angeles County
Arboretum
301N Baldwin Ave
Arcadia, CA
9 AM – 4 PM
Information: www.sgvcss.com

2012 Plant-of-the-Month and Study Group Topics

	Cacti of the Month	Succulent of the Month	Study Group
Sept.	Hybrids & Cultivars	Hybrids & Cultivars	Loreto, Mexico Tour
Oct.	Ariocarpus	African Euphorbia	Photo Tour
Nov.	Monsters	Monsters	Winter Seed Workshop



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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: yvonne@pricklypalace.com or via mail to: San Gabriel Valley Cactus and Succulent Society Newsletter Editor, c/o Yvonne Hemenway, 5890 Grinnell Drive, Riverside, CA 92509. Material must be received by the last Thursday of the month to be considered for publication in the next issue of the ***COMMUNIQUE***.