



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, September 11th Join us for Woody Minnich's presentation of "*In The Footsteps of Uebelmann*" We will be treated to slides from his recent 2 week trip to Brazil. Expect to see Melocactus, Discocactus and of course, Uebelmannia. We'll also see numerous ceroids, some incredible bromeliads and some fantastic gems and minerals from the Minas Gerais region. Woody always puts on a good show and this one sounds like a real winner, don't be late!

Plants of the Month:

CACTI - *Cacti of Chile*

SUCCULENT - *Crests & Monstrose*

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)

Board Meeting: We will hold a brief board meeting at 7:15, before our regular September meeting. All members are welcome to attend.

10 years ago: Seymour Linden presented a program on "Somalia - Part Two".
New members included Vince Basta, Nick Renteria and Ron and Lilia Young.

20 years ago: The Club show was held at the Arboretum in mid-September.

30 years ago: President Peter Sharp took the club on a photographic trip into parts of Northern and Central Mexico. "Succulent Spree for '73" was the theme of the Inter-city, Inter-Society Cactus and Succulent Show held in Sacramento. Members of the San Gabriel Society exhibited in this show.

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

Refreshments: In honor of the club's anniversary, refreshments for September will be provided by the club! Thanks to all who brought things in last month. The sign up sheet will be at the refreshment table.

We still have openings for October and November refreshment sign-ups

Study Group: Join us on Wednesday, September 17th, when our topic will be stem type Euphorbias. 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.

Plant of the Month Results

(Divisions not listed had no entries)

Cacti - August

Intermediate

1st Paul & Carol Maker - *Discocactus melmodelovus*

2nd Rene Caro - *Discocactus placentiformis*

Advanced

1st Rita Gerlach - *Discocactus araniespinus*

Succulents - August

Beginner

1st Alan Hooker - *Euphorbia inermis*

2nd Roy Dodson - *Euphorbia caput-medusae*

3rd Alan Hooker - *Euphorbia albipollinifera*

Advanced

1st Frank Nudge - *Euphorbia gorgonis*

Our **TENTH ANNUAL WINTER SHOW** is just six weeks away and now is the time to get your plants ready! This is our last major event of the year to raise money for field trips, books and other events so be sure and promote the show by passing out flyers and telling friends and neighbors. The show dates are October 18th and 19th and will be held at the Los Angeles County Arboretum in Arcadia. The show schedule is in the September newsletter and show entry tags will be available at the next meeting.

SETUP: We will need plenty of helpers on Thursday morning (8:30 am) October 16th to set-up tables and get the show & sales area ready by noon! Show and sale plants can then start coming in on Thursday from noon till 9:00 pm. Remember...all show plants must be in by Friday October 17th at 4:00 pm.

VOLUNTEERS: Also, clerks and helpers will be needed Friday during judging. This is a great opportunity to hear what the judges are saying and to learn more about the show. If you would like to be part of the judging process, be sure and sign up at the next meeting!

SHOW DINNER will be Saturday evening, October 18th at 6:00 pm at Ayers Hall in the show area. Dinner will be a special meal, prepared by Gale's Northern Italian Cuisine of Pasadena. The menu is Chopped Italian Salad, Chicken Marsala, Penne with Roasted Vegetables, A Fresh Seasonal Vegetable, Fresh Baked Ciabatta Bread, Beverage and Dessert. Total cost is \$20 per person which includes tax and gratuity. There will be an awards presentation, auction and lots of fun! Reservations and payment must be in by the October 9th meeting. Please pay Rita Gerlach at the meeting or send a check made out to SGVCSS to Rita Gerlach, Treasurer. 719 S. Albertson. Covina, CA 91723.

2002 Trophy Winners... reminder, if you won a trophy at last years show, please be sure and have your name engraved on it before the show. Also needed are volunteers who can bring in lunch for show workers on Thursday and Friday, bread, lunch meats, pickles, chips etc... If interested, please contact me.

See you next meeting...

Vince

Calendar of Events - 2003

September 28th ••DATE CORRECTED•• Long Beach Cactus Club Annual Auction.
Dominguez Adobe, 18127 So. Alameda St. Dominguez Hills

October 18th-19th ••DATE UPDATED••Orange County C&S Society Show & Sale. Fulerton 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.

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