



# 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, June 13<sup>th</sup>. The program for our June meeting will be *The Biodiversity and Density of the Chihuahuan Desert* presented by Gary Duke. Gary is past president of the South Coast Cactus & Succulent Society and has been active in the local clubs for many years so many of you have met him already and possibly seen one of his presentations.

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

**CACTI - *Thelocactus***

**SUCCULENT - *Caudiciform Euphorbias***

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.

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**Study Group:** Join us on Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup> when our topic will be Echinocereus. 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. Never been to a Study Group meeting? This is a great time to start since the days are longer and it's still light out when you arrive. You're sure to see a few familiar faces there.

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**10 years ago:** Gary James gave a program on the Galapagos Islands.

**20 years ago:** The program was on Pachypodium, presented by the Mctavishes.

**30 years ago:** The June meeting was the Second SGVCSS Cactus and Other Succulent Show. There were 20 classes, with more than 100 entries.

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

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**Board Meeting:** There will be a brief board meeting before the regular meeting at 7:00. Also, I would like to form a Show Committee for our Winter Show in October. Anyone with new ideas, suggestions, or who would like to help with the planning stages of the show should speak with me. We will announce a date for the meeting in the near future.

Thanks, *Vince Basta*

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**Refreshments:** We have Steve & Marilyn Mason and Ron Young signed up to bring refreshments in. We still need people to sign up for upcoming months. The sign up list will be at the refreshment table.

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**SGVC&SS Picnic and Auction:** Mark your calendars for our annual Picnic and Auction. This year it will be Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup>. There will be a map and full details in next month's *Communique*.

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## Plant of the Month Results:

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### Cacti - May

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#### Beginner

- 1<sup>st</sup> Rene Caro – Lobivia fescheri
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ron Young – Echinopsis ferox
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Lorraine Lutz – Trichocereus tersecii

#### Intermediate

- 1<sup>st</sup> Laura & Gene Oster – Lobivia hertrichiana
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Laura & Gene Oster – Lobivia arachnacantha
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Tan Sokhara – Echinopsis sp.

#### Advanced

- 1<sup>st</sup> None
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tom Vermilion – Lobivia aurea v. shaferi
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Tom Vermilion – Echinopsis 'Arachnacot'

#### Master

No Entries

### Succulents - May

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#### Beginner

- 1<sup>st</sup> Patty Caro – Agave potatorum
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Patty Caro – Agave Utahensis
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Patty Caro – Agave victoriae reginae x scabra

#### Intermediate

- 1<sup>st</sup> Laura & Gene Oster – Agave stricta
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Laura & Gene Oster – Agave filifera (dwarf)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Laura & Gene Oster – Agave victoria reginae

#### Advanced

- 1<sup>st</sup> Tom Glavich – Agave cf. Tanot
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Dick Hulett – Agave Utahensis
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Petra Crist – Agave 'kissygokan' guadaluharensis

#### Master

No Entries

Note: Don't be alarmed if you see a few new species or varieties listed above. Our club secretary had trouble reading many entry tags last month so the information here is provided "as is".

Please print your entry tags (including your name!) clearly so results can be reported here and an accurate score can be kept.

Thanks....

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**Lotusland Gardens Bus Trip:** Date: Saturday, Sept. 28, 2002. We have chartered another motorcoach and we have reservations to tour the world famous Madame Wallska's Lotusland Gardens. This is 37 acres of cacti, succulents and other exotic plants and ponds. Located just outside of Santa Barbara. The tour is approximately 2 hours, and ladies they now have a Garden Gift Shop!

After the tour we will visit a nursery or two depending on time. Lunch options are still being considered. This special event is open to the first 50 SGVC&SS members who place their reservations of \$15.00 per member. Since we are chartering a motorcoach, this is nonrefundable.

We will depart from the Arboretum. Your host and hostesses are again planning surprises for you to enjoy along the way. For more information & for placing your reservation, please contact Jean Mullens!

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## Calendar of Events - 2002

Note: check these dates - sometimes events get canceled.

**Jun. 15-16** Joint LA Cactus & Succulent Society & San Fernando Valley Bromeliad Society Show & Sale. 16633 Magnolia Blvd. Encino, CA For info call Gene Oster 818-998-9306 Email goster@socal.rr.com

**July 6-7** CSSA Annual Show & Sale. Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Rd. San Marino, CA Call 626-405-2160 or 626-405-2277 for info.

**July 13** SGVC&SS annual Picnic and Auction

**Aug. 24-25** 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Intercity Show and Sale. LA County Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin Blvd. Arcadia, CA For info call Harry Fletcher 310-538-4078, Tom Glavich 626-798-2430 or Gene Oster 818-998-9306

**Aug. 31** Huntington Botanical Gardens Succulent Symposium.

**Sept. 22** Long Beach Cactus Club Annual Auction at Dominguez Adobe. 18127 S. Alameda St. Compton, CA

**Oct. 12-13** Orange County Show & Sale to be held at the Fullerton Arboretum.

**Oct. 19-20** SGVC&SS Winter Show & Sale. LA County Arboretum.

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**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 version of the *Communique* complete with color photos. Look for the *Communique* link on the main page.

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