



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, November 14th. Our monthly program will be *Western Mexico* presented by Dylan Hannon. Join Dylan on a tour of prime cactus country in the states of Guerrero, Michoacan and Puebla. In Sept. 1998, Brian Kemble, Kelly Griffith and Dylan set out to explore some of the most plant-rich areas of Mexico. Some of the succulent highlights will be *Backebergia*, *Hechtias*, huge *Beaucarnea gracilis*, rare ocotillos and rain-gorged *Echinocactus ingens*. In addition, we will see many burseras, various bulbs and an impressive array of associated shrubs and herbs. Mexican plant life at its best.

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

CACTI - *Echinocactus & Ferocactus*

SUCCULENT - *Haworthias (retuse type)*

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, November 20th. This month the topic will be Epiphytic Cacti & Succulents. 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: Woody Minnich gave a program on Lithops

20 years ago: Victor Turecek presented a program on Cordoba and San Juan, featuring *Gymnocalycium* from both areas

30 years ago: The meeting was a symposium given by members. A bus tour to Bob Taylor Cactus Gardens in El Cajon was also taken (Thanks go to Tom Glavich for providing this interesting feature)

Refreshments: We have only Tom Glavich signed up to bring refreshments in so we could use two or three more volunteers to bring in some snacks. The sign up sheet for next year will be at the refreshment table.

Membership Renewals: It's that time of year again to start thinking about paying your dues. See Tim Jackson at the meeting or send your check to him at SGVC&SS Membership, 8959 Valley View Ave. Whittier, CA 90605 \$12.00 for individuals, \$15.00 for family membership (at the same address)

New Members: We've had several new members in each of the past few months and it's been a couple months since I've inserted a list of new members so there are quite a few names here. (in no particular order) Cathy Armstrong of Sierra Madre, Gary Gugisberg of Pasadena, Jim Nones of Los Angeles, Phil Skonieczki of Altadena, Victor Wong of Van Nuys, Alan & Cheryl Hedman of So. Pasadena, Robert Thompson of Whittier, Andrea Clark of Arcadia, Steve Ball of Encino, Gene & Mary Lou Totten of Pasadena, Barbara & Owen Woodside of Arcadia, Charles & Cindi Cobb of Los Angeles, Horace Birgh & Tommy Dodson of Los Angeles. Welcome to the club everyone!

Library Books: Remember to return all library books you have so we can take inventory of what we have.

Ninth Annual Winter Show Our Winter Show was another huge success with 935 plants entered by 64 club members! I was very pleased to see an increase of 12 members who entered plants over last year. 23 novice members brought in 283 plants, 18 advanced members brought in 340 plants and 14 open members brought in 312 plants! Total number of plants may have been down 35, but the quality and presentation of the plants were at the highest levels! Below are the point results and trophy winners:

Sweepstakes:	Charles & Joann Spotts	278 points
High Points Cacti Novice:	Paul & Carol Maker	93 points
High Points Cacti Advanced:	Vince Basta	64 points
High Points Cacti Open:	Charles & Joann Spotts	189 points
High Points Succulents Novice:	Patty Caro	63 points
High Points Succulents Advanced:	Vince Basta	59 points
High Points Succulents Open:	Jim Hanna	123 points

2002 Trophy Winners

Best Agave	Harry & Sandra Fletcher	Agave felipe otoro
Best Mesemb	Charles & Joann Spotts	Monilaria moniliformis
Best Cactus Novice	Calvin Newman	Pilosocereus purpusii
Best Cactus Advanced	Vince Basta	Astrophytum capricorne v. niveum
Best Cactus Open	Charles & Joann Spotts	Neoporteria senilis
Best Succulent Novice	Debbie Scott	Cyphostemma bainesii
Best Succulent Advanced	Marilyn Henderson	Dioscorea elephantipes
Best Succulent Open	Charles & Joann Spotts	Lithops divergens v. amethystina
Best Winter Growing Succulent	Vince Basta	Tylecodon reticulatus
Best Collection	Tim Jackson	Conophytum collection
Best Ariocarpus	Jean Mullens	Ariocarpus retusus
Best Mutant	Laura & Gene Oster	Rebutia species variegated
Best Haworthia	Charles & Joann Spotts	Haworthia magnifica v. splendens
Best Mammillaria	Joanne & Bernie Wilner	Mammillaria schiedeana
Best Madagascan Euphorbia	Lillian Pickoff	Euphorbia petalanthioides
Best Euphorbia	Vince Basta	Euphorbia gymnocalycioides
Best Dorstenia	Vince Basta	Dorstenia gigas
Best Epiphytic Cactus	Carol & Joe Wujcik	Rhipsalis pilocarpa
Best Gymnocalycium	Charles & Joann Spotts	Gymnocalycium euryleurum
Best Crassulaceae	Carol & Joe Wujcik	Echeveria shaviana cv. 'Party Dress'
Best Rebutia/Sulcorebutia	Karen & Martin Ostler	Rebutia heliosa condorensis
Best Opuntia	Charles & Joann Spotts	Opuntia sulfurea
Best Geraniaceae	Debbie Scott	Sarcocaulon salmonifolia
Best Pachypodium	Bill Hagblom	Pachypodium namaquanum x succulentum
C & S Winter Thematic Award	Lem & Pat Higgs	Echeveria pulvinata v. nova crest

For those who asked, the show dinner was catered by Gale's, 452 South Fair Oaks, Pasadena. 626-432-6705.

Message From The President: Next meeting will be our final meeting for the year and it seems to have gone by so quickly! It was a fun year with two field trips, one to Anza Borrego and the most recent the bus trip to Lotusland. Any club gathering, such as our picnic or monthly meetings, have been memorable due to the wonderful people who make up our club! Our Winter Show was a great success, both financially and in terms of participation, with an increase in the number of members entering plants. There were 64 enthusiastic entrants this year who put on an awesome show! From setup to take down, the show went smoothly and I applaud and thank all of you for your hard work! We will be adding around \$1900 to our treasury from the Winter Show and more good news from the Intercity Show with our share being \$2000. We should be in great shape for next year to have more great field trips or other events to be decided by our new officers and board members. Next meeting we will be electing our officers and board members for 2003. I would like to thank the officers and board members who have served the past two years, Woody Minnich, Tim Jackson, Patty Caro, Bill Gerlach, Petra Crist, Amber Jones, Ron Young, Tom Glavich, Carol Maker, and Tom Vermilion. It has been great working with all of you! Our next big event will be our annual Holiday Party and I hope all of you will set aside December 14th for this fun event!

See all of you at the November meeting!

Vince Basta

Holiday Party Just a reminder that next month we will have our annual holiday party instead of a Thursday night meeting. The party will be on Saturday, December 14th in Ayers Hall. It's pot luck with the club providing turkey and honey baked ham & beverages. More details will be in next months *Communique*.

SGVC&SS Election: At the October meeting, the following slate of officers for 2003 was presented by the nominating committee consisting of; Tom Vermilion, Rita Gerlach, and Camille Rutkowski.

The Nominees are:

President	Tim Jackson	Board Member	Mary Folck
Vice President	Ray Folck	Board Member	Rita Gerlach
Treasurer	Rita Gerlach	Board Member	Manny Rivera
Secretary	Camille Rutkowski		

Board Members serve a 2 year term. Carryover Board Members are Tom Glavich, Carol Maker & Tom Vermilion. At the November 14th meeting, nominations will also be accepted from the floor and then the election will take place.

Plant of the Month Results:

Cacti - October *Variegates*

Beginner

1st Phil Skonieczki - *M. pringlei*
2nd Ray Folck - *Opuntia monocantha v. monstrose*
3rd Sokhara Tan - *Ferocactus herrerae*

Intermediate - No Entries

Advanced - No Entries

Master - No Entries

2nd Sokhara Tan- *Haworthia sp*
3rd Patty Caro - *Haworthia sp.*
Show Ray Folck - *macroGLOSSUS*

Intermediate

1st Jean Mullen - *Portulacaria foliis*
2nd Jean Mullen - *Cotyledon ladismithiensis*

Advanced

1st Rita Gerlach - *Euphorbia lactea crest*
2nd Rita Gerlach - *Haworthia cymbiformis*
3rd Karen Ostler - *Haworthia limifolia*

Succulents - October *Variegates*

Beginner

1st Patty Caro - *Haworthia sp.*

Master

1st Jim Hanna - *Haworthia cymbiformis*
2nd Jim Hanna - *Haworthia limifolia*
3rd Jim Hanna - *Haworthia subattenuata*

Calendar of Events - 2002

Note: check these dates - sometimes events get canceled.

Dec. 14 SGVC&SS Holiday Party. LA County Arboretum.

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