



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, May 8th Our speaker this month will be **Victor Turecek**. He will be sharing his program *The Big & The Tiny* with us. Victor says his program is primarily Argentinean cacti but may wander a bit off track at times. He will show us some of the big cacti like *Trichocereus* and some of the tiny cacti such as *Blossfeldias*. Of course there will be lots of interesting cacti & stories in between. This should be a great show, don't miss it.

Plants of the Month:

CACTI - Columnar Cacti

SUCCULENT - Bonsai Succulents

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: Wednesday, May 21st, our topic will be **Propagation, Part 2**. This month we will be focusing on vegetative propagation methods. 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: No data available

20 years ago: Jim Oravetz presented a program on photography

30 years ago: The Program was "Cactus and Seed Workshop" presented by Jim and Dave Hido. The club sent Vivienne Doney, Walt Fader, Lillie Martin and Peter Sharp to the 15th CSSA Convention in Las Vegas.

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

Annual SGVC&SS Picnic: Be sure to mark Saturday, July 12th on your calendar for our annual picnic. Jean and Pat Mullens will be hosting the event once again. Watch for more details in next month's Communique.

Refreshments: This month we have Reggie Agajanian & Mary Lou Totten signed up to bring in refreshments. Thanks to all who brought things in last month. The sign up sheet will be at the refreshment table.

Field Trip: May 17th & 18th to the Trona Pinnacles & the world famous China Lake petroglyphs. Saturday morning we will meet at Kathy & Woody Minnich's in Little Rock. Woody has graciously volunteered to be our desert guide. He will be leading us through Jawbone & Redrock Canyons to the famous Trona Pinnacles. Along the way we will be stopping to see California cacti such as, *Echinocereus engelmanni*, *E. polycephalus*, *E. triglochidiatus*, *Sclerocactus*, *Opuntia basilaris*, various Agaves, Joshua trees & wildflowers. Saturday night you may wish to spend the night in Ridgecrest & join us for cocktails & dinner. (Some members are staying at Best Western China Lake Inn in Ridgecrest 1-760-371-2300) Sunday, 7:00am, we will meet at the Maturango Museum (in Ridgecrest) for registration & orientation. We will then carpool through the China Lake Naval Weapons Center en route to the petroglyphs. We may be lucky and see some wild mustangs & donkeys. The petroglyphs are the largest & best preserved petroglyphs in the Western hemisphere. There are over 6,000 drawings drawn 16,000 years ago. We will spend 6 hours walking & viewing. You must wear good walking shoes, bring your own food & water, and lots of film. Please see <http://www.maturango.org/pettoursF02.html> for a great deal of info. Also note that there are a few extra restrictions for this trip since we will be on land governed by the U.S. Navy. No children under 10 years old, Everyone must be a U.S. citizen.

The cost of this tour is \$35.00. We are limited to 20 people and there are only 7 openings left. For more information, contact Jean Mullens.

Plant of the Month Results

Cacti - March

Beginner

- 1st Jim Schlegel - *Stenocactus crispatus*
- 2nd Tracey Kolb - *Stenocactus* sp.
- 3rd None

Intermediate

- 1st Rene Caro - *Stenocactus zacatecensis*
- 2nd Rene Caro - *Stenocactus* Sp.
- 3rd Rene Caro - *Stenocactus coptonogonus*

Advanced

- 1st None
- 2nd Rita Gerlach - *Stenocactus* Sp.
- 3rd None

Master

- 1st No Entries
- 2nd
- 3rd

Succulents - March

Beginner

- 1st Patty Caro - *Gasteria* sp.
- 2nd Ray Folck - *Gasteria* sp.
- 3rd Mel & Reggie Agajanian - *Gasteria* sp.

Intermediate

- 1st Sokhara Tan - *Gasteria* sp.
- 2nd Gene & Laura Oster - *G. "Little Warty"*
- 3rd Gene & Laura Oster - *G. armstrongii*

Advanced

- 1st Karen Ostler - *Gasteria batesiana*
- 2nd Karen Ostler - *Gasteria "Little Warty"*
- 3rd Rita Gerlach - *Gasteria* sp.

Master

- 1st No Entries
- 2nd
- 3rd

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.

You are invited to a "**House Plant Hoya clan gathering**" at the home of Norma Lewis, Saturday, June 14, 2003 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm open house, no charge. Special guest: Dale Kloppenburg, author, explorer, Hoya Handbook author. Michael Kartuz, house plant nursery owner. He will be bringing plants for sale. Dr. Seymour Linden, author, lecturer, explorer, ex-National Cactus and Succulent President. Snacks and cold drinks at 2:00 pm.

RSVP Norma Lewis Please bring a chair and a happy face, come and have a good time.
5246 Beeman Avenue Bring a plant for trade, there will also be a freebie table
North Hollywood 91607 for directions 818-763-0048 or 980-6134 email crasulady2@earthlink.net

Calendar of Events - 2003

- 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
- 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.

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 & 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 4th

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



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