



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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October 11th Meeting: Our program for October will be *A Natural History of Socotra* presented by Dylan Hannon. Dylan's program will feature slides from his most recent trip to this fascinating land. We'll see the animals, the people, and of course the plants of Socotra. Some notable plants we will see include *Adenium socotranum* and *Dorstenia gigas*. Sounds like it will be a great show.

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

CACTI - *Ariocarpus*

SUCCULENT - *African Pachypodiums*

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.

Study Group: Wednesday October 17th. This month's topic will be *Mammillarias*. 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.

Congratulations to Tracy and Andy Kolb on the birth of their daughter Elizabeth Ann. (our newest member)

10 years ago, the program was given by Jim Berdach on the plants of South Africa. The club picnic was held Almansor Park, Alhambra.

20 years ago, the program was *Caudiciforms, Plants with Middle Age Spread* by Joe Clements.

30 years ago, Joe Kellet gave a talk on Aloes. He brought more than 50 specimens to the talk.

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

Farewell to some long-time friends We lost two long-time fixtures of the Succulent plant world in September. Those who attended the Sept. meeting heard that Steve Southwell of RSVP passed away September 10th while fighting cancer. Steve and wife Rowena both came to the Inter-city show just a few weeks prior to his passing. Cards may be sent to: Rowena Southwell, 729 Moonglow Ct., San Jose, CA 95123. September also saw the passing of Richard Hipp of House of Cactus. Anyone with an interest in succulent plants could not resist stopping at House of Cactus while traveling up or down Beach Blvd. in Stanton. Our heartfelt condolences go out to their wives, family and friends.

Refreshments: Refreshments for October will be provided by Marilyn Alford, Frank & Jan Depew and Roberta Eisel. A refreshments sign-up list will be available at the next meeting.

The Eighth Annual Winter Show The show is rapidly approaching and now is the time to get your plants ready! This is our last major event of the year to raise money for field trips, books and other events so be sure and promote the show and to tell others. The show dates are October 20th and 21st and will be held at the Los Angeles County Arboretum in Arcadia. The show schedule and entry tags will be available at the next meeting. If you cannot attend the meeting, call Vince Basta (714) 738-1422 and he will send you the necessary materials.

Setup: We will need plenty of helpers on Thursday morning (9:00 am) October 18th to set up tables and get the show & sales area ready by noon! Show and sale plants can then start coming in from noon till 9:00 PM. Remember...all show plants must be in by Friday, October 19th at 4:30 PM. Also, Clerks and helpers will be needed Friday evening during judging. This is a great opportunity to hear what the judges are saying and to learn more about the show. If you would like to be a clerk be sure and sign up at the next meeting!

Show Dinner: will be Saturday evening, October 20th at 6:00 PM at Ayers Hall in the show area. Dinner will be beef tri-tip, chicken, beans and salad. Total cost is \$17 per person which includes beverage, tax and gratuity. There will be an awards presentation, auction and lots of fun! Reservations must be made by calling Roberta Hanna (562) 920-3046 ASAP so we will know how many are attending. Please pay Tim Jackson, SGVC&SS Treasurer, 8959 Valley View Ave, Whittier, CA 90605 or you can pay Tim at the next meeting.

Vince Basta - Winter Show Chair

September 2001 Plant of the Month Results

Beginner Cacti:

1st Paul & Carol Maker - *Astrophytum asterias*
2nd and 3rd Rene Caro - *A. asterias* x *capricorn*,
A. capricorn (minor)

Intermediate Cacti:

1st Rita Gerlach - *A. capricorn*
2nd and 3rd Tom Vermilion - *A. asterias* cv. 'Super Kabuto',
A. myriostigma cv. 'Onzuka'

Advanced Cacti:

1st and 2nd and 3rd Vince Basta -
A. capricorn v. *nivum*, *A. capricorn*,
A. capricorn v. *senilis*

Masters Cacti:

No entries

Beginner Succulents:

1st Lorraine Lutz - *Euphorbia milii* v. *bossieri* 2nd Paul
and Carol Maker - *E. valida*
3rd (tie) Patty Caro - *E. ingens*
3rd Rene Caro - *E. gymnoclycioides*

Intermediate Succulents:

1st Tom Vermilion - *E. milii* 'primrose yellow'
2nd Jean Mullens - *E. symmetrica*
3rd Bernie & Joanne Wilner - *E. meloformis*

Advanced Succulents:

1st Vince Basta - *E. gymnocalycioides*

Masters Succulents:

1st, 2nd and 3rd Jim Hanna - *E. bossieri*,
E. 'Mrs Ash', *E. gottlebii*

New Members: Dick Brown, 1005 W. Duarte Rd.#3, Arcadia CA 91006 626 446-5613
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Clara Megraw & Jerry Josephs, 18651 Ervin Ln, Santa Ana, CA 92705 714 832-4357 cmegraw@aol.com
Welcome to all our new members who have joined in past few months.

Last Month: Our program last month was *Terrestrial Bromeliads* presented by Brian Kemble. Unfortunately we ran a bit short on time and Brian had to “fast-forward” through the last few slides but it was still a great show. Thanks Brian and sorry for having to rush you.

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

Badges - Anyone wishing to order a club badge should see Bill Gerlach at the next meeting or contact him by phone at (626) 332-8008 or by e-mail at wjgerlach@cs.com. The cost of the badges to members are \$3.50 (the club buys them for \$7.00)

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!!

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

Oct. 20-21 8th Annual San Gabriel Valley Cactus & Succulent Society Winter Show and Sale. L.A. Arboretum.

More events will be posted as they become available.

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.

Useful Links: Here are a couple links many will find useful.

USDA hardiness zones map <http://www.usna.usda.gov/Hardzone/ushzmap.html?>

A color coded map that shows all hardiness zones.

Find out what zone you are in here <http://www.gardenweb.com/zones/zip.cgi>

Lets you quickly find your USDA hardiness zone according to your ZIP code.

Map of C & S Nurseries in California <http://www.cactus-mall.com/apps/california.html>

Map of C & S Nurseries in Arizona <http://www.cactus-mall.com/apps/arizona.html>

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