



## COMMUNIQUE

### **SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY**

An Affiliate of the Cactus & Succulent Society of America, Inc.  
Meetings are held at **7:30 PM** on the second Thursday of the month  
in the Lecture Hall, Los Angeles County Arboretum, Arcadia

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**March 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting:** This month's program will be *Up The Amazon* presented by Woody Minnich. Woody will share tales and slides of his trip to the Amazon and the South American rain forests. There will be numerous slides showing you the diversity of plants and people that make up the rain forest. As most of you know, Woody always puts on a great show and I'm sure everyone will enjoy this one too. So pack your suitcase and mosquito repellent, get your passport updated and get ready to head south!

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**Plant of the Month:** (see the attached write-ups)

**CACTI** - *Echinocereus*

**SUCCULENT** - *Caudiciform and Tuberous Asclepiads*

Bring your specimens in for our monthly mini-show. It will help you prepare for the real shows and give you an additional opportunity to show others your pride & joy. If you don't have any of these plants you can learn about them at the meeting.

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**Study Group:** Wednesday March 21<sup>st</sup>, The topic will be *Coryphantha & Escobaria*. Study group is held in the Grapevine room of the San Gabriel Adult Center, 324 South Mission Dr. (between the San Gabriel Mission and Civic Auditorium) at 7:30 pm.

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**Plant of Interest Table:** Bring in plants you have questions about, or want to show off! What are these white specks? Is it supposed to look like this? What is its name? Look at this flower! The club has many experts who can help answer your questions.

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**Refreshments:** March refreshments will be provided by Carol Maker, Manuel Rivera, Susan Sironi and Dick Tatman. A refreshments sign-up list for 2001 will be available at the next meeting.

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**10 years ago,** Gordon & Sylvia McTavish presented a program on the "Treasures of Baja".

**20 years ago,** Woody Minnich gave a program "Down Oaxaca Way".

**30 years ago,** Dr. Lyman Benson, Chairman of the Botany Department at Pomona College presented a program on the Namib Desert, South West Africa. The rare African plant *Welwitschia* was featured.

(Thanks go to Tom Glavich for providing this interesting feature)

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**Book Sale!:** See the enclosed list of books the club is offering for sale.

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## A Message From The President

I am pleased to report our first Board meeting, held on February 10, finds our club financially secure. With the CSSA Convention being held in nearby Woodland Hills, the Board voted to increase the amount of money available to sponsor our members who attend the convention. Anticipating increased attendance by our members, the club will subsidize up to one half of the convention registration fee. The total cost to the club will not exceed \$3000 (\$2000 was allocated for the last convention). To be eligible for the rebate, you must be an active member of the SGVCSS and list the SGVCSS as your associated club. Any exceptions or determination of who an active member is will be decided by a vote of the Board. The main goal of the sponsorship is to encourage our members to attend this biennial event and to reward our active members for their continued participation at club meetings, shows and other club activities. It has been years since a convention was held in the Los Angeles area so be sure to take advantage of this opportunity!

Vince Basta

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## February 2001 Plant of the Month Results

### Beginner Cacti:

1st and 2nd Dick Tatman Mammillaria Mystax, M. Celsiana, 3rd Rene Caro M. Rhodantha

### Beginner Succulents:

1st and 3rd Patty Caro Echeveria Agavoides, E. Micmcalyy, 2nd Susan Sironi E. 'Black Prince'

### Intermediate Cacti:

1st Joanne & Bernie Wilner Mammillaria Mystax, 2nd John Caceras M. Pectinifera, 3rd Rita Gerlach M. Dixanthocentrun

### Intermediate Succulents:

1st Jean Mullens Echeveria shaviana, 2nd Rita Gerlach E. Purpusorum, 3rd Camille Rutkowski Echeveria Sp.

### Advanced Cacti:

1st and 2nd Petra Crist Mammillaria Hahniana var. verdermaniana, M. Nejpensis, 3rd Jacque de Tisé M. Sempervivum var. tetracantha

### Advanced Succulents:

1st Frank Nudge Echeveria Agavoides  
2nd and 3rd Jacque de Tisé Echeveria SP, E. Agavoides SP

### Masters Cacti: NO Entries!

### Master Succulents

1st, 2nd & 3rd Jim Hanna Echeveria 'Paul Bunyon', E. Hyalina, E. Agavoides 'Lipstick'

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**Sunshine Chairperson:** Many of our members are probably not aware we have such a person. If you know of a club member who is ill, hurt and needs some cheering up, our Sunshine person will send them a card and flowers. If you know of such a member, contact Camille Rutkowski or let her know at the meeting.

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**Last Month:** Jim Hanna treated us to a slide show of the annual trips he, Roberta and others have been taking down to Baja California. There were many slides showing plants in habitat and even a few showing some other club members in habitat! It looked like great fun and a nice place to visit for a 3 or 4 day weekend. Thanks for a great show Jim.

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**2001 Roster:** Please make sure your name, address & phone # are correct for inclusion in the new roster. If you have moved or if there was an error in last years roster regarding your info let us know so we can update the records. We also include E-mail addresses in the roster so you can include that now too if you are online.

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### **SGVC&SS Online**

Our club has an excellent web site online at <http://www.desertsong.com/sgvcss/> If you or someone you know has internet access be sure to have a look. The pages were created and are maintained by Gunnar Eisel who has done a fabulous job in creating an informative and classy looking web site. You can also download a PDF version of the **Communique** complete with color photos. Look for the **Communique** link on the main page.

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### **Calendar of Events - 2001**

Here are a few future events. Watch the club newsletter and the CSSA newsletter for updates. Note: check these dates - sometimes things get canceled or the info received is wrong!!

**June 30-July 1** CSSA Show & Sale, Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Rd., San Marino CA.

**July 1-6** CSSA Convention, Warner Center Marriott, 21850 Oxnard St., Woodland Hills CA.

More events will be posted as they become available.

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### **Books & Journals for Sale**

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At the March meeting of the SGVC&SS the club library will offer for sale the following books and magazines at the prices listed. The books are remnants of last years auction. The journals are donations which duplicate those we already have. If a member doesn't wish to participate in a rummage sale atmosphere they may call Ralph Massey and put a hold on a book or ask for descriptions, In the event that person has not claimed that book before the beginning of the business meeting it will be placed back on sale.

56 CSSA Journals dating between 1982 -2000 \$.50 each  
Cactus & Succulents in Your Home \$.50  
Saguaroland Bulletin \$.50  
Desert Plant Life \$.50  
Beginner's Guide to Hydroponics \$.50  
A Guide to Botanical Resources of Southern California \$.50  
AAA Guide to Recreational Facilities \$.50  
Cactus & Succulent Society of N.Z. \$.50  
Alamos: a Pictorial Guide \$.50  
Companion Plants \$1.00  
Sunset's Vegetable Garden Book 1943 \$1.00  
The Garden Beautiful in California 1940 \$1.00  
Grow Cactii, by C. Marsden. 178 pages, B&W photos 1958 \$3.00  
Book of Planters 1960 \$1.00  
Handy Book of Gardening 1950 \$1.00  
Meritorious Mammillarias, 43 pages, B & W photos \$2 00 well written, not too technical  
Indoor Gardening 1946, Illustrated \$1.00  
Native Plants for California Gardens 1973, 166 pages, B&W photos \$2.00  
Physiology Of Man In The Desert 1947, charts, graphs, B&W photos \$2.00  
Sunset Guide to Organic Gardening 1971, 72 pages, B&W photos \$1.00  
How To Photograph Flowers, Plants, & Landscapes 1980, 160 pages, color photos \$1.50  
Sunset Succulents and Cactus 1970, 79 pages, B&W photos \$2.00  
Sunset Lawn & Ground Cover Book 1960, 96 pages, B&W photos \$1.00  
Cacti & Decorative Plants 1974, 115 pages, B&W photos & illustrations \$2.00  
Cactus of The Southwest 1966,111 pages, B&W photos \$4.00 -excellent book, a sleeper!  
House Plants & Indoor Gardening 1973, 143 pages, B&W & color \$3.00  
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Complete Guide to Pest Control 1980, 290 pages, B&W illustrations \$2 00  
Sonora Sketch Book 1947, 1 st ed, 333 pages, \$3 00, might be valuable  
BH&G House Plants 1971, 128 pages, B&W & color \$2.00  
Sunset Cactus & Succulents 1978, 80 pages, B&W & color \$2.00  
Sunset Western Garden Book 1971, 448 pages, B&W & color \$3 00 old but good  
The UC System of Producing healthy Container-grown Plants 1957, 132 pages, B&W photos & illustrations. \$2.00 Could be informative for a nurseryman.  
Spiral bound journals:  
The African Plant Society 1974 106 pages \$1.00  
" " 1973 210 pages \$ 1. 00  
" " 1973 83 pages \$1.00  
The Affiliate Reporter CSSA 1977 \$1.00  
Las Californias 1973, 31 pages, B&W photos \$1.00  
New Zealand C&S Journal 1955-56, 56 pages, B&W photos \$1.00