



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, June 12th Once again our guest speaker will be Kelly Griffin. The topic for his presentation this time will be his trip to *Mainland Mexico* in early May of this year. Kelly said the primary goal of this trip was to see Agaves and Echeverias in habitat but all the other plants he came across will be discussed as well. One highlight was finding *Agave parrasana* and *Agave flexispina*. Kelly always puts on a good show, don't miss it.

Plants of the Month:

CACTI - *Sonoran Desert Cacti*

SUCCULENT - *Madagascan Pachypodiums*

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: Due to a large event being held in the adjacent auditorium, Study Group will not be held this month. 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.

Board Meeting: There will be a short board meeting at 7:15, before our regular June meeting. We will be discussing the library's budget and our annual picnic. All members are welcome to attend.

10 years ago: David Tufenkian gave a program "A Visit to San Miguel...and More"

20 years ago: Melba Tucker gave a program on Dish Gardens.

30 years ago: The Third Annual Show was held at the Huntington. Twenty Four entrants exhibited 165 cacti and 61 other succulents. Non competitive entrants brought the total to over 400 plants.

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

Refreshments: Refreshments for June will be provided by Mary Folck, Esther Lelah and Ed Watts. Thanks to all who brought things in last month. The sign up sheet will be at the refreshment table.

We currently have no one signed up for the rest of the year!

Back Issues of *Communique*: Our club has an excellent web site online at <http://www.desertsong.com/sgvcss/> where you can download issues of the *Communique* from January 2001 to present. In order to conserve space the 2001 files will be removed in a month or two so if you want any of those older issues you should download them as soon as possible.

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 - May

Beginner

- 1st Phil Skonieczki - *Espostoa melanostele*
- 2nd Tracey Kolb - *Espostoa* sp.
- 3rd No Other Entries

Intermediate

- 1st Paul & Carol Maker - *Oreocereus celcianus*
- 2nd Sokhara Tan - *Pilosocereus leuchacepelus*
- 3rd Rene Caro - *Cleistocactus strausii*

Advanced

- 1st Frank Nudge - *Espostopsis dybowskii*
- 2nd Rita Gerlach - *Espostoa nana*
- 3rd Rita Gerlach - *Cactusicus nonamicus*

Master

- 1st Lillian & Leo Pickoff - *Espostoa melanostele*
- 2nd Lillian & Leo Pickoff - *Pilosocereus chrysacanthus*
- 3rd No Other Entries

Succulents - May

Beginner

- 1st Patty Caro - *E. aphylla*
- 2nd Ray Folck - *Bursera oxaca*
- 2nd Esther Lelah - *Mestoklema* sp.
- 3rd Jim Schlegel - *Sedum Multiceps*

Intermediate

- 1st Sokhara Tan - *Pachypodium bispinosum*
- 2nd Sokhara Tan - *Cerrea pygmae*
- 3rd No Other Entries

Advanced

- 1st Frank Nudge - *Talinum paniculatum*
- 2nd Frank Nudge - *Tylecodon* sp.
- 3rd No Other Entries

Master

- 1st Lillian & Leo Pickoff - *Euphorbia pedilanthoides*
 - 2nd No Other Entries
 - 3rd No Other Entries
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Help Needed: Volunteers are needed to help with table setup for the CSSA show & sale at the Huntington. Work will start at about 9am on Wednesday, July 2nd in the sales area. (that's the main parking lot walkway near the main entrance.) There will be quite a few tables to set up but things go quick with enough people helping out.

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

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

Calendar of Events - 2003

- 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 18th 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 21st Long Beach Cactus Club Annual Auction.
Domingue Adobe, 18127 So. Alameda St. Domingue Hills
October 11th-12th Orange County C&S Society Show & Sale. Fullerton Arboretum
October 18th-19th San Gabriel Valley C&S Society 10th annual Winter Show & Sale.

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: grandicorney@netscape.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.