



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, February 14th. Join us for a very special meeting. This month's presentation will be given by none other than Dr. Alfred Lau. Don't miss what could possibly be a once in a lifetime chance to hear this legend of the plant world speak at our club.

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

CACTI - *Monotypic Cacti*

SUCCULENT - *Adromischus, Anacampseros and Avonia*

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.

Annual Dues - Past Due!: If you have not already done so, please pay your dues. (*your expiration date is on the address side of your Communique below your address*). The 2002 membership roster is being compiled and those who renew late delay it's distribution. Mail your check to Tim Jackson **TODAY**.

Please make checks payable to: SGVCSS

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

Send Checks To: Tim Jackson, Treasurer
8959 Valley View Ave.
Whittier, CA 90605

Study Group: Join us on Wednesday, February 20th when the subject will be Dudleya and Echeveria. 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.

Refreshments: Vince Basta, Harry Fletcher and Jean Lamden will be providing refreshments this month. We still need people to sign up for upcoming months. The sign up list will be at the refreshment table. Thanks to the many spontaneous volunteers who brought treats in last month .

2002 Roster Info: I'm working on the 2002 Roster and hope to distribute it at the March meeting. Please take a few minutes to review your mailing label to make sure it is correct as it is the same data used to create the roster. If you have moved, changed your phone number or now have an E-mail address you'd like to include in your roster info please send a note to me at Tom Vermilion- SGVC&SS Editor, 1009 E. Ruddock St., Covina, CA 91724 or better yet send an E-mail to me at grandicornis@mac.com so I can get your info corrected or updated and get the 2002 Roster out to everyone on time. Thanks.

10 years ago: Henry Varney spoke on Adromischus.

20 years ago: Virginia Martin present a slide show on Baja.

30 years ago: Virginia Martin presented “Some Things that Happen to Idrias” based on her many travels to Baja. A group of about 50 went to San Diego to hear a special presentation on Echeveria by Reid Moran.

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

January Plant of the Month Results:

Cacti

Beginner

1st Ray Folck - Mammillaria bocasana v. rosea

2nd & 3rd Paul & Carol Maker -

M. zeilmanniana, M. magnifica

Intermediate

1st Joanne & Bernie Wilner - M. bombycina

Advanced

1st and 2nd Tom Vermilion - M. perezdelarosea,

M. bombycina

3rd Tom Glavich - M. occidentalis

Master

1st and 2nd Charles Spotts - M. rekoi, Cochemia
maritima

3rd Dick Hulett M. perezdelarosea

Succulents

Beginner

2nd Arlouse White - Senecio sp.

Intermediate

2nd Manny Rivera - Senecio sp.

Advanced

1st Rita Gerlach - Senecio desfleursii

2nd and 3rd (tie) Petra Crist - Othonna clarifolia,

Othonna sp. Dreisat, Othonna retrorsa

Master

1st Bill Hagblom - Othonna euphorbioides

2nd (tie) Jim Hanna - Senecio tropaeolifolius

2nd (tie) Leo & Lillian Pickoff - Othonna

euphorbioides

3rd Dick Hulett - Othonna clavata

Plant of the Month Note: Please print both your name and the plants name clearly on your Plant of the Month entry tags. We had some trouble this month reading who's who and what's what. Also remember to leave the tag behind when picking up your plant, even if you did not win. Our secretary uses the tags that are left behind to keep score.

Borrogo Trip Update: The Borrogo Springs field-trip, April 6-7, is not as far away as it would seem. Because we have to make arrangements for the group dinner well ahead, please let either Jean Mullens or Joanne Wilner know your plans - (where you are staying, if you are arriving Friday or Saturday, interest in participating in the Saturday night group dinner) .

We are considering a Mexican dinner like last time with a happy hour at Stanlunds first. Once we get a feel for the number of adults/children we will get a menu and price for everyone's real agreement. The cost of the dinner will have to be prepaid to our treasurer, Tim Jackson.

So far the following plan on going on the trip: Wilner, Mullens, Caro, Basta, Mason, Tufenkian, Alford, Maker, Kolb, Agajanian, Oster, Ostler, Clements.

Joanne Wilner

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.

Trading Post to be Resurrected: As mentioned last month, 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.

Board Meeting: Our first board meeting will be held on Saturday, February 23rd at 1:00PM. Pot luck lunch will begin at 12:00 noon. Location is at Woody's, so if anyone wants to shop, be sure and get there early. If you plan on shopping, you may want to contact Woody to find out how early he would like you to arrive.

Vince Basta

Huntington Plant Sale Schedule: In addition to the July CSSA succulent plant sale at the Huntington, succulent plant growers can look forward to four sales in April. Every Saturday and Sunday in the month during normal hours (11-5). Plants of every description from succulents to roses propagated at the Huntington will be offered. In May the annual sale will include, in addition to plants grown at the Huntington, stock from growers from all the western states.

Sat. May 18 8:30 to 9:30 Volunteers plant sale. 10:00 to 4:00 Members only sale.

Sun. May 19 10:00 to 5:00 Public sale.

Mon. May 20 9:00 to 12:00 Staff & Volunteers 40% off sale on remaining plants.

For volunteer opportunities contact: Shirley Kerins volunteer coordinator.

Calendar of Events - 2002

Note: check these dates - sometimes events get canceled.

Apr. 13-14 South Coast Cactus and Succulent Society Show and Sale. For more information contact Dick Hulett at 310-832-2262 / airobatic@aol.com or Carol Causey at 310-675-5843 or Jim Hanna at 562-920-3046 / aloecats1@aol.com

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