

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, July 10th Our program this month will be. *The Biodiversity of the Northern Chihuahuan Desert* by Gary Duke. Gary's lecture & slide show will show us the kinds of plants that grow in a given area and also how an area changes over time as he revisits sites 10 years later. He gave the club a very interesting talk last year and this should be even better.

Plants of the Month:

CACTI - *Common Cacti*

SUCCULENT - *Stem Succulent Asclepiads*

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, July 16th, our topic will be Staging for Shows. 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:** Michael Vassar gave a program on his recent trip to South Africa.
Bill Hagblom gave a seminar on basic cultivation before the main meeting.
- 20 years ago:** The month started with a program sponsored by the CSSA on *Sulcorebutia/Weingartia*, "One Genus or Two - Conclusion by Dr. John Donald." The following week, Jack and Betty Gay gave a program on Chilean plants. The month concluded with a special program by Gordon Rowley, author of "Illustrated Encyclopedia of Succulents"
- 30 years ago:** The program for the month was Conservation of Desert Areas and Plants by Gary Lyons.
(Thanks go to Tom Glavich for providing this interesting feature)

Refreshments: Refreshments for July will be provided by Lorraine Lutz & Leonard Wendland. Thanks to all who brought things in last month. The sign up sheet will be at the refreshment table.

Once again, there is 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.

Plant of the Month Results

Cacti - June

Beginner

- 1st Arlouse White - Ferocactus sp.
- 2nd Tracey Kolb - Mammillaria boolii
- 3rd Esther Lelah - Ferocactus sp.
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Intermediate

- 1st Rene Caro - Ferocactus pottsii v. alamosanus
- 2nd Paul & Carol Maker - Mammillaria miegeana
- 3rd Paul & Carol Maker - E. rigidissimus v. rubispina
- 3rd Rene Caro - E. barthalameianus

Advanced

- 1st Frank Nudge - Ferocactus fordii
- 2nd Frank Nudge - Mammillaria tetrancistra

Master

- 1st Lillian & Leo Pickoff - Mammillaria blossfeldiana

Succulents - June

Beginner

- 1st Bob Lamben - Pachypodium lamerei
- 2nd Esther Lelah - Pachypodium sp.
- 3rd Tracey Kolb - Pachypodium rosulatum

Intermediate

- 1st Manny Rivera - Pachypodium geayi
- 2nd Manny Rivera - Pachypodium succulentum
- 3rd Manny Rivera - Pachypodium lamerei

Advanced

- 1st Frank Nudge - Pachypodium brevicaule

Master

- 1st Petra Crist - Pachypodium rosulatum v. gracilis
- 2nd Petra Crist - Pachypodium rosulatum v. gracilis
- 3rd Petra Crist - Pachypodium baronii v. windsorii

Calendar of Events - 2003

- 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.
Dominguez Adobe, 18127 So. Alameda St. Dominguez 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: sgvcss@verizon.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.

San Gabriel Valley Cactus & Succulent Society Annual Picnic

Saturday, July 12th

Our annual picnic will once again be held at the beautiful home of Pat & Jean Mullens.

Featuring

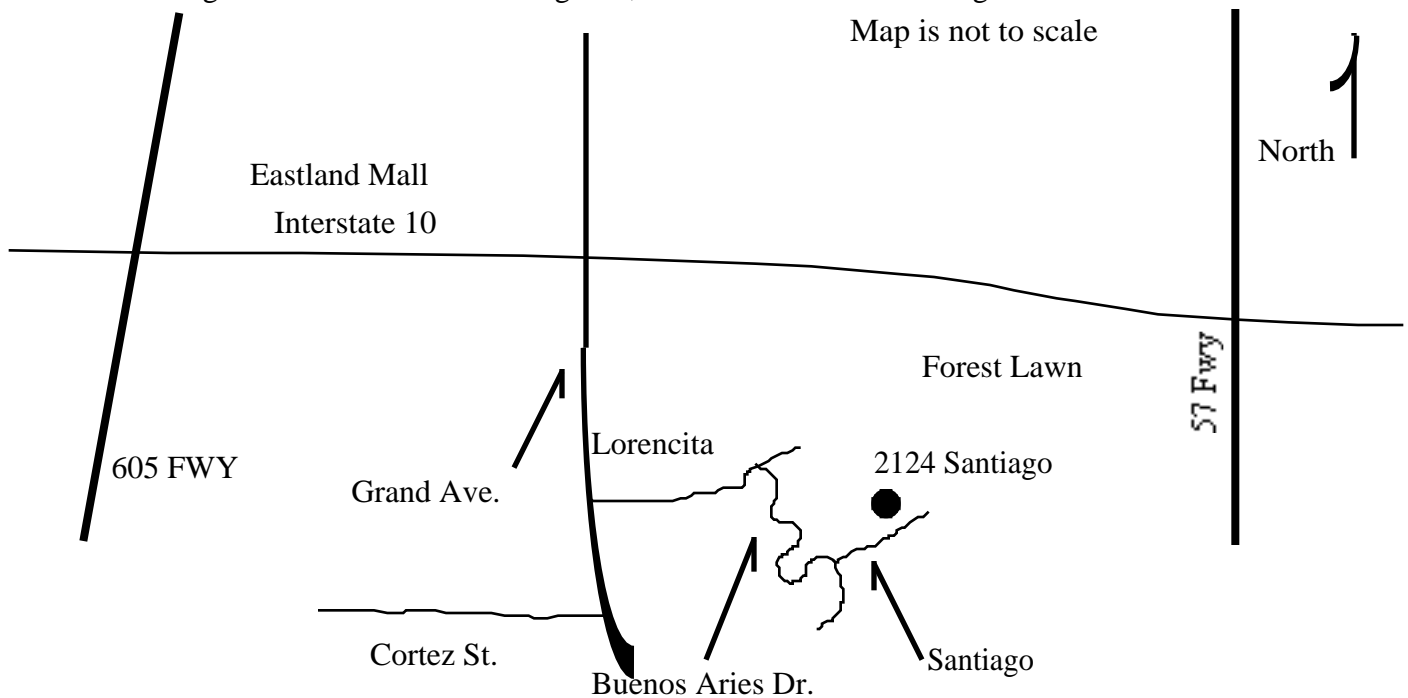
Picnic - *This year the Club will be providing the hamburgers & hot dogs* in addition to beverages so all you need to bring is a side dish to share with others and your own utensils. Set up starts at 11:00am, we hope to have everyone eating by Noon and begin the games by about 1:00. Those arriving early can help set up.

Games - There will be all sorts of fun games, including the infamous Opuntia Toss, so dress comfortably and get ready to join the fun.

Auction - A great way to add to your collection or sell “extra” specimens.

Rules for auction. Must be a club member to sell. Limit 10 plants or items total. (bring nice plants, something you’d like to bring home with you.) Club gets 25% Seller gets 75% Cards will be available at the auction for each item to be sold. Write your name and the minimum acceptable bid on the card and place it with the item. If you want to bid on an item, write your name (no prices) on the card for each item you are interested in. All items that members have expressed an interest in will then be auctioned off.

Directions - Take Interstate 10 to Grand Ave. in Covina. Go south on Grand to Lorencita and turn left. Take Lorencita to Buenos Aries Dr. and turn right. Buenos Aries will wind around and eventually you will come to Santiago St. Turn left onto Santiago St., the address is 2124 Santiago.



This is a great activity with a bunch of fun people. Bring your family and have some fun! Special thanks to Pat & Jean Mullens for allowing us you use their home.