



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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August 9th Meeting: This month's program will be on **Madagascar** presented by Gary James. As most of you know Madagascar is home to some fabulous plants and Gary will be showing us quite a variety including a recently discovered Euphorbia. Gary has given us several presentations in the past and they are always well done, I'm sure this will be no exception. Don't miss it.

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

CACTI - *Cacti of Brazil*

SUCCULENT - *Succulents of Brazil*

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: Kelly Griffin joined us once again and gave his presentation **Mauie and the Silver Sword**. Not many cacti but there were enough beautiful & exotic tropical plants to probably make a few converts! Thanks for another great show Kelly.

Life Membership Awarded: At the July meeting, I was pleased to present a special award to one of our long time members. Life Membership is granted to a member who has contributed to the club and hobby throughout the course of their membership. At the January Board meeting, one person came to mind for all of his years of contributions to clubs and shows in the Southern California area, and that person was Jacques de Tisne.

While presenting the award at the last meeting, I looked down where I had seen Jacques earlier, and he was gone! It turned out he was making an early visit to the refreshments table and didn't realize what was happening. Long time members know that the goodies are the best part of the meeting! Jacques was surprised by the award and it was a great feeling to recognize one of our special members. I hope that when I am in my 80's, I will be able to bring in 40 or 50+ plants to the shows I enjoy so much.

Congratulations Jacques in joining 11 other members who have been granted the honor of Life Membership in the San Gabriel Valley C&SS!

SGVC&SS President Vince Basta.

Refreshments: Refreshments for the August meeting will be provided by Roberta Eisel, Amber Jones & Jean Mullens. A sign-up list for 2001 will be available at the next meeting.

Huntington Symposium: Sept. 1st - Each year, the club sponsors two of our members to attend the Succulent Plant Symposium. Bernie Wilner was the winner in last months drawing. A drawing will be held after the break to select the other club member to attend the symposium. Only active members are eligible (The intent of this drawing is to reward a member for being active for the past twelve months. This rules out anyone who hasn't been in the club for at least a year from being eligible. Any dispute over eligibility will be settled by the board). Former winners are not eligible. A winner may give their ticket to another member but only if the other member meets the eligibility requirements.

Bobby Dean, We're sorry to hear that honorary member and contributor to the InterCity Show publicity effort passed away this spring.

Study Group: No meeting this month. The next meeting will be in September.

10 years ago, Hugo Cota gave a talk on Cedros Island.

20 years ago, Seminars were given by Jim Hido (Propagation of Cacti and Succulents), Peter Sharp (Maintenance of Maturing Plants for Show) and Joe Clements (Clinic, Care of Problem Plants)

30 years ago, Dr. Mervin H. A. Peterson gave a talk on Africa.

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

Library News: New librarian needed! Our current librarian, Ralph Massey has informed us that he will step down. If you would like to volunteer see Vince Basta at the meeting.

A complete listing of the SGVC&SS library's books is now online at the Club's website in PDF format. Thanks to Gunnar Eisel and Ralph Massey for helping to make our library more accessible. Go to <http://www.desertsong.com/sgvcss/> and click on the link.

New Members:

Nina, Ghassan & Helen Bashoura

Kenneth Michael Rhodes, Ching-chih Kan

Ann Marie Rametta

Alice E. Stiles

Welcome aboard!

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.

Calendar of Events - 2001

Watch the club newsletter and the CSSA newsletter for updates. Note: check these dates - sometimes events get canceled.

Aug. 18-19 16th 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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