

# 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month  
in the Lecture Hall, Los Angeles County Arboretum, Arcadia  
**May 2005 Volume 38 Number 5**

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**Monthly Meeting:** May 12<sup>th</sup>. This month's presentation will be given by our own Victor Turecek. He will continue our education on Argentina, begun by Woody Minich back in March, presenting "Argentina -100 Years Ago."

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**Plants of the Month:** (see the attached write ups)

**CACTI – *Ferocactus and Leuchtenburgia*      SUCCULENT – *Adenium***

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 and joy. If you don't have any of this type of plant you can learn about them at the meeting.

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**Study Group:** Meetings are held at 7:30 pm. in the Grapevine room, San Gabriel Adult Center, 324 South Mission Drive. These exciting events feature expert group leaders and mentors, free giveaways (some of the best plants you'll ever get!), and lively discussion. Everybody learns something! Join us on Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. This month's learning episode will be on "**Vegetative Propagation.**" Following last month's seed workshop, we will have, in hand, alternative methods for starting up our own collections. And with all the expert growers in our club, we'll be learning from masters at the art!

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**Personnel Notices:** The SCGCSS wishes to extend a warm welcome to its newest member, **Mark Dickson**. Mark, carefully review the **COMMUNIQUE** and the **Roster** in order to learn about all the many benefits of membership in our club!

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### **Bus Trip:**

The purposed bus trip to the San Diego Cactus & Succulent Society Show and Sale, June 4, has been called off due to lack of interest. Anyone wishing to go should arrange their own transportation/carpool.

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**10 years ago:** Woody Minnich and Larry Grammer did a program on Staging.

**20 years ago:** Woody Minnich gave a talk on a trip along the South Western Coast of Mexico.

**30 years ago:** Joe Clements reviewed the Huntington Annual show. Peter Sharp described the Cactus entries, and Virginia Martin described the Succulent entries.

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

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**Refreshments:** Thanks to everyone who brought refreshments to the April meeting! Please, please, we need lots of you to help provision the coffee break table this month! There are openings on the refreshment sign-up sheet throughout the coming year. The sign up sheet will be at the refreshment table.

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**Online:** If you would be content to view the **COMMUNIQUE** on-line and not receive a copy by regular mail, thus saving the Club treasury about one dollar per copy, send the information via E-mail to [sgvcss@adelphia.net](mailto:sgvcss@adelphia.net). <http://www.desertsong.com/sgvcss/> is the Club's web site. If you or someone you know has internet access be sure to have a look. The pages were authored and are maintained by Gunnar Eisel who has done a great job in creating an informative and classy site. From either of the above sites you can view, and download, a full-color version of the **COMMUNIQUE**!

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### Calendar of Events - 2005

- May 15<sup>th</sup>** Huntington Botanical Gardens Plant Sale, 10-5, Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA.
- May 15<sup>th</sup>** Epiphyllum Society Show and Sale, LA County Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin Ave, Arcadia, CA. (310-831-1209).
- May 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>** Gates C&SS Show (1-4 Sat, 9-4 Sun) and Sale (9-4 Sat & Sun), Jurupa Mountains Cultural Center, 7621 Granite Hill Dr, Glen Avon, CA (909-360-8802).
- Jun 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>** San Diego C&SS Show and Sale, Balboa Park, Room 101 Casa del Prado, San Diego, CA (619-477-4779).
- Jul 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>** CSSA Show (2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>) and Sale (1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>), Huntington Botanical Garden, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA (626-405-2160 or 2277).
- Aug 5<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>** 31<sup>st</sup> Biennial CSSA Convention, Scottsdale, AZ. For complete details, visit <http://www.cssainc.org/convent.html>
- Aug 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>th</sup>** 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Intercity Cactus and Succulent Show and Sale, LA County Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin Ave, Arcadia, CA (626-798-2430 or 818-998-9306).
- Sep 3<sup>rd</sup>** 22<sup>nd</sup> Huntington Botanical Gardens Succulent Symposium, Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA.
- Sep 25<sup>th</sup>** Long Beach C&SS Annual Auction, Dominguez Adobe, 18127 So. Alameda St, Compton (Dominguez Hills) CA.

Oct 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>

SGVC&SS Winter Show and Sale, LA County Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin Ave, Arcadia CA.

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**April Plant-of-the-Month Mini Show Results:**

**Cacti – *Notocactus, Parodia***

**Succulents – Single *Haworthias***

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**Beginner**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Oscar Flores	N. magnificus	1 <sup>st</sup>	John Matthews	H. cv Mauguster
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jeanette Elser	N. warasii	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mary Lou Totten	H. habdomadis
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Evelyn Maxwell	N. sp.	2 <sup>nd</sup>	H Birgh, T. Dodson	H. hayashi
			3 <sup>rd</sup>	Nancy Ash	H. emelyae
			3 <sup>rd</sup>	Nancy Ash	H. badia

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**Intermediate**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Barbara Nolan	N. sp.	1 <sup>st</sup>	Alan Hooker	H. venosa
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Barbara Nolan	N. turecekianus	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Barbara Nolan	H. pumila
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Barbara Nolan	N. uebelmanianus	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Barbara Nolan	H. sp.

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**Advanced**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Rita Gerlach	N. magnificus	1 <sup>st</sup>	Rita Gerlach	H. cv Broad Band
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Rita Gerlach	N. magnificus	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tom Vermilion	H. magnifica v acuminata
			3 <sup>rd</sup>	Yvonne Hemenway	H. limifolia

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**Master**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Joe Clements	N. uebelmanianus
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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.

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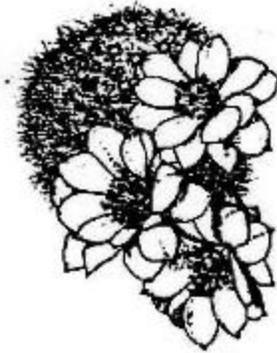
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**Ancient Roster:**

While preparing this year's Club roster, Bill Gerlach happened across the following:

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1982-1983

Anderson, Thrya  
 Arbogast, Glenn  
 Armstrong, Bob  
 Baker, William  
 Ball, Sadie  
 Bentley, Bill & Margaret  
 Beuer, Bill & Erna  
 Bewley, Bill & Virginia  
 Briggs, Dr Ray & Doris  
 Brolley, Barbara  
 Brooks, Lee & Mary  
 Brossus, Yvonne  
 Brown, Evelyn  
 Buchanan, Jim & Lillian  
 Buckland, Gerald & Mary Lou  
 Campbell, Steven  
 Carmilo, Tim  
 Chaput, Donald & Tony  
 Christie, Phillip & Lynn  
 Clements, Joe, Susan & Jerry  
 Cocking, June  
 Cornelison, Henry  
 Dalebout, Peter  
 de Tisne, Jaques & Lillian  
 Dello, Sharon  
 Denny, Del  
 Dice, Jim  
 Dobson, Bettie Jane  
 Doney, Vvienne  
 Durrell, Carl  
 Eiser, Margot & Ray  
 Essex, Beverly  
 Fader, Walter  
 Foley, Betty  
 Forster, Florimel  
 Friday, Faythe  
 Fuguay, Thomas, Yanna & John

Gans, Alice  
 Garcia, Lewis  
 Hall, William & Marcia  
 Hanna, Jim, Roberta & Theresa  
 Hemsley, Helen  
 Huber, Margaret  
 Huggler, Ken  
 Kohr, Jim  
 Linder, Seymour  
 Lisso, Finley & Peggy  
 Lockwood, Marcelle  
 Low, Bill & Ellen  
 Lutz, Lorraine  
 MacKenzie, Eric  
 Martin, Virginia & Lillie  
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 Leah & Denver  
 Moreau, Nancy & Linda  
 Morell, Lyall & Marilyn  
 Nanning de Vries, Nanne & A.H.  
 Neuman, Dan  
 Onak, Sharon  
 Oraveit, James & Family  
 Parks, Alan & Tony  
 Peck, Jim, Elsa & Barry  
 Peterson, Dr Mervin & Elizabeth  
 Pickoff, Leo & Lillian  
 Placentine, Joe & Bernice  
 Pruitt, Michael & Jeanne  
 Pugh, Robert & Charlotte  
 Rainbow Gardens  
 Ruggles, Rod  
 Russom, Jean  
 Rutkowski, Camille  
 Sabo, Kitty  
 Sawdy, Louis

Schmidt, Cheryl  
 Scholz, Dr Victor  
 Shambeau, Lavere & Virginia  
 Sharp, Peter  
 Shields, Gordon  
 Sidwell, Stuart  
 Sinclair, Robert & Vera  
 Singer, Alexander  
 Smith, Al & Reba  
 Smith, Rae  
 Stimpson, William & Ruth  
 Stone, Andean  
 Sullivan, Patrick  
 Suszek, Sally  
 Swan, Ramona  
 Tasch, Gregory  
 Tessier, Anthony & Family  
 Thompson, Rowena  
 Thongthiraj, Molly & Family  
 Titmus, Mildred  
 Tucker, Darryl & Audrey  
 Turecek, Victor  
 Vanek, Vaclav  
 Varney, Henry  
 Wagner, Dale & Louise  
 Watkins, Burt  
 Watson, Robert  
 Werling, Joe & Irma  
 Wieder, Myrlin & Maxine  
 Wiegerink MD, James  
 Wiggenhorn, Allan & Patricia  
 Williams, Doris  
 Wilson, Emma  
 Wood, Clayton  
 Young, Ruth  
 Zeylemaker, Dr Fritz  
 Zunino, Ellen

# San Gabriel Valley Cactus and Succulent Society

## Cacti of the Month May 2005 - *Ferocactus* and *Leuchtenbergia*

*Ferocactus* is a medium sized genus, with about 40 members, while *Leuchtenbergia* is a very closely related monotypic genus. *Ferocactus* are mostly native to Mexico, with a few species native to California and the Southwest, and a few to Guatemala.



*Ferocactus cylindraceus* (*F. acanthodes*)  
growing near Quartzsite Arizona

With age, *Ferocactus* generally get to be very large plants, particularly when grown in the ground, fortunately, they are fairly slow growers. When grown in pots, they will stay at a comfortable size for many years. Although there are only about 40 species, many of them are fairly variable, with widely varying spine lengths, shapes, textures and colors, depending on the specific locality.

*Ferocactus* and *Leuchtenbergia* are easily grown, and most are perfectly happy outdoors without protection year round in Southern California. A normal well draining potting mix will do well. They need sun to bring out the colors and textures of the spines.

*Ferocactus* are easily raised from seed. Planting is most successful when done in April or May. The seedlings grow slowly at first, but soon take off. There are several advantages to growing *Ferocactus* from seed. The first is that the selection of type localities and spine variations is far greater than you will ever see at a plant show or sale. The second and most important is that you get to grow the plant through it's awkward juvenile growth. During the second year *Ferocactus* spines grow completely out of proportion to the *Ferocactus* body. A *Ferocactus* that will eventually be a foot in diameter, and 4 feet tall with 3 or four inch spines, will have as a seedling a body less than an inch in diameter, with spines an inch or more long.

*Leuchtenbergia* are also slow, and grow under the same conditions as *Ferocactus*.

### Favorite Species

*Ferocactus chrysacanthus* from Baja California has dense golden spines, and becomes a spectacular species when about 8 inches in diameter. It will grow to 3 feet, eventually

*Ferocactus cylindraceus* (*F. acanthodes*) is a California and Arizona native. It is the red spined version typically seen when driving through California cactus country. [Many beautiful specimens were seen on the recent club trip].



*Ferocactus chrysacanthus* entered in the 2003 CSSA Show by Charles and Joann Spotts (photo T. Nomer)

*Ferocactus emoryi*, from Arizona and Sonora, and shown above has long red spines that can vary from straight to hooked.

*Ferocactus latispinus*, from central Mexico, has flat reddish spines, with distinct grooves running crosswise, particularly on the bottom. A variety, *Ferocactus latispinus v spiralis* has the spines forming a spiral pattern up the stem. A spectacular plant when it gets to be about 18 inches tall.

*Ferocactus rectispinus* closely related to *F emoryi* has bright red spines.

*Ferocactus stainesii*, from San Luis Potosi, has red to carmine spines, clusters quickly, and can grow to 9 feet, given enough time.

*Ferocactus wislizenii*, another Baja species has flat spines. It grows more in the winter than the summer.



*Leuchtenbergia principis*

*Leuchtenbergia principis*, the only species, when young looks much more like an *Agave* than a cactus. With age it develops a woody trunk. The old spines can be cut off near the trunk, exposing the woody surface, much like a caudex. Some clones are prone to growing multiple heads. In spite of its strange appearance, it is very close to *Ferocactus*, and crosses with both *Ferocactus* and *Thelocactus* have been made.

## References

- N. L. Britton & J. N. Rose, **The Cactaceae**  
 C. Innes and C. Glass, **Cacti**  
 J. Pilbeam, **Cacti for the Connoisseur**  
 Cullmann, Gotz & Groner, **The Encyclopedia of Cacti**

Tom Glavich April 2005

## San Gabriel Valley Cactus and Succulent Society

### Succulent of the Month May 2005 - *Adenium*

*Adenium* is a member of the *Apocynaceae*, and a relative of *Plumeria*, *Pachypodium*, *Amosonia*, *Carrisa*, *Oleander*, *Thevetia* and *Vinca*. The *Apocynaceae* is home to many showy flowering plants used for ornamental and medicinal purposes. *Oleander* is a staple of much of Southern California Gardening, *Vinca* is used world wide, and *Thevetia*, and *Carrisa*, although not as often seen, are spectacular shrubs.



*Adenium obesum* entered in the 2003  
CSSA show by Petra Crist  
(Photo T. Nomer)

*Adenium* are native to Africa. They are easy to grow, requiring only good fertilizer, and lots of water when in growth, and protection from cold and damp when dormant.



Several growers place their plants in their garages in late fall to force dormancy, and protect them from cold and damp. Many others bring them indoors, either at night, or for the entire winter. Those with heated greenhouses do best of all.



There is either one variable species, *Adenium obesum* with six subspecies, or six species, depending on your choice of reference. In either case, the species or subspecies are closely related and hybridize readily with each other. The care for all is the same, with *Adenium obesum* ssp *socotranum* being more cold sensitive than the others.



*Adenium* hybrids and cultivars are created for showy caudexes, great flowers, or some combination of the two. One of the best hybridizers is Bill Hagblom, well known to almost all of our club members. He has produced spectacular flowered forms, with just a few shown here, as well as fast growing, well shaped caudexes.



Other hybridizers include Mark Dimmitt in Tucson and Tropiflora in Florida. In recent years, significant work has been done in Thailand. Some great forms have been produced, are sometimes available very cheaply. More great plants are on the way.

Tom Glavich April 2005  
Flower Photos by B. Hagblom

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### Report on the Field Trip to the Mojave Desert, April 23 & 24, 2005

The trip was a resounding success. Such ventures, lead by knowledgeable guides, are a principle benefit of the Club, and should be enjoyed by everyone. Every effort should be expended to participate in them!

**Cacti seen:** *Coryphantha deserti* (*Escobaria deserti*); *Coryphantha rosea* (*Escobaria vivipara*); *Echinocactus polycephalus*; *Echinocereus engelmannii*; *Echinocereus triglochidiatus* v. *mojavensis*; *Ferocactus cylindraceus* (*F. acanthodes*); *Mammillaria tetrancistra*; *Opuntia ursina* (*O. polyacantha*); *Opuntia basilaris*; *Opuntia stanlyi* v. *parishii* (*Grusonia emoryi*); *Opuntia chlorotica*; *Opuntia echinocarpa* (*Cylindropuntia echinocarpus*); *Opuntia acanthocarpa* (*Cylindropuntia acanthocarpa*); *Opuntia ramosissima* (*Cylindropuntia ramosissima*).

**Succulents seen:** *Agave utahensis* v. *nevadensis* {The dead of this species often remain attached to the causative flower stalk. A particularly striking example was presented as a *Scepter of Leadership* to Joe Clements in a special ceremony during the Club-typical Margarita Party}; *Yucca brevifolia* v. *jaegeriana*; *Yucca schidigera*; *Yucca baccata*.

**Also seen:** Wildflowers too numerous to name, i.e. mallows, asters, daises, etc; California Junipers; Lots of rocks (many species returned home with us); Beaky Buzzard Rock; Slots {v. Vegas}, lots!

**Visited:** *Mojave National Preserve*. Took the Teutonia Peak hiking trail toward Cima Dome; *Clark Mountain Range*. Traversed the Powerline Road leading to Primm; *Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area*. Hit the Visitor Center, took the scenic highway, and enjoyed the wonderful views;

Turners Nursery, north west Los Vegas. Purchased lots of plants; Nevada Landing Resort and Casino. Enjoyed Margaritas. Many overnighted there. Others went back to Primm and Baker.

**Experienced:** Great weather - some sun, clouds, wind, and even some rain but only when we were inside Turner's greenhouse; MILD temperatures; Easy hiking, browsing, poking around; Lots and lots of picture taking; No flat tires or broken down cars; One youngster scratched and pincushioned; Good Margaritas.

**Attendees:** Joe Clements - guide, Lisa Basta, Vince Basta, Dennis Bauers, Hoarce Birgh, Tommy Dotson, Gunnar Eisel, Amber Jones, Jim Kellogg, Carol & Paul Maker, Jamie & Gary Mancuso, Jean Mullens, Manny Rivera, Victor Wong. Joing us on Saturday were Joey Betzler and Pete Camcombe & (son + buddy) from the Las Vegas Club.



*Ferocactus cylindraceus* + Amber Jones



*Opuntia basilaris*



*Echinocereus triglochidiatus*  
*v. mojavenis*



*Mammillaria*  
*tetrancistra*



Beaky Buzzard Rock

# ***Spring Sale 2005***

**Mothers Day weekend event at**

## **CACTUS DATA PLANTS**

**Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2005 from 9:00 to 5:00**

**10%-50% Off total purchase, One total for FREE**

**We have a very large inventory and many new imports**

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***Also, don't miss our two Show Collection Auctions***

***At the Cactus Data Plant Nursery, May 14<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>***

***Jim Johnson and Dick Hulett***

For both of these auctions, e-mail Cactus Data Plants at [cactusdata@thegrid.net](mailto:cactusdata@thegrid.net)

The complete listings and descriptions of all the show plants offered will be e-mailed to you for your information. You may place phone bids or attend either of these special events. These two persons were both known for their great show plant collections of rare or unique specimens. You may view all the Auction plants at our May 7<sup>th</sup> Spring Sale or contact us for prior evaluation. Please call first.

**The JIM JOHNSON collection will be auctioned at 1:00 p.m. on Sat. May 14<sup>th</sup> 2005.** Jim's show plants include specimen Ariocarpus and Madagascar Euphorbias. Many other genera are represented. There are some very rare and valuable plants offered, many are seldom available.

**The DICK HULETT collection will be auctioned at 1:00 p.m. on Sun. May 22<sup>nd</sup> .2005.** Dick's show plants vary in genera from one end of the spectrum to the other. Many of his plants have been continual winners at the south land Shows. Some of his material is also very rare and not often available. These are one-time events with many one-time plants, don't miss out!

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***At our May 7<sup>th</sup> Sale we will also have our regular discount drawing. There will be an equal number of discount tickets (10% 20% 30% 40% 50%) and one single total purchase for Free!***

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