



# 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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**Monthly Meeting:** Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup>. Join us for our first meeting of the new year. You can talk with Tim Jackson and get your dues paid up to date. Say hi to our new librarians, Liz Alba and Patty Caro. Be sure to bring in your Plant of the Month entries too! And of course there will be a presentation, possibly by one of our own notable (or notorious?) members. (I'm not allowed to say) It should be fun, don't miss it!

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

**CACTI** - *Hook Spined Mammillaria*

**SUCCULENT** - *Senecio and Othonna*

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.

**Note:** *January is the month to move up to a higher division if you have won enough awards. Members who have won 12 (Twelve) 1<sup>st</sup> place ribbons or 20 awards in their division should move to the next higher division.*

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**Annual Dues:** Please get your dues paid if you have not already done so. (*your expiration date is on the address side of your Communique below your address*). Prompt payment is greatly appreciated so we can update our records and distribute the 2002 membership roster in a timely manner.

***Please make checks payable to: SGVCSS***

Dues are \$12 per individual or \$15 for a family Send Checks To:  
(at the same address). You can pay Tim Jackson  
at the meeting or mail your to check him.

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

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**Study Group:** Join us on Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> when the subject will (tentatively) be Aloes. Meetings are 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.

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**Refreshments:** The refreshment sign up list has been misplaced so we could use a few volunteers to bring in some snacks for our January meeting. We also need people to sign up for upcoming months.

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**Trading Post to be Resurrected:** Several members have expressed interest in reviving the trading post at the Study Group meetings. In general they are looking to provide a venue where members can swap plants with one another. Plants will range from things that are nicer than you are inclined to just give away on up to show quality plants. See Rene Caro for more details.

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**10 years ago:** President Jim Hanna announced he would start the meetings on time. The first speaker of the year was Woody Minnich, talking on a trip to Mexico with friends from Australia.

**20 years ago:** Kitty Sabo presented a slide show on Copper Canyon and the Tarahumea Indians

**30 years ago:** A program on Fouquieriaceae was given by Dr. James Henrickson of Cal State LA.

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

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**Presidents Message:** At the Holiday Party, I was able to perform one of my more enjoyable roles as President by presenting Life Membership to a pair of our members. At the January board meeting last year, we reviewed our membership roster and Walter and Susan Weststeyn came to mind for their many contributions to club meetings and shows. Susan has been club Secretary, Sunshine Chairperson, and she is rarely absent at a meeting so she can greet everyone as they enter the lecture hall. Walter teams up with Susan at shows to provide a very valuable service of "plant sitting" so buyers can see the show, or go back in to buy more plants! Congratulations Walter and Susan in joining 12 other members who have been awarded Life Membership in our club!

We would also like to acknowledge Roberta Hanna and Liz Alba for organizing another wonderful Holiday Party! Roberta prepared both turkeys this year and Liz teams up with her to come up with all of those fun items we bid on at the auction. Thanks to all of you who donated items for the auction and who brought in all those tasty side dishes!

An announcement was made by Roberta at the Holiday Party that she wishes to resign as organizer of our year end event. You could tell she was saddened as she made the announcement but there always comes a time for new members to step in. Thank you Roberta for organizing this event for as long as I can remember and for your generosity in providing items for the auction! Also, I would like to thank Jim Hanna for procuring the POM award plants and Woody Minnich for providing the Echinocereus pectinatus and POM award plants at a special price for the club!

Happy New Year!...see you in January

*Vince Basta*

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**Update On Sterilizing US Mail:** I received a letter from Reta Renner of Grigsby Cactus Gardens in response to last months note about exchanging plants and seeds through the US mail.

Here is an excerpt:

*In answer to our inquiries we were told the USPS will only be sterilizing mail sent to federal agencies in Washington, D.C. These agencies are located in the ZIP codes of 20202, 20203, 20204 and 20205. They do not plan to sterilize any mail sent to private parties or businesses.*

I'd like to thank Reta Renner for passing along this important information.

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**New Librarians:** Be sure to visit our club's library and say hello to our new librarians: Liz Alba and Patty Caro. *If you still have any books checked out they should be returned at the January meeting so others may check them out.*

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**2001 Plant of the Month Final Scores:** Here are the final scores for our monthly plant shows. Congratulations to Jim Hanna, our 2001 winner.

Place:	Member	Points	Place:	Member	Points
1	Jim Hanna	242	17	Jean Mullens	45
2	Rene Caro	206	18	Lorraine Lutz	45
3	Jacques de Tisnè	203	19	Frank Nudge	39
4	Rita Gerlach	190	20	Dick Hulett	36
5	Esther Lelah	134	21	Bill Hagblom	35
6	Tom Vermilion	123	22	Manny Rivera	29
7	Vince Basta	104	23	Martin & Karen Ostler	25
8	Petra Crist	93	24	Tan Sokra	22
9	Patty Caro	92	25	Camille Rutkowski	22
10	Carol & Joe Wujcik	87	26	Betty Farfan	16
11	Paul & Carol Maker	68	27	Debbie Scott	15
12	Tom Glavich	68	28	Dennis Hoidahl	15
13	Frank Depew	64	29	Ron Young	10
14	Bernie & Joanne Wilner	59	30	Susan Sironi	10
15	John Caceres	58	31	Hilde Rosenbluth	8
16	Dick Tatman	45	32	Arlouise White	2

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**Two Members To Appear on Cable:** Be sure to watch The Garden Channel for appearances by club members Woody Minnich and Gene Oster. We don't have an air date at this time but will post the info here when we do.

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**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 or Carol Maker.

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