

# 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:** Join us on Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup> when our guest speaker Leo Martin will present *Cycads of Veracruz and Oaxaca*. Though we usually think of Mexico as the heart of cactus country it is also home to many species of Cycads. Mexico is home to 10 of the 11 *Dioon* species and all 18 *Ceratozamia*, plus many of the 53 *Zamia* species. This sounds like it will be an excellent presentaion.

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

**CACTI - *Melocactus***

**SUCCULENT - *Cissus and Cyphostemma***

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, July 17<sup>th</sup>. This month and next we will not be focusing on any one particular topic. For July we are going to cover grafting, identifying plants that you don't have names for, and a larger than usual plant swap-a-thon. 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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**10 years ago:** Stewart Riley of England gave a program on Variations, a program on crests, mostrose and variegated plants.

**20 years ago:** Don Chaput presented a program on Chasing Cacti in the Old Southwest.

**30 years ago:** A talk on the Northern States of Mexico was presented by Ed and Betty Gay. The CSSA show in July had a theme of "Cactus Carnival - Succulents on Parade".

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

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**Refreshments:** For July we have only Katherine Jeter signed up to bring refreshments in. We could really use a few more volunteers to bring in some snacks. We also still need people to sign up for upcoming months. As always, the sign up list will be at the refreshment table.

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**Welcome, New Members:** Cathy Armstrong of Sierra Madre, Gary Gugisberg of Pasadena, Jim Nones of Los Angeles, Phil Skonieczki of Altadena, and Victor Wong of Van Nuys.

# San Gabriel Valley Cactus & Succulent Society

## Annual Picnic

### Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup>

Our annual picnic will once again be held at the beautiful home of Pat & Jean Mullens.

#### *Featuring*

**Picnic** - Bring your own utensils and a dish to share with others. The Club will provide beverages and charcoal for barbecuing. We hope to have everyone eating by Noon so we can begin the games by about 1:00. Those arriving early can help set up if they like.

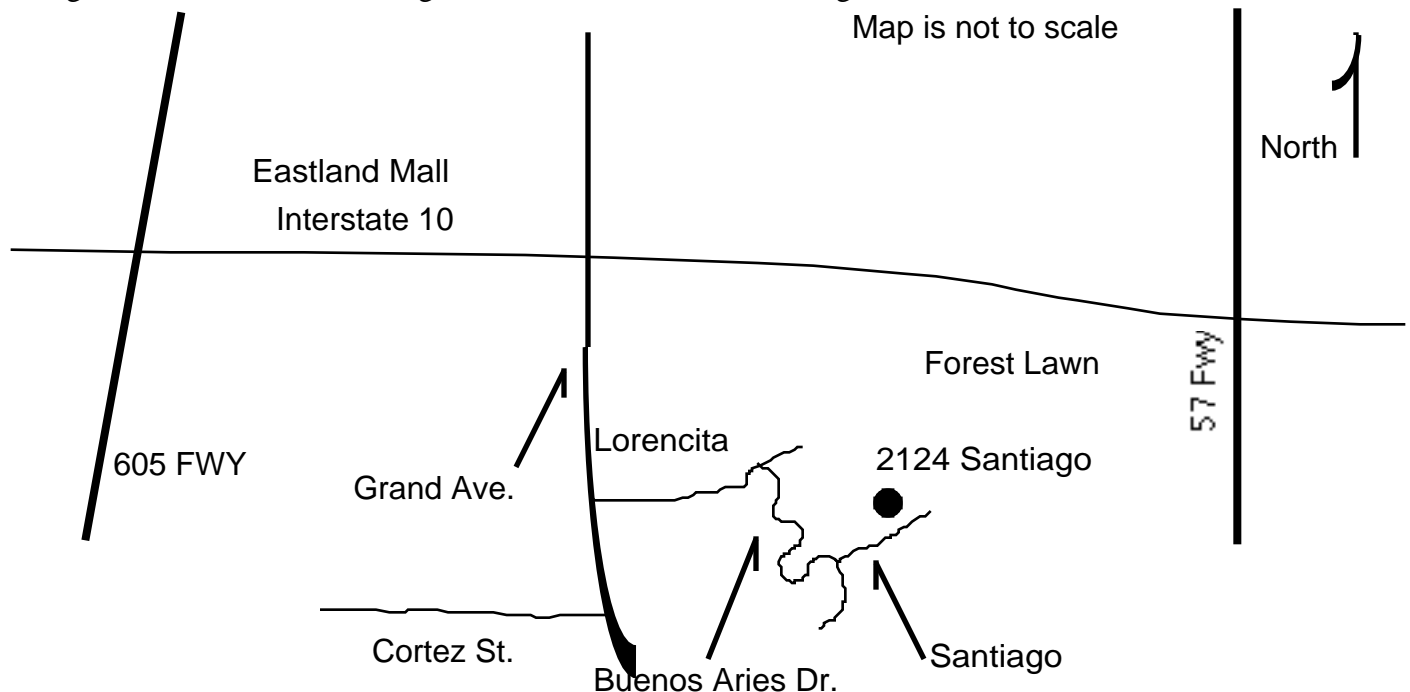
**Games** - There will be all sorts of fun games, including the infamous Opuntia Toss, so dress comfortably and get ready to join the fun.

**Auction** - A great way to add to your collection or sell "extra" specimens.

Rules for auction. Must be a club member to sell. Limit 10 plants or items total.

(bring nice plants, something you'd like to bring home with you.) Club gets 25% Seller gets 75% Cards will be available at the auction for each item to be sold. Write your name and the minimum acceptable bid on the card and place it with the item. If you want to bid on an item, write your name ( no prices ) on the card for each item you are interested in. All items that members have expressed an interest in will then be auctioned off.

**Directions** - Take Interstate 10 to Grand Ave. in Covina. Go south on Grand to Lorencita and turn left. Take Lorencita to Buenos Aries Dr. and turn right. Buenos Aries will wind around and eventually you will come to Santiago St. Turn left onto Santiago St., the address is 2124 Santiago.



This is a great activity with a bunch of fun people. Bring your family and have some fun! Special thanks to Pat & Jean Mullens for allowing us you use their home.

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## Plant of the Month Results:

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### Cacti - June

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#### Beginner

1st Rene Caro - *Thelocactus nidulens*

2nd Rene Caro - *T. hexidrophorus*

3rd Patty Caro - *T. macdowellii*

#### Intermediate

1st Manny Rivera - *T. hexidrophorus*

#### Advanced

1st Petra Crist - *T. macdowellii*

2nd Frank Nudge - *T. bicolor* var *bolaensis*

#### Master

1st Lillian & Leo Pickoff - *T. bicolor*

2nd Lillian & Leo Pickoff - *T. lauseri*

### Succulents - June

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#### Beginner

1st Jim Schegel - *Euphorbia saintemariensis*

Tie 2nd Jim Schegel - *E. ornithopus*

Tie 2nd Tracey Kolb - *E. squarrosa*

3rd Ron Young - *E. tortirama*

#### Intermediate

1st Jean Mullens - *E. amborombensis*

2nd Manny Rivera - *E. cylindrifolia tuberifera*

#### Advanced

1st Petra Crist - *E. cylindrifolia* var *tuberifera*

2nd Tom Glavich - *E. cylindrifolia* var *tuberifera*

Tie 3rd Petra Crist - *E. squarrosa*

Tie 3rd Petra Crist - *E. knobellii*

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**Lotusland Gardens Bus Trip Update:** *Thursday night at the meeting will be the last opportunity for members to sign up for this bus trip before we open it up to non-SGVC&SS members.*

Date: Saturday, Sept. 28, 2002. We have chartered another motorcoach and have reservations to tour the world famous Madame Wallska's Lotusland Gardens. This is 37 acres of cacti, succulents and other exotic plants. Located just outside of Santa Barbara. The tour is about 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.

**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.

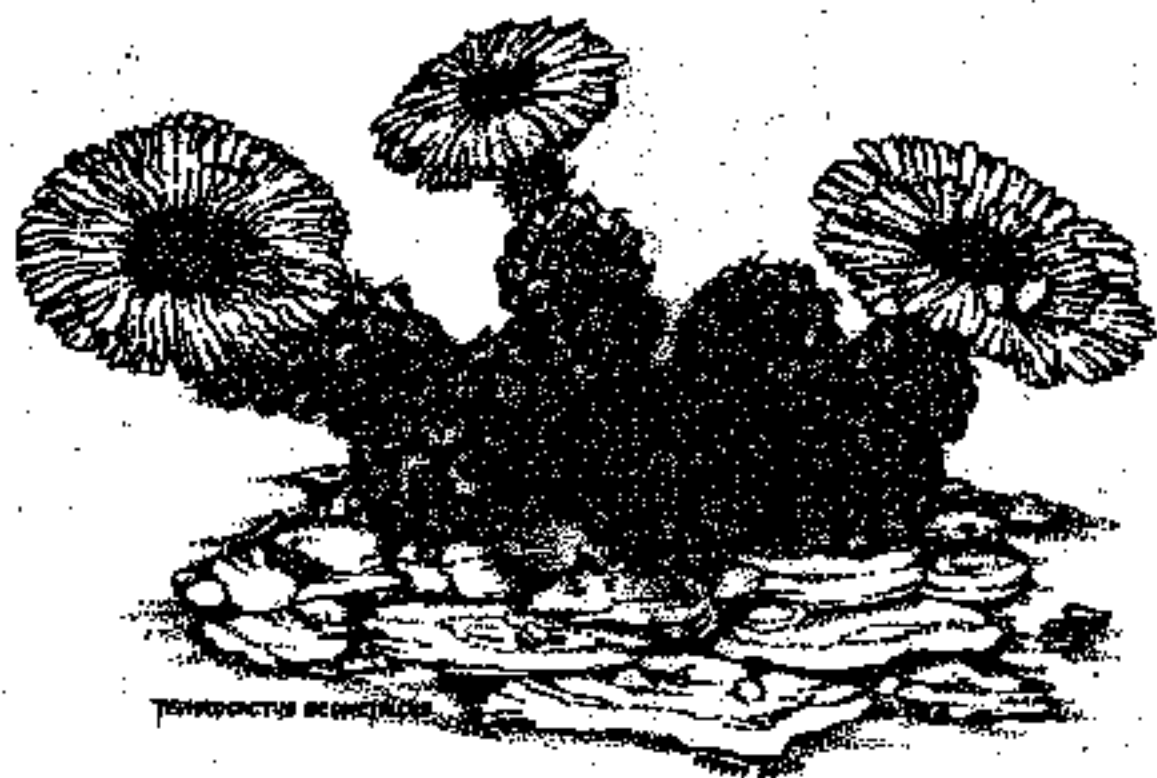
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**17<sup>th</sup> Annual Inter-City**  
**Cactus and Succulent Show & Sale**  
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