



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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November 8th Meeting: Our program for November will be **Northern Mexico** presented by our very own Vince Basta. Vince's program will be on two trips to Northern Mexico, one in the fall of 1999 and the other in the spring of 2000. He traveled with club members Woody Minnich, Patty & Rene Caro, David Delucca and also Kelly Griffen from Encinitas. They were able to find many species of cacti including Ariocarpus, Astrophytum, Aztekium, Geohintonia, Obregonia and many more. It should be a great show and you won't have to worry about Montezuma's revenge!

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

CACTI - *Frailea* and *Blossfeldia*

SUCCULENT - *Sansevieria*

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 November 21st. The topic will be ***Pelargoniums & Sarcocaulons***.

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.

10 years ago the speakers were Leo and Lillian Pickoff, giving a program on "Mesems - Genius"

20 years ago, Peter Sharp presented a program on the "Highlights of 15 years of Plant Collecting in the Wild"

30 years ago, Vivienne Doney conducted a symposium on Culture. Her panel members included Vivienne Doney, Dave Hido, Chet Jelly and Madelyn Lee.

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

CDP Fall Sale: Woody is having his annual Fall sale on Sat. & Sun., Nov. 3rd and 4th, from 9AM to 5PM. Cactus Data Plants is located at 9607 Ave. S-12, Littlerock, CA A map is available online at <http://www.cactus-mall.com/cactusdataplants/index.html> or you can call Woody for directions/ info at 661-944-2784

Refreshments: Refreshments for November will be provided by Reggie Agajanian, and Bonnie DiBella. A refreshments sign-up list will be available at the next meeting.

Anza Borrego Field Trip: The club is planning another field trip to the Anza Borrego Desert April 5th, 6th & 7th. This will be an informal trip with members driving individually. Food is on your own, however, Saturday night we will have a pre-dinner party at Stanlunds Motel, followed by an informal dinner in town. On Saturday & Sunday morning we will explore the desert with our own private guides. This is peak Ocotillo & wildflower bloom time so make your hotel or camping reservations ASAP.

More details will follow, but get your reservations *NOW* as these motels fill up due to others coming out to see the wildflowers at this time of year. *PLUS* we want you to join us for fun in the desert.

Stanlunds Motel (760) 767-5501 (under new management)
Hacienda del Sol (760) 767-5442
Camping reservations (800)444-7275 or (760)767-5311

For more information contact Jean Mullens (626) 967-5481 or Carol Maker (626) 355-5466.

October 2001 Plant of the Month Results

Beginner Cacti:

1st Paul and Carol Maker - Ariocarpus fissuratus
2nd and 3rd Rene Caro - Ariocarpus retusus and Ariocarpus fissuratus

Intermediate Cacti:

1st Tom Vermillion - Ariocarpus fissuratus
2nd Camille Rutowski - Ariocarpus fissuratus
3rd Rita Gerlach - Ariocarpus fissuratus

Advanced Cacti:

1st Petra Crist - Ariocarpus retusus
2nd (tie) Vince Basta - Ariocarpus retusus
Frank Depew - Ariocarpus kotschoubeyanus
3rd Petra Crist - Ariocarpus scaphirostrus

Masters Cacti: No Entries

Beginner Succulents:

1st Esther Lelah - Pachypodium succulentum
2nd Sokra Tan - Pachypodium bispinosum
3rd Patty Caro - Pachypodium namaquanum

Intermediate Succulents:

1st Rita Gerlach - Pachypodium namaquanum
(no other entries)

Advanced Succulents:

1st and 2nd Petra Crist - Pachypodium bispinosum, Pachypodium namaquanum
3rd Tom Glavich - Pachypodium succulentum

Masters Succulents:

1st, 2nd and 3rd Jim Hanna - Pachypodium succulentum, Pachypodium x "Arid lands", Pachypodium namaquanum

New Members:

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Welcome to all our new members who have joined in past few months.

SGVC&SS Election: At the October meeting, the following slate of officers for the year 2002 was presented by the nominating committee; Jean Mullens, Rene Caro & Susan Weststeyn.

President	Vince Basta	Board Member	Tom Glavich
Vice President	Woody Minnich	Board Member	Carol Maker
Treasurer	Tim Jackson	Board Member	Tom Vermilion
Secretary	Patty Caro		

Board Members serve 2 year term. Carryover Board Members are Petra Crist, Amber Jones & Ron Young. At the November 8th meeting, nominations will also be accepted from the floor and then the election will take place.

Annual Dues: The year is almost over and most of us will have our membership expire in December (*your expiration date is on the bottom of the Communique below your address*). Dues are \$12 per individual or \$15 for a family (at the same address).

Members can pay Tim Jackson at the next meeting or send their check to:

Tim Jackson, Treasurer.
8959 Valley View Ave.
Whittier, CA 90605

Prompt payment by December will be greatly appreciated so we can update our records and put out a year 2002 membership roster in a timely manner!

New Librarian Needed! Ralph Massey has informed us that he can no longer be the club Librarian because it will be difficult for him to come to all the meetings. He originally only agreed to take on the job for a year and it has been nearly two. Under Ralph's stewardship the library has been greatly organized and we all owe him a hearty thanks for his work. Great job Ralph!

Vince has suggested we try to find two people to run the library so they can trade off if one of them cannot make a meeting. If you'd like to help out, talk to Vince or Ralph at the meeting.

Calling All Books! Please return all books you have checked out at the November meeting. We need to have all library books checked in so we can take an inventory.

The library will be closed until we can find a replacement for Ralph. The Club tried a self service library and it just didn't work out too well.

EIGHTH ANNUAL WINTER SHOW:

Our Winter Show was an outstanding success with over 970 plants entered by 52 club members! I was very pleased to see 23 members entering novice who brought in a total of 279 plants! There were 14 advanced members who brought in 351 plants and 14 open members who brought in 342 plants! The quality of the plants were excellent and I would have to say the show was one of our finest in our eight year history! The point results and trophy winners are on the next page.

Sweepstakes:	Charles & Joann Spotts -----	236 points
High Points Cacti Novice:	Paul & Carol Maker -----	93 points
High Points Cacti Advanced:	Petra Crist -----	90 points
High Points Cacti Open:	Charles & Joann Spotts -----	168 points
High Points Succulents Novice:	Rita Gerlach -----	64 points
High Points Succulents Advanced:	Petra Crist -----	104 points
High Points Succulents Open:	Jim Hanna -----	104 points

2001 Trophy Winners

Best Agave	Jim Hanna	<i>Agave macroacantha v. minor</i>
Best Mesemb	Charles & Joann Spotts	<i>Dinteranthus wilmottianus</i>
Best Cactus Novice	Joanne & Bernie Wilner	<i>Notocactus warasii</i>
Best Cactus Advanced	Frank Nudge	<i>Epithelantha micromeris</i>
Best Cactus Open	Charles & Joann Spotts	<i>Thelocactus rinconensis v. nidulans</i>
Best Succulent Novice	Harry & Sandra Fletcher	<i>Euphorbia unispina</i>
Best Succulent Advanced	Frank Nudge	<i>Gasteria armstrongii</i>
Best Succulent Open	Carol & Joe Wujcik	<i>Euphorbia horrida x 'Mrs. Wibbles'</i>
Best Winter Growing Succulent	Charles & Joann Spotts	<i>Monilaria species</i>
Best Collection	Larry Grammer	<i>Lithops collection</i>
Best Ariocarpus	Charles & Joann Spotts	<i>Ariocarpus agavoides</i>
Best Mutant	Debbie Scott	<i>Pachypodium lameri crest</i>
Best Haworthia	Charles & Joann Spotts	<i>Haworthia magnifica v. splendens</i>
Best Mammillaria	Vince Basta	<i>Mammillaria eichlamii</i>
Best Madagascan Euphorbia	Bill Hagblom	<i>Euphorbia tulearensis</i>
Best Euphorbia	Vince Basta	<i>Euphorbia crispa</i>
Best Dorstenia	Harry & Sandra Fletcher	<i>Dorstenia gigas</i>
Best Epiphytic Cactus	Marc Brown	<i>Rhipsalis rauhiorum v. monstrose</i>
Best Gymnocalycium	Leo & Lillian Pickoff	<i>Gymnocalycium pungens</i>
Best Crassulaceae	Marylyn Henderson	<i>Echeveria 'Cinderella'</i>
Best Rebutia/Sulcorebutia	Bill Hagblom	<i>Rebutia albipilosa</i>
Best Opuntia	Charles & Joann Spotts	<i>Pterocactus australis</i>
Best Geraniaceae	Petra Crist	<i>Sarcocaulon herrei</i>
Best Pachypodium	Petra Crist	<i>Pachypodium rosulatum v. gracilis</i>
C & S Winter Thematic Award	Laura & Gene Oster	Variegated Collection

Thursday set-up was a breeze thanks to the help of Tom Glavich, Jim Kellogg, Jim Hanna, Manny Rivera, Dick Tatman, Bill & Rita Gerlach, and Paul & Carol Maker, what a team! Roberta Hanna was a great host taking care of our judges dinner and awards dinner. Our judges were Tom Glavich & Victor Turecek for Open, Charles Spotts & Peter Sharp for Advanced and Karen Ostler & Carol Wujcik for Novice, who all did an excellent job as reflected by our trophy table! The trophy table also looked great thanks to the decorating talents of Rita Gerlach & Carol Maker. Our team of clerks were Bill Gerlach, Joanne Wilner, Paul & Carol Maker, Laura & Gene Oster, Harry & Sandra Fletcher, Jean Mullens, Petra Crist, Manny Rivera and Esther Lelah. Tabulations were handled by Bernie Wilner, Rita Gerlach and Debbie Scott and Dick Hulett & Martin Ostler helped with gathering entry cards. Our Sales team were Jim Hanna (Sales Chairman) who coordinated all our vendors. Cash registers were maned by Roberta Hanna, Brigitte Williams & Carol Loehman. Credit card sales were handled by Tim Jackson & Sandra Fletcher. Sales tags were tabulated by Lillian Pickoff, Ellen Low and Sharon Thoerner.

Our Vendors were Peter Sharp, Rita Gerlach, Tom Glavich, Dick Hulett, Joe Wujcik, Bill Baker, Erika VanAuker, Ted Alford, Berry Peck, Loemans Cactus, Woody Minnich, Petra Crist, Larry Grammar, Bill Hagblom, Jim Hanna, Tim Jackson, Rainbow Gardens, Michael & Joyce Buckner, Frank Nudge & California Cactus Center. New purchases were carefully guarded by Walter & Susan Weststeyn so customers could go in and see the show or make additional purchases. Auction plants for Saturday nights dinner were provided by David Tufenkian, Woody Minnich, Charles Spotts, Petra Crist and Michael Buckner. Woody Minnich, David Tufenkian & Victor Turecek did a great job of keeping us entertained while auctioning the plants! Publicity for the show was handled by Bill Gerlach who was responsible for getting our show mentioned in several newspapers through press releases. Pat & Jean Mullens, Patty & Rene Caro, Paul & Carol Maker, Joe Clements and Vince Basta folded, stamped and labeled 1200 show flyers! Also helping with publicity were Joe Clements, Jim & Roberta Hanna, Bill Hagblom and many others who were at the L.A. County Fair where 3000 show flyers were distributed. And Thank you to Woody Minnich (Woody had our beautiful rosettes made) and Tom Glavich who helped me with many behind the scene activities. Thank you everyone for your hard work and dedication to our outstanding show!

Vince Basta, Winter Show Chairman

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!!

Dec. 15 be sure to attend our annual holiday party!

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.

Articles, Notices and Corrections can be sent via email to: grandicornis@mac.com
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