



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, October 10th Our program will be *The Succulent Karoo* Presented by Rob Skillin. Rob's program will show us many of the unusual plants of this area and also highlight some of the sub-regions such as the Richtersveld, Namaqualand and The Little Karoo. As many of you know, this region of Africa is home to a large number of interesting succulent plants and bulbs so this should make for an interesting presentation. Rob has been collecting cacti and succulents for approximately 25 years and is currently President of the Bakersfield Cactus & Succulent Society.

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

CACTI - *Variegates*

SUCCULENT - *Variegates*

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, October 16th when the topic will be Copiapoa. 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.

Sad News: Longtime SGVCSS member Jerry Clements passed away in her sleep on Sept. 19th. Jerry had been in failing health for the last couple of years. She was buried in a private service on Sept. 25th. A memorial has been planned for Oct. 12, 11 AM at the East Whittier Presbyterian Church.

Jerry was a longtime member of SGVCSS and CSSA and a fixture for many years at the cash register for the HBG, CSSA, INTER-CITY and SGVCSS shows. She was made a life member of the SGVCSS years ago in recognition of her many contributions to the SGVCSS. She always cooked a turkey for the annual holiday party and was famous for her pecan pies.

Our condolences go to Joe, Susan and family. She will be missed.

10 years ago: Joe Clements gave a program on Landscaping with Succulents.

20 years ago: The club celebrated the anniversary with a symposium chaired by Virginia Martin.

30 years ago: Ray Jillson, Biologist-Naturalist of the McCurdie Nature Center Eaton Canyon talked on Denizens of the Desert, complete with living examples.

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

Refreshments: Refreshments for October will be provided by Bonnie DiBella, Antoinette Koltaj and Karen Ostler. We can still use a few more volunteers to sign up to bring in snacks for November. The sign up sheet for 2002 and a new one for 2003 will be at the refreshment table.

SGVC&SS Election: At the September meeting, a nomination committee was formed comprised of Tom Vermilion (Chair), Camille Rutkowski, and Rita Gerlach. They will present a slate of officers for consideration at the October meeting. In November, nominations will also be accepted from the floor and then the election will take place.

Winter Show: Our *Ninth Annual Winter Show* is rapidly approaching and now is the time to get your plants ready! This is our last major event of the year to raise money for field trips, books and other events so be sure and promote the show by passing out flyers and telling friends and neighbors. The show dates are October 19th and 20th and will be held at the Los Angeles County Arboretum in Arcadia. The show schedule was in the September newsletter and show entry tags will be available at the next meeting.

Set-up: We will need plenty of helpers on Thursday morning (8:30 am) October 17th to set-up tables and get the show & sales area ready by noon! Show and sale plants can then start coming in on Thursday from noon till 9:00 pm. Remember...all show plants must be in by Friday October 18th at 4:00 pm. Also, Clerks and helpers will be needed Friday during judging. This is a great opportunity to hear what the judges are saying and to learn more about the show. We still need 4 more clerks so If you would like to be a clerk, be sure and sign up at the next meeting!

Show Dinner: The show dinner will be Saturday evening, October 19th at 6:00 pm at Ayers Hall in the show area. Dinner will be a special meal prepared by Gale's Northern Italian Cuisine of Pasadena. The menu is Chopped Italian Salad, Chicken Marsala, Penne with Roasted Vegetables, A Fresh Seasonal Vegetable, Fresh Baked Ciabbata Bread, Beverage and Dessert. Total cost is \$18 per person which includes tax and gratuity. There will be an awards presentation, auction and lots of fun! Reservations and payment must be in by the October 10th meeting. Please pay Tim Jackson at the meeting or send a check made out to SGVCSS to Tim Jackson, Treasurer. 8959 Valley View Ave. Whittier, CA 90605.

2001 Trophy Winners: A reminder, if you won a trophy at last years show, please be sure and have your name engraved on it before the show.

Plant of the Month Results:

Cacti - September

Beginner

- 1st Jim Schlegel - Mammillaria gracilis
- 2nd Jim Schlegel - Rebutia minima
- 3rd Rene Caro - Ariocarpus kotschoubeyanus

Intermediate

No Entries

Advanced

- 1st Frank Nudge - Ariocarpus agavoides
- 2nd Frank Depew - Ariocarpus kotschoubeyanus
- 3rd Karen Ostler - Mammillaria leuthyi

Master

- 1st Carol & Joe Wujcik - puna bonniea
- 2nd Jim Hanna - Escobaria robinsorum
- 3rd Jim Hanna - Copiapoa hypogea

Succulents - September

Beginner

- 1st Rene Caro - Euphorbia gymnocalycioides
- 2nd Patty Caro - Euphorbia ledienii crest
- 3rd Ray Folck - Sempervivum tectorum v. calcoreum
- 3rd Oscar Flores - Aloe

Intermediate

No Entries

Advanced

- 1st Tom Vermilion - Lithops salicola
- 2nd Karen Ostler - Euphorbia francoisii
- 3rd Karen Ostler - Conophytum uviforme sp. uviforme

Master

- 1st Jim Hanna - Operculario decaryi
- 2nd Carol & Joe Wujcik - Othonna euphorbioides
- 3rd Carol & Joe Wujcik - Adromiscus marianiae v. immaculatus

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.

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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The San Gabriel Valley Cactus & Succulent Society
Presents the

9th Annual
Winter Show

and PLANT SALE

Saturday & Sunday October 19th & 20th, 2002

From 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day



at the
L.A. County Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin Ave. Arcadia, CA

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