



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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Sad News: Michael Vassar passed away Feb 27th after a protracted illness. He was in his home with loved ones present. Huntington Botanical Gardens, where he worked, is planning a memorial in the future. For more information, you may contact Claire Martin there at cmartin@huntington.org

Monthly Meeting: Thursday, March 13th Join us for a special presentation, *Socotra* by Richard & Franziska Wolf of Austria. This is a slideshow of one of the first botanical trips of recent times into Socotra. It involved a 3 day trip by boat because travel by air was not available. Prepare to be stunned by images of giant *Adenium socotranum*, *Dorstenia gigas*, *Dendrosicyos socotranum* and *Boswellia nana*. Woody should have a few copies of their Baja California book available at the meeting.

Mystery Speaker Revealed: Last months presentation was done by our very own Petra & Paul Crist. We were treated to a wonderful slide show of their recent trip to some prime succulent country, Namibia. Those of you who stayed home to avoid the rain missed a great show and for the most part the rain missed those who attended. Some of us got wet when we arrived but the skies were clear when the meeting adjourned. Thanks for a great show Petra & Paul.

Plants of the Month:

CACTI - *Crests & Monstrose*

SUCCULENT - *Crassula*

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. (see the attached write-ups)

Study Group: Join us on Wednesday, March 19th, Joe Clements will be showing slides of his trip to the Canary Islands. 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: The program was "Vendor's night", where many local vendors sold plants, books, and pots.
20 years ago: The program was "The Mammillaria Saboae Complex", given by Virginia Martin.
30 years ago: Deming Williams, Los Angeles County Agricultural Department gave a program on Plants and Insects.

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

Tom needs a copy of the May 1993 Communique to finish the year. Can anyone make him a copy?

Refreshments: Refreshments for March will be provided by Paul & Carol Maker and Tim & Andrea Jackson. Thanks to all who brought things in last month. The sign up sheet will be at the refreshment table.

CSSA Convention Rebate: This year the CSSA Convention will be held June 14th-19th in St. Louis, Missouri. The Board decided on a policy to offer a rebate to members who attend the convention that is essentially the same as we offered 2 years ago. The club will rebate up to one half of your convention registration fees. The total cost to the club will not exceed \$2000. In the unlikely event that the number of requested rebates exceeds \$2000, the \$2000 would be divided equally among those who qualify. To be eligible for the rebate you must be an active member of the SGVCSS and list the SGVCSS as your associated club. Any exceptions or determination of who an active member is will be decided by a vote of the Board. The main goal of the sponsorship is to encourage our members to attend this biennial event and to reward our active members for their continued participation at club meetings, shows and other club activities.

Plant of the Month Results

Cacti - February

Beginner

- 1st Jim Schlegel - *Parodia diachroaeantha*
- 2nd Jim Schlegel - *Notocactus neobuenekeri*
- 3rd Jim Schlegel - *Notocactus carambeiensis*

Intermediate

- 1st Paul & Carol Maker - *Notocactus magnificus*
- 2nd Manny Rivera - *Notocactus haselbergii*
- 3rd Manny Rivera - *Notocactus buningii*

Advanced

- 1st Frank Nudge - *Parodia massii*
- 2nd Rita Gerlach - *Parodia auripes*
- 3rd Frank Nudge - *Notocactus rutilans longispina*

Master

- 1st Petra Crist - *Notocactus magnificus*
- 2nd Petra Crist - *Notocactus massii*
- 3rd No Other Entries

Succulents - February

Beginner

- 1st Dick Tatman - *Tylecodon reticulatus*
- 2nd Dick Tatman - *Tylecodon wallichii*
- 3rd Jim Schlegel - *Tylecodon wallichii*

Intermediate

- 1st Manny Rivera - *Tylecodon pearsonii*
- 2nd Camille Rutkowski - *Tylecodon striata*
- 3rd No Other Entries

Advanced

- 1st Frank Nudge - *Tylecodon reticulatus*
- 2nd Rita Gerlach - *Cotyledon ladisimith*
- 3rd No Other Entries

Master

- 1st Vince Basta - *Tylecodon reticulatus*
- 2nd Petra Crist - *Tylecodon wallichii*
- 3rd Vince Basta - *Tylecodon reticulatus*

2003 Roster: The 2003 Roster is being compiled. If there have been any changes to your Address, Phone Number or E-Mail since last year be sure to forward the info to Rita Gerlach. You can give her a note at the meeting with your updated info or mail it to her at SGVC&SS Membership, 719 S. Albertson, Covina, CA 91723-3302 You can E-mail it to her (Bill Gerlach really) at Wjgerlach@cs.com

Potters Sale: March 29th at Cactus Data Plants. Woody is having his 3rd annual potters sale at CDP. Featuring wares from Joe Wujcik, Mark Muridian & Cathy Indig. Woody says all plants are 25% off as well. For more information call Woody at 661-944-2784

A Special Thanks to *California Cactus Center* for renewing their membership for the next 10 YEARS!

Cacti_ETC Discussion Group Online: If you have access to the Internet and an e-mail address you may subscribe to this free, e-mail based group. There is a wealth of information there from hundreds of individuals from all over the world whose skills range from hobbyist to professional. Many of our members have joined.

To subscribe go to: http://www.cactus-mall.com/apps/c_etc.mv and fill in the form.

Instructions and help files are available at: http://www2.labs.agilent.com/bot/cactus_home

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 PDF version of the *Communique* complete with color photos. Look for the *Communique* link on the main page.

Calendar of Events - 2003

- April 12th-13th** South Coast Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale at South Coast Botanical Gardens. 26300 Crenshaw Blvd. Palos Verdes, CA Call 310-832-2262 for info.
- April 26th-27th** Green Scene Plant Sale at The Fullerton Arboretum.
- May 3rd-4th** Sunset Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale. Veterans Memorial Center, Garden Room. 4117 Overland Ave. Culver City, CA Call 310-822-1783 for info.
- May 17th-18th** Epiphyllum Society of America Show & Sale. Ayers Hall, L.A. County Arboretum. For info see www.epiphyllum.org
- May 18th** Huntington Plant Sale. 10am to 5pm Huntington Botanical Gardens Call 626-405-2160
- May 31st-June 1** Gates Cactus & Succulent Society 28th Show & Sale Jurupa Mountains Cultural Center, 7621 Granite Hill Dr. Glen Avon, CA Call 909-360-8802 for info.
- June 7th-8th** San Diego C&S Society Show & Sale. Balboa Park, Room 101. INFO 619-477-4779
- June 14th-19th** CSSA 30th Biennial Convention, St. Louis MO
- June 21st-22nd** Los Angeles C&S Society Show & Sale. 16633 Magnolia Blvd., Encino, CA Call Artie @ 818-363-3432 for info.
- July 5th -6th** CSSA Show & Sale, Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Rd. San Marino, CA
- August 16th-17th** 17th Annual InterCity Show & Sale. L.A. County Arboretum. Call Tom Glavich @ 626-798-2430 or Gene Oster @ 818-998-9306
- August 30th** 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.

Articles, Notices and Corrections can be sent via e-mail to: grandicornis@earthlink.net or via post to: Tom Vermilion, 1009 E. Ruddock St., Covina, CA 91724 Material must be received by the last Thursday of the month to be considered for publication in the next issue of the *Communique*. Material in the San Gabriel Valley Cactus and Succulent Society *Communique* may be reprinted by nonprofit organizations (unless such permission is expressly denied in a note accompanying the material) provided proper credit is given to the SGVCSS and the author and that one copy of the publication containing the reprinted material be sent to the editor. Reproduction in whole or part by any other organization or publication without the permission of the publisher is prohibited.

CACTUS and SUCCULENT SHOW and SALE



SAT. & SUN. APRIL 12 & 13, 2003, 9am to 4pm
SOUTH COAST BOTANICAL GARDENS
26300 CRENSHAW BLVD. PALOS VERDES PENINSULA

SEE outstanding displays by selected growers!

VOTE for the best!

ASK experts how they grow their plants!

BUY plants from top growers!

For more information contact Dick Hulett at 310-832-2262 (E-mail airobatic@aol.com);
Carol Causey at 310-675-5843; Jim Hanna at 562-920-3046 or aloccats1@aol.com.

DIRECTIONS: From I 10, take 405 south to Crenshaw, go south on Crenshaw
or take 110 south to Pacific Coast Hwy., go west to Crenshaw and turn left.

**A SOUTH COAST CACTUS AND SUCCULENT
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