

# 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, April 10<sup>th</sup> Join us for a special treat as Woody Minnich presents *Thirty-Two Years of Baja, The People, The Plants, The Places*. Woody will be showing us images compiled from 32 years of trips to Baja California. There will be a lot of familiar faces in this show such as, Petra Crist, Bill Lockwood, Bill Low, Karen & Martin Ostler, Kitty Sabo, Peter Sharp, Victor Turecek and many others. Woody says some of the pictures date all the way back to 1971 and show Baja as it was. This should be a great show, don't miss it.

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### Plants of the Month:

**CACTI - *Echinofossulocactus* & *Stenocactus***      **SUCCULENT - *Gasteria***

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)

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**Study Group:** Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, our topic will be **Propagation, Part 1**. This month we will be focusing on growing from seeds. If you'd like to learn how to grow your own plants from seed be sure to join us. 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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- 10 years ago:** The presentation was 'Somalia' by Seymour Linden. The study group was given by Ellen Low on *Gasteria* and Joe Clements and David Tufenkian on *Haworthia*
- 20 years ago:** Jim Hido gave a program on "Growing Cactus from Seed".
- 30 years ago:** Dr. Otis and Mrs. Lillian True gave a program on "Collecting in East Africa."

(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?**

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**Refreshments:** Currently, we only have Amber Jones signed up to bring in refreshments so we could use a few more volunteers. Thanks to all who brought things in last month. The sign up sheet will be at the refreshment table.

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**CSSA Convention Rebate:** This year the CSSA Convention will be held June 14<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## Plant of the Month Results

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### Cacti - March

#### Beginner

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ray Folck - *Opuntia microdys cristata*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> No Entry
- 3<sup>rd</sup> No Entry

#### Intermediate

- 1<sup>st</sup> Paul & Carol Maker - *Lobivia sp. crest*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Rene Caro - *A. myriostigma cv. "Lotusland"*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Rene Caro - *Copiapoa tenuissima monstrose*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Joanne & Bernie Wilner - *M. geminispina crest*

#### Advanced

- 1<sup>st</sup> Frank Nudge - *Epithelantha micromeris crest*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tom Vermilion - *L. pusilla v. flavifloris crest*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Tom Vermilion - *Parodia aurens crest*

#### Master

- 1<sup>st</sup> Vince Basta - *Ariocarpus retusus crest*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Dick Hulett - *Myrtillocactus "polyp"*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Dick Hulett - *Wilcoxia smollia*

### Succulents - March

#### Beginner

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ray Folck - *Crassula sp. cristata*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Antoinette Koltaj - *Crassula sp.*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Tracey Kolb - *Crassula sp.*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Arlouse White - *Crassula rupestris*

#### Intermediate

- 1<sup>st</sup> Paul & Carol Maker - *Crassula gollum*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Manny Rivera - *Crassula Sarcocaulon*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Camille Rutkowski - *Crassula sarmentosa*

#### Advanced

- 1<sup>st</sup> Rita Gerlach - *Crassula suzanne*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Karen Ostler - *Crassula teres*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Frank Nudge - *Crassula hottentotta*

#### Master

- 1<sup>st</sup> Dick Hulett - *Crassula tecta*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Hanna - *Crassula "Claudia"*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Jim Hanna - *Crassula pubescens v. rattrayii*

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

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**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](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](http://www2.labs.agilent.com/bot/cactus_home)

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### 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 18th** Epiphyllum Society of America Show & Sale. Ayers Hall, L.A. County Arboretum. For info see [www.epiphyllum.org](http://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 3rd, 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.
- September 28th** Long Beach Club Annual Auction at Dominguez Adobe 18127 S. Alameda St. Compton (Dominguez Hills), CA
- Oct. 11th-12th** Orange County Show & Sale to be held at the Fullerton Arboretum.
- Oct. 18th-19th** San Gabriel Valley C&S Society Show & Sale. Ayers Hall, L.A. County Arboretum.

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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# 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](mailto:airobatic@aol.com));  
Carol Causey at 310-675-5843; Jim Hanna at 562-920-3046 or [aloccats1@aol.com](mailto: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  
SOCIETY PRESENTATION**

# ***Cactus & Succulent Show/Sale***

**JULY 3, 5, & 6**

**SALE: Thursday, Saturday & Sunday  
OPENS: 10:30 AM**

**SHOW: Saturday & Sunday  
OPENS: 10:30 AM**

**CLOSED: Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup>**

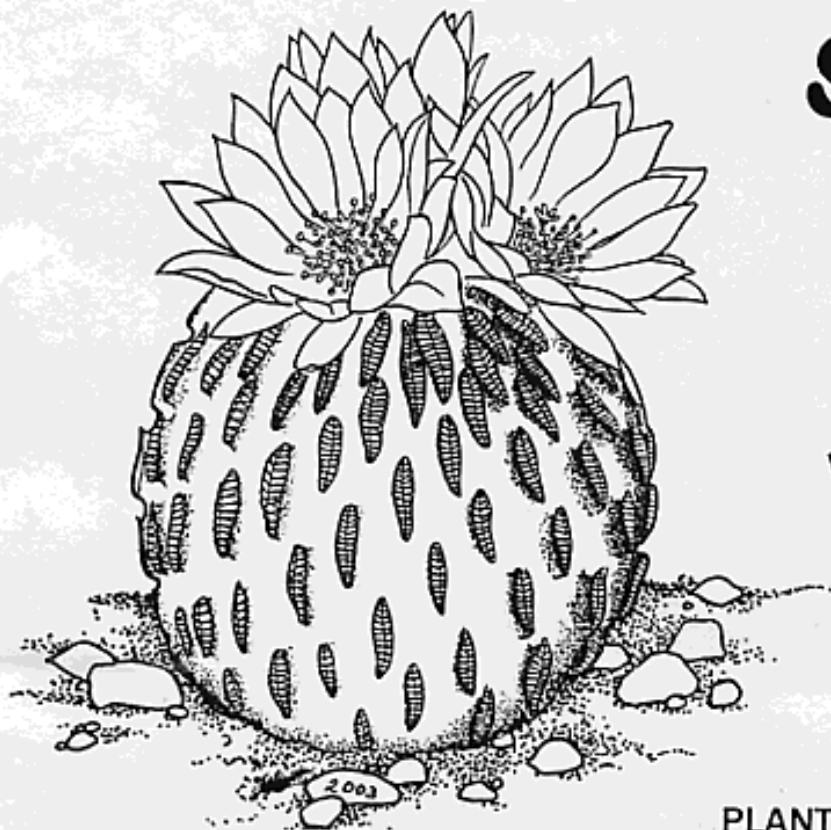
**Special Note:  
FREE Day Thursday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Visit  
all the wonderful gardens!**



**Huntington Botanical Gardens  
1151 Oxford Rd.  
San Marino, CA 91108  
Tel. (626)405-2160**

**The Cactus and Succulent Society of America**

# CACTUS & SUCCULENT SHOW & SALE



**MAY 3 - 4**  
... free admission ...

**SPECIAL: LA BALLONA BROMELIAD SOCIETY  
SHOW & SALE**  
(Auditorium) Same location/date.

**PLANT SALE:** SATURDAY 10 - 5  
SUNDAY 10 - 4

**SHOW:** SATURDAY 12 - 5  
SUNDAY 10 - 4

Information: 310/822-1783



**Club Meetings:** 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month  
(except July & August) at 7:30 PM  
Burton W. Chace Park, 13650 Mindanao Way  
Marina Del Rey

**garden room, veteran's memorial bldg.  
4117 overland (at culver), culver city**