



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, October 9th Our program this month will be *Crusin' the Crass* by our own Tom Glavich. The *Crassulaceae* family is one of the big three succulent families. Tom's program will give us a look at most of the genera of the *Crassulaceae* family and show the similarities and differences of American, European, Northern and Southern African plants and flowers.

Plants of the Month:

CACTI - AAA *Cacti of Mexico*

SUCCULENT - *Lithops*

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. This issue has two articles discussing these plants in depth.

Study Group: Join us on Wednesday, October 15th, our topic will be *Ariocarpus*. 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: Bill Baker gave a presentation on the "Succulent Vegetation of Brazil"
The Annual picnic was held, and there was a club trip to Tucson to visit nurseries and other places of interest.

20 years ago: The club's 16th birthday was celebrated with a Pot luck Dinner.
The program was "From Yellowstone to Tomorrow."

30 years ago: Loren Whitelock gave a presentation on Cycads.

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

Refreshments: Our records show only Antoinette Koltaj is signed up to bring refreshments for October so we could use a few more volunteers. Thanks to everyone who brought things in last month. The sign up sheet will be at the refreshment table. We still have openings for November refreshment sign-ups.

TENTH ANNUAL WINTER SHOW: The show is just two weeks away and final preparations are being made for our Show dinner. If you are planning on attending, please be sure to sign up by the October 9th meeting so we will know how much food to prepare. See below for complete details. The show schedule was in the September newsletter and show entry tags and additional show schedules will be available at the next meeting.

Set-up: 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. Also, we still need 3 more Clerks on 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!

DISPLAYS: If you are planning on setting up a display at the show, please contact Vince at (714) 738-1422 so we can be sure to provide space to accommodate you.

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.

See you next meeting...

Vince Basta

Plant of the Month Results

Cacti - September

Beginner

- 1st Barbara Nolan - Neochileana sp.
- 2nd Dick Tatman - Copiapoa esmeraldana
- 3rd Barbara Nolan - Copiapoa barquitenensis

Intermediate

- 1st Rene Caro - Copiapoa tenuissima monstrose
- 2nd Rene Caro - Copiapoa lauii
- 2nd Paul & Carol Maker - Neochileana paucicostata
- 3rd Rene Caro - Copiapoa krainziana
- 3rd Paul & Carol Maker - Neochileana jussieui

Advanced

- 1st Tom Vermilion - Neochileana occulta
- 2nd Rita Gerlach - Neoporteria nidis v. senilis

Succulents - September

Beginner

- 1st Alan Hooker - E. lactea 'Grey Ghost' crest
- 2nd Alan Hooker - Euphorbia ledienii crest
- 3rd Barbara Nolan - Euphorbia crest

Advanced

- 1st Tom Vermilion - Euphorbia suzannae crest
- 2nd Tom Vermilion - E. submammillaris monstrose
- 3rd Tom Vermilion - E. lactea variegata crest

Master

- 1st Jim Hanna - Euphorbia Thai millii hybrid
- 2nd Jim Hanna - Euphorbia kibwezensis crest
- 3rd Jim Hanna - Echeveria gibbiflora hybrid crest

Library News: One of our librarians, Patty Caro, has forwarded this list of books that have been added to our library. She has also included a brief review of one of them.

A special note from the librarians: Welcome to our library. We have just acquired several new books, some are great beginner books that should be helpful for identification and just to see great plants. We invite any member who has been with our club for at least 3 months to check out a book. Members who have just joined are welcome to come browse at the break or before the meeting. We have a one month limit on books checked out so that most books are always available to our members. We are always looking to expand our selection of books so if you ever come across a book that you think our club needs to have let us know.

New Books:

Cacti & Succulents; Simon & Schuster's Guide To Agaves, Yuccas and Related Plants;
Mary & Gary Irish

Tephrocactus und andere Feigenkakteen (and other prickly pears);

Michael KieBling, Josef Poschl

The Plantfinder's Guide to: Cacti & Other Succulents;

Grantham & Klaassen

Succulents for the Contemporary Garden;

Yvonne Cave

Cacti;

Paul Staarosta, Vincent Cerutti

Succulents II :The New Illustrated Dictionary;

M.Sajeva & M. Costanzo

The Color Encyclopedia of Cape Bulbs;

Manning, Goldblatt, Shijman

Patty Caro's brief review: I looked through the **Cacti & Succulents; Simon & Schuster's Guide To Agaves, Yuccas and Related Plants**. A very full book of Cacti (no succulents), 350 full-color photos. The book gives a great intro for any novice on identifying his or her cacti. All color photos as well as where the cacti are from and their cultivation. There is some great history as well as special grafting tips.

Calendar of Events - 2003

October 18th-19th 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.

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