



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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June 14th Meeting: This month our program will be ***How Cacti Came to the New World*** presented by Stan Yalof. The Cactaceae are a New World only family, but where did they come from and how did they get to where they are? Stan will discuss the climatic, geologic, and plate tectonic changes that brought cactus to the new world and launched their dispersal through South America. This should be a very interesting program.

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

CACTI - *Turbinicarpus*

SUCCULENT - *Mesembryanthemaceae* **except** *Lithops* & *Conophytums*

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.

Last Month: At the May meeting Tom Knapik showed us his slides of private collections he taken in his travels in ***Succulents Around the World***. He showed us many collections ranging from field collected plants moved to informal display areas to meticulously maintained and labeled greenhouses any botanist would be proud of. It's nice to see that people the world over have an interest in our favorite plants. Thanks for the great show Tom!

Study Group: Wednesday June 20th, This months topic will be ***Notocactus & Parodia***. Join us as we discuss these interesting and popular plants. 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.

3 Majors Events This Issue: Be sure to check the calendar of events on page 3. This is the last ***Communique*** that will reach you before the LA C&S Show & Sale, The CSSA Show & Sale and the CSSA Convention. Don't miss them!

Refreshments: Refreshments for the June meeting will be provided by Amber Jones & Manuel Rivera. Since we only have two members signed up this month, it would be great if a few other members brought in some goodies too. A refreshments sign-up list for 2001 will be available at the next meeting.

10 years ago, John Trager presented a slide program on tropical plants for Venezuela.

20 years ago, David Hido presented a program on Basic Landscaping including the use of Cactus and Succulents, soil conditioning, building a rock garden and the use of native California trees, shrubs and ground cover. A bus trip was taken to Tegelberg's Nursery in Lucerne Valley.

30 years ago, the June meeting was a mini-show. Members were asked to bring no more than one plant for each class (there were 20 classes). All the members judged the show!. 104 plants were entered.

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

Argyl Smith Jan. 1910- Apr. 2001: We are Saddened to announce the passing of Argyl Smith, who was born January 9, 1910. He was the owner of Smith's Cactus Nursery in Lucerne Valley and later in Sun City, CA. Many members were introduced to his vast collection of South American plants where he offered many for sale. Argyl's wife Dorothy, passed away in 1981. Argyl will be missed by all of us who knew him and have some of his plants in our collections.

Ric and Marilyn Newcomer

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.

May 2001 Plant of the Month Results

Beginner Cacti:

1st Esther Lelah - Epiphyllum
2nd Betty Farfan - Epiphyllum

Intermediate Cacti:

1st Rita Gerlach - Rhipsalis sp.
2nd and 3rd John Caceres - R. capilliformis,
R. capilliformis

Advanced Cacti:

1st and 2nd - Carol and Joe Wujcik
Rhipsalis pilocarpa, Rhipsalis sp.

Masters Cacti: - No entries this month

Beginner Succulents:

1st, 2nd & 3rd Esther Lelah - Hoya sp.,
Tillandsia sp., Hatiora salicornoides

Intermediate Succulents:

1st John Caceres Hoya carnosa

Advanced Succulents:

1st Tom Glavich - Tillandsia ionantha
2nd and 3rd - Carol and Joe Wujick
Tillandsia streptophylla, Tillandsia
capitata

Masters Succulents: - No entries this month

Board Meeting: There will be a Board Meeting before the regular meeting at 7:00

SGVC&SS Annual Picnic. Saturday, July 21. Watch for details and a map in next months *Communique*.

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!!

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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