



# 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, January 9<sup>th</sup> Our program will be *The Flora and Fauna of South Florida* Presented by Hank Warzybok. Hank will be speaking about his recent trip to Florida where he toured the Everglades and cypress swamps. Be ready for lots of Tillandsias and his tales of alligators and swimming with manatees. It sounds like a great presentation and a great way to start the new year.

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**Plant of the Month:** (see the attached write-up)  
**CACTI - *Straight Spined Mammillaria Clusters***  
**SUCCULENT - *Pelargonium and Sarcocaulon***

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, January 15<sup>th</sup>, our topic is tentatively *Plants of the Canary Islands*. For those who have not attended a Study Group meeting here's a brief description of what goes on. Members are encouraged to bring plants in that are on topic for discussion. Joe Clements or another member will often present a brief slide show on the topic plants. We compare experiences on how best to grow them, sources for them, how to propagate etc. We discuss what pests they might be prone to and how to control them. Members can bring plants that they don't have names for, or are unsure of the name that they have on the label, and some of our more knowledgeable members will try to identify them. Also, we usually have a large selection of cuttings and other free plants that members donate, these are given away at the end of the meeting by lottery.

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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**2003 Dues are due!:** It's that time again to pay your annual dues. See our new Treasurer, Rita Gerlach, at the meeting or mail your dues to her at:

SGVC&SS Membership  
719 S. Albertson  
Covina, CA 91723-3302

Membership is \$12.00 for individuals or \$15.00 for a family (at the same address).  
Your membership status is on the front label, below your address.  
Your prompt renewals allow us to publish the Roster in a timely manner.

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**Refreshments:** Refreshments for January will be provided by ??? The sign up sheet is blank for January so feel free to bring in some snacks for our break. The sign up sheet will be at the refreshment table.

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**10 years ago:** The Program was given by John Trager on plant photography.  
Joe Clements led the study group on Aloe.

**20 years ago:** The program was “Meet Some Mesembs” by Leo and Lillian Pickoff.

**30 years ago:** The speaker was Dr. Lyman Benson, Chairman of the Department of Botany, Pomona College on “The Rapid Evolution of the Cacti. The first of a series of study group meetings was held at the McCurdy Nature Center in Altadena. The first speaker was Joe Clements, who taught Archeology at Whittier College, and gave a presentation of The Formation of Deserts. An admission charge of \$6 was required to offset expenses (for the six meetings).

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

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**Holiday Plant Info:**The plant given to members at our Holiday Party was *Adenia glauca*. It is somewhat sensitive to cold and will drop it’s leaves when the temps drop below 45 or so. If it does get too cold, move it to a warmer location and watch for signs of rot if the plant has been watered recently. The sap is poisonous so be careful when pruning and avoid getting any on you.

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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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### Calendar of Events - 2003

- January 11<sup>th</sup>** San Diego C&SS Winter Show and Sale. 1 day only  
Show - 10am-5pm, Sale - 9am-5pm Room 101 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park, San Diego.
- May 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>** Epiphyllum Society of America Show & Sale. Ayers Hall, L.A. County Arboretum.  
For info see [www.epiphyllum.org](http://www.epiphyllum.org)
- June 14<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>** CSSA 30th Biennial Convention, St. Louis MO
- July 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>** CSSA Show & Sale, Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Rd. San Marino, CA
- August 30<sup>th</sup>** Huntington Symposium, Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Rd. San Marino, CA. Call 626-405-2160 or 626-405-2277 for info.

If you have a cactus or succulent related event that you’d like to have included here please forward the info to me at the address below. Verify these dates before traveling, sometimes event are rescheduled or canceled without adequate advance notice.

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