



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 2nd Thursday of the month
in the Lecture Hall, Los Angeles County Arboretum, Arcadia
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Annual Holiday Party

December Meeting: Instead of our usual meeting we will be having our annual Holiday Party & Pot Luck Dinner on *Saturday, December 18th*, at the Los Angeles County Arboretum in Ayers Hall (where our Winter Show and the InterCity Show are held). Park in the side parking lot and enter through the gate next to the hall rather than the main entrance. Setup starts at 5:00pm, and we can always use a few people to help set up tables and decorate. Dinner will start at 6:30pm. The club will be providing turkey, ham, plates and utensils. Hilde Rosenbluth, Rita Gerlach, and Yvonne Hemenway will be bringing the turkey and gravy, and Roberta Hanna will be bringing a Honey Baked Ham. The remaining side dishes will be pot luck, provided by our club members. Please bring a hot dish such as mashed potatoes, stuffing, yams, hot vegetables, a casserole or your own specialty that goes with ham or turkey or bring a salad or dessert to share with other club members. The suggested potluck food to bring is as follows (according to your last-name initial):

A-G - Desserts

H-R - Hot Side Dish

S-Z - Salads & Breads.

While this is the preferred arrangement, if someone has a specialty dish they are welcome to bring it instead. Thanks in advance to everyone for making this special event possible each year. There are some great cooks in our club and the meal is always outstanding!

Holiday Auction: Bring Money!! This is a great opportunity to purchase (or sell) rare or specimen sized plants. Auction Rules: Limit your total plants and/or items to 3 (you must be a club member to sell) Finances; club gets 30%, seller gets 70%. Plants should be mature, well grown specimens rather than small immature plants. Other items may include succulent related artwork, such as paintings, line drawings, pottery or other crafts. Or maybe you have come across some neat items with cactus or succulents on them, so bring them in. Please label your items with your name and a minimum bid or if the item is a donation just your name and a note that it is a donation. The plants will be auctioned by some of our knowledgeable plantsmen.

Gift Exchange: Anyone may participate in this *optional* activity. Bring a cactus or succulent (or related item). It should be in good condition (something you would like to receive). Attach a label with your name on one side and, if it's a plant, write the species on the other side. The plant or item that is deemed most desirable will be auctioned off during the party. Then, the person who brought in the first selection gets the first pick from all the remaining items. Whoever's gift is then picked gets next choice and so on (the more desirable the item you bring, the earlier you will get your chance to pick). Only one item per person please!

Holiday Plants: Every year, each member receives a Holiday gift plant from the Club. The plants are, as much as possible, identical. Members are invited to bring in all surviving plants from previous Holiday Parties, to see how well they have been grown. Here's your chance to show how good a grower you are! So, remember to bring in your plants from years gone by. As a reminder, the plants for the last few years have been: 2003 - *Discocactus bueneckeri*. 2002 - *Adenia glauca*. 2001 - *Echinocereus pectinatus v. rubispinus*. 2000 - *Euphorbia aeruginosa minor*. 1999 - *Mammillaria deheardtiana*. 1998 - *Raphionacme flanaganii*. 1997 - *Ortegocactus macdougalii*. 1996 - *Euphorbia bupleurifolia*. 1995- *Sulcorebutia candiae*.

Plant of the Month: No mini-show this month, just the party!

Study Group: No meeting this month. Everyone is too busy with the Holidays!

Personnel Notices:

The SCGCSS wishes to extend a warm welcome to its newest members Micheal Neal & Karen Mari Johnson . Carefully review the **COMMUNIQUE** and the **Roster** in order to learn about all the many benefits of membership in our club!

Membership Renewals:

It's time to pay your dues. See Rita Gerlach at the party or send a check to her at SGVCSS Membership, 719 S Albertson, Covina, CA 91723. \$12.00 for a single membership plus \$3.00 for any other person at the same address. Your expiration date is on the Communique mailing label. February 16th is the cutoff date if you want your name to be in the next roster which should be available at the March meeting.

Badges:

Anyone desiring a club badge should contact Bill Gerlach by phone at 626-332-8008, by mail at 719 S Albertson, Covina, CA 91723, by e-mail at wjgerlach@cs.com or see him at the next meeting. The badges cost the club \$7.00 but the cost to members is just \$3.50.

Library Books: The library will be closed this month.

10 years ago: The Club held its annual pot luck.

20 years ago: Myron Kimmach presented a program at the annual Christmas Party, held at Woody and Eddy's Restaurant.

30 years ago: The Annual Christmas Party was held.

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

SGVC&SS Election:

Club officers for 2005 were elected at the November meeting. The slate put forward by the nominating committee ran unopposed, and was elected by unanimous decree. The officers will be:

President	Joe Clements	Board Member	Dick Tatman
Vice President	Woody Minnich	Board Member	Evelynn Stevens
Treasurer	Amber Jones	Board Member	Karen Ostler
Secretary	Rita Gerlach		

Board Members serve a 2 year term. Carryover Board Members are Jean Mullens, Hilde Rosenbluth and Tom Vermilion.

November Plant-Of-the-Month Mini Show Results:

Cacti – *Thelocactus*

Succulents –*Mesembs*

Beginner

1 st	Alex Abrahamian	<i>Fenesteria</i>
2 nd	Dick Tatman	<i>Odontophorus angustifolia</i>
3 rd	Barbra Nolan	<i>Pleiospilos compacta</i>

Intermediate

1 st	Yvonne Hemenway	<i>Glottiphyllum darisii</i>
2 nd	Manny Rivera	<i>Monilaria rammulosum</i>
3 rd	Manny Rivera	<i>Cheiridopsis sp.</i>

Advanced

1 st	Frank Nudge	<i>T. matudae</i>
2 nd	Rita Gerlach	<i>T. rinconensis</i>
3 rd	Frank Nudge	<i>T. rinconensis</i>

1 st	Rita Gerlach	<i>Rhombophyllum sp.</i>
2 nd	Frank Nudge	<i>Titanopsis hugo- schlechteri</i>
3 rd	Rita Gerlach	<i>Cephalophyllum</i>

Master

1 st	Jim Hanna	<i>Cheiridopsis cavoli- schmidtii</i>
2 nd	Jim Hanna	<i>Mestoklema arboriforme</i>
3 rd	Jim Hanna	<i>Trichodiadema bulbosum</i>

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If you have a cactus or succulent related event that you'd like to have announced in the COMMUNIQUE, please forward the info to me at the address below. Please verify event dates - sometimes events are rescheduled or canceled without adequate advance notice.

Articles, Notices and Corrections can be sent via e-mail to: sgvcss@adelphia.net or via post to: Paul Maker, 1245 San Pablo Drive, San Marcos, CA 92078-4816. 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.