

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 ***Sunday, December 11th***, **NOT** on Saturday December 17 as previously announced. It will be held at the Los Angeles County Arboretum in Ayers Hall (where our Winter Show and the Inter City 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 4:00pm, and we can always use a few people to help set up tables and decorate. Dinner will start at 6:00pm. 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. Be sure to tag your container so that it gets back to you. 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 that 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: 2004 - *Lithops dortheae*. 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 **Fred Deom, Michael Wisney** and **Ana Troub**, and **Stephen** and **Danielle Dorsey**. Carefully review the **COMMUNIQUE** and the **Roster** (when it comes out next year) in order to learn about all the many benefits of membership in our club!

Membership Renewals:

Its that time of year again! Your dues are due! See Bill Gerlach at the party, or send your check to him at 719 S. Albertson, Covina, CA 91723. \$12 for a single membership, \$15 for two people at the same address. Your prompt payment will make it easier on those keeping records and will speed up the issuance of a new roster. Your present membership expiration date is on the mailing label of your **COMMUNIQUE** just above you name if you receive it by mail. E-mail recipients will be notified via their e-mail alert messages.

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 billgerlach@verizon.net, 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.

20 years ago: A Christmas Party was held at Woody and Eddy's restaurant.

30 years ago: The Christmas party featured a program by Joyce Tate, author of the Cactus Cookbook

(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	Hoarce Birgh
Vice President	Woody Minnich	Board Member	Bill Gerlach
Treasurer	Amber Jones	Board Member	Buck Hemenway
Secretary	Rita Gerlach		

Board Members serve a 2 year term. Carryover Board Members are Dick Tatman, Evelyn Stevens and Karen Ostler.

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

Cacti – *Copiapoa*

Succulents –*Kalanchoe*

Beginner

1 st	Oscar Flores	K. beharensis
2 nd	Antoinette Koltaj	K. species
3 rd	Antoinette Koltaj	K. species

Intermediate

1st	Barbara Nolan	<i>C. marginata</i>	1 st	Alan Hooker	K. tetraphylla
2nd	Barbara Nolan	<i>C. tenuissima</i>			
3rd	Barbara Nolan	<i>C. species</i>			
3rd	Buck Hemenway	<i>C. species</i>			

Advanced

1 st	Rita Gerlach	<i>C. grandiflora</i>	1 st	Rita Gerlach	K. species
2 nd	Rita Gerlach	<i>C. tenuissima</i>	2 nd	Rita Gerlach	K. beharensis
			3 rd	Frank Nudge	K. eriophylla

Master (No Entries)

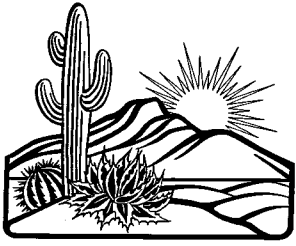
2005 Plant of the Month Summary

NAME	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	TOTAL
Gerlach, Rita	32	30	15	42	20	34	40	22	7	16	52	310
Nolan, Barbara	26	41	52	42		47	12		15	21	37	293
Ostler, Karen	20	60	25			32			40			177
Hooker, Alan	25	17		15	15		16	25	20		15	148
Nudge, Frank	17	32	30				2		37	22	5	145
Maker, Carol	27		10		25	14	27	15	12			130
Basta, Vince	30						20	65				115
Vermilion, Tom	19			14	5		7	17	12	40		114
Schlegel, Jim	15	21			40	5				15		96
Tatman, Dick	35		15		9	5	7	10				81
Hanna, Jim	22					25	30					77
Matthews, John	4	14	15	29				15				77
Hemenways				5		5			15	45	5	75
Flores, Oscar		5	15	25			2		2		15	64
Birgh, Horace	14			10		9	22			7		62
Lutz, Lorraine	15					15	2	10		12		54
Maxwell, Evelyn	4			7	2		4	7	30			54
Romero, Michael		6					29		10			45
Johnson, Mari		15		2	10	15						42
Rivera, Manny		14							25			39
Abrahamian, Alex						10		25				35
Skonieczki, Phil				2			15	15				32
Koltaj, Antoinette	2			6				6			15	29
George, Doug		11					15					26
Elser, Jeanette				12					10			22
Young, Ron					14		7					21
Hall, Barbara		2		2	2	10						16
Clements, Joe				15								15
Gerlach, Bill								15				15
Glavich, Tom						15						15
Green, Mike			15									15
Mullens, Jean								15				15
Spotts, C & J					15							15
Ash, Nancy				14								14
Totten, Mary Lou				12								12
Stevens, Evelyn								5	5			10
Walpus, Linda	5				5							10
Castellanos, Raquel								9				9
Wilner, Joanne	2								5			7
Flores, Efren						5						5
Lamden, Bob	4											4
Kanchanastit, Perm						2						2
Tan, Sokhara	2											2

Scoring: 1st place - 15 points, 2nd place - 10 points, 3rd place - 5 points. All others, 2 points

Online: If you would be content to view the **COMMUNIQUE** on-line in color 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. Note that <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 full of helpful links. A full-color version of the **COMMUNIQUE** can be viewed, and downloaded, from the site.

If you have a cactus or succulent related event that you'd like to have announced in the **COMMUNIQUE**, please forward the information to the address given 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: San Gabriel Valley Cactus and Succulent Society Newsletter Editor, c/o 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 SGVCSS **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.



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