



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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May 10th Meeting: This month our program will be ***Succulents Around the World*** presented by Tom Knapik. Tom has made several presentations at our club in past years and always gives us an interesting and informative show. This time Tom will be showing us his slides of private collections in other countries such as Italy, Thailand, Peru, New Zealand, The Philippines, The Czech Republic and more. It should be quite interesting to see how others grow some of the same plants we do, how they stage them, and what some of their favorites are. It sounds like it will be a great show, one not to be missed.

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

CACTI - *Epiphytic Cacti*

SUCCULENT - *Epiphytic Succulents*

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.

Special thanks to Tom Glavich for getting the Plant of the Month articles done in spite of computer troubles.

Last Month: At the April meeting we saw a demonstration of SMOLA (Succulent Medium Of Living Art) presented by Rudy Lime. As part of the presentation we all got a crash-course in the art of bonsai and penjin. It sure opens up a lot of possibilities for some of those hard to stage plants. Thanks for the great demonstration Rudy!

Study Group: Wednesday May 16th, This month the topic will be ***Staging & Showing***. Show season is upon us so this should be a good time to get a few pointers on how to bring out the best in your prized specimens. 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.

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.

Refreshments: Refreshments for the May meeting will be provided by Lucy Ainge, Charly Ball, Harry Fletcher and Lorraine Lutz. A refreshments sign-up list for 2001 will be available at the next meeting.

10 years ago, the program was given by Woody Minnich on his trip to England for the British Cactus & Succulent Society Convention.

20 years ago, Bill and Erna Beuer gave a talk on Epiphyllums.

30 years ago, Mrs. Margaret Emery gave a talk on the highlights of Death Valley. The CSSA convention was held in El Paso.

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

New Members -

Arlouise White

April 2001 Plant of the Month Results

Beginner Cacti:

1st, 2nd & 3rd Rene Caro - *Gymnocalycium baucianum*, *G. pflanzii* v. *zegarrae*, *G. saglionis*

Intermediate Cacti: No entries

Advanced Cacti:

1st, 2nd & 3rd Jacques de Tisné - *G. bruchii*, *G. pungens*, *G. pflanzii*
Show Tom Glavich - *G. schroedevianum*

Masters Cacti:

1st, 2nd and Show Dick Hulett - *G. pflanzii* v. *albipula*, *G. saglione*, *G. gibbosum* v. *nigrum*
3rd Bill Hagblom - *G. syllatum*

Beginner Succulents:

1st and 2nd Patty Caro - *Dudleya greenii*, *D. hassei*

Intermediate Succulents: No entries

Advanced Succulents:

1st Frank Depew - *D. brittonii*
2nd and 3rd Jacques de Tisné - *D. greenii*
white sprite, *D. caespitosa*

Master Succulents

1st, 2nd & 3rd (tie) Jim Hanna - *Dudleya* sp., *D. pachyphytum*, *D. guadalupensis*
3rd (tie) Dick Hulett - *D. pachyphytum*

Library News

Librarian Ralph Massey reports that *The Cactus Family* by Edward Anderson should be in the SGVC&SS library in time for the May meeting. The March-April CSSA journal has a review by Myron Kimnach on page 71. The Journal also has info on page 106 on where to order your own copy of this book.

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.

Cactus & Succulent Discussion Group Online

If you have access to the Internet and an e-mail address, you may subscribe to this list for no fee. There is a wealth of information there from both hobbyists and professionals from all over the world. Many of our members have joined.

To subscribe go to: http://www.cactus-mall.com/apps/c_etc.mv and fill in the form. Instructions and help files are available at: http://www2.labs.agilent.com/bot/cactus_home

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 events get canceled or the info received is wrong!!

May 19-20 Gates Cactus and Succulent Society 26th Show and Sale. Sat. 1 to 5pm, Sun. 10am to 5pm Sat. sale starts at 10am. San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands CA.

May 26 Auction at Cactus Data Plants - The Larry Grammer Collection. For more info contact Woody at 661-944-2784 or via e-mail at cactusdata@thegrid.net

June 2-3 San Diego Cactus and Succulent Society Show and Sale. Balboa Park, Room 101 San Diego CA. Call 619-477-4779 for info.

June 16-17 LA Cactus & Succulent Society Show and Sale. 116633 Magnolia Blvd. Encino, CA. For info call Artie - 818-363-3432

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.

Aug. 18-19 15th Annual Intercity Show and Sale. L.A. County Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin Ave. Arcadia, CA. For info call Tom Glavich at 626-798-2430 or Gene Oster at 818-998-9306

Sept. 1 Huntington Botanical Gardens Succulent Symposium.

Sept. 8-9 South Coast Cactus and Succulent Society Show and Sale. Kiyoto Ken Nakaoka Memorial Community Center, 1670 W 162nd St, Gardena, CA. For more information contact Dick Hulett at 310-832-2262 or email at airobatic@aol.com

Sept. 23 Long Beach Club Annual Auction at Dominguez Adobe. 18127 S. Alameda St. Compton (Dominguez Hills) CA.

Oct. 13-14 Orange County Show and Sale at the Fullerton Arboretum.

Oct. 20-21 San Gabriel Valley Cactus & Succulent Society Show and Sale. L.A. Arboretum. More events will be posted as they become available.

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