



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, September 12th Our program will be *Larry Grammer on Staging*.

Larry will once again be sharing some of his secrets of staging plants with us. Many of Larry's plants look so natural it's as though a small section of desert has been magically placed in a pot. Here's your chance to see how it's done. Larry gave the club a similar talk a couple years ago and everyone really enjoyed it. Don't miss it.

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

CACTI - Miniatures

SUCCULENT - Miniatures

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: Join us on Wednesday, September 18th when the topic will be Sanseverias. Bring plants that you don't have names for and some of our experts will have a go at identifying them. 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.

10 years ago: Tim Metcalf gave a program on the Dorstenias of East Africa. Tim was in charge of the greenhouses at UC Davis

20 years ago: The big event was the club show.

30 years ago: The club celebrated it's fifth anniversary, with a talk by Honorary Member Dave Grigsby on Grafting.

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

Refreshments: In honor of the club's anniversary, refreshments for September will be provided by the club! We can still use a few more volunteers to sign up to bring in snacks for the rest of 2002.

As always, the sign up list will be at the refreshment table.

Board Meeting: There will be a board meeting on Thursday Sept. 12 at 7:00 p.m. before the regular meeting. I had forgot about picture taking around the trophy table at the InterCity show and there was too much happening to hold the board meeting at that time.

Hope to see everyone there!

Vince

A Message from the President:

First, I would like to congratulate everyone who participated in the 17th InterCity Show! It is wonderful how three clubs can get together and put on a first class show. Now that InterCity is history, it time to focus on our Winter Show. You will find the show schedule in this issue just in case some of you can't make the meetings. Just give me a call or e-mail and I will send you the entry tags. Also, I will have a sign-up sheet for clerks and tabulations at the next meeting along with entry tags.

Second, it is almost time to elect new officers. We will be forming a nominating committee at the next meeting to select a new slate of officers. The slate of officers will be presented by the nominating committee at the October meeting and in November, the election will take place. So if asked to take on a position, please don't be quick to say no. It has been a great couple of years and I look forward to seeing a new group of members continue our much deserved success.

See all of you at the next meeting!

Vince Basta

Plant of the Month Results:

Cacti - August

Beginner

- 1st Ron Young - Ferocactus herrarae
- 2nd Paul & Carol Maker - Gymnocalycium moserianum
- 3rd Rene Caro - Ariocarpus retusus

Intermediate

- 1st Manny Rivera - Thelocactus hedrazophorus
- 2nd Manny Rivera - Mammillaria geminispina

Advanced

- 1st Vince Basta - Ariocarpus retusus crest
- 2nd Vince Basta - Mammillaria crucigera
- 2nd Tom Vermilion - Mammillaria perezdelarosae
- 3rd Frank Depew - Turbinicarpus polaskii
- 3rd Vince Basta - Astrophytum capricorne niveum

Master

No Entries

Succulents - August

Beginner

- 1st Rene Caro - Euphorbia gymnocalycioides
- 2nd Patty Caro - Haworthia viscosa v. lav.
- 2nd Patty Caro - Haworthia variegata.
- 3rd Jim Schlegel - Monadenium ritchei
- 3rd Lorraine Lutz - Euphorbia lactea variegata crest

Intermediate

- 1st Manny Rivera - Adenium obesum
- 2nd Jean Mullens - Trichocaulon dinteri
- 3rd Jean Mullens - Ceraria pygmaea

Advanced

- 1st Vince Basta - Fouquieria purpusii
- 2nd Rita Gerlach - Haworthia cymbifomis
- 2nd Tom Vermilion - Euphorbia suzannae crest
- 3rd Vince Basta - Euphorbia gymnocalycioides
- 3rd Frank Depew - Lithops bromfieldii insularis

Master

- 1st Jim Hanna - Pachypodium x Arid Lands
 - 2nd Jim Hanna - Bursera fagaroides
 - 3rd Jim Hanna - Dorstenia gigas
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Lotusland & Santa Barbara Bus Trip:

Saturday, September 28, 2002, Lotusland & Santa Barbara

- 7:00am Meet in the East parking lot at the LA Arboretum (near Ayers hall) and board motorcoach. Quick stop in Saugus to pick up Jim Kellogg.
- 9:45 Arrive at Lotusland
- 10-12:00 Tour Lotusland
- 12:15 to 2:15 FREE TIME in Santa Barbara. You may bring your lunch and eat in one of the many City garden parks, or you may wish to dine in one of the many restaurants along State Street. You may want to stroll along the beach, or you may wish to shop along State Street, or you may wish to visit some of the great museums, all within walking distance of the bus. It is *YOUR* decision.
- 2:15 Reboard motorcoach
- 2:45 to 5:00 Desert Images Nursery in Ojai.
- 7:00 Return to the Arboretum
- Be sure to wear comfortable walking shoes, bring your film & cameras, hats, sunglasses, walking canes, etc. Bring money for lunch & purchasing plants. Kathy Minnich has made a list of restaurants within walking distance along State Street in Santa Barbara.
- Desert Images is expecting us & has promised to have lots of nice plants. There is plenty of space underneath the bus for your purchases. Our Club will provide water and a few snacks aboard the motorcoach. We hope everyone who has signed up can still come and have a good time with us. (time schedule is all approximate)

Calendar of Events - 2002

Note: check these dates - sometimes events get canceled.

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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