

# SOUTH COAST CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY

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CHRISTMAS PARTY---INSTALLATION---MINI SHOW WINNERS  
PLANT-OF-THE-YEAR CONTEST

Sunday, December 14, 12:00 P.M., South Coast Botanical Gardens

## CHRISTMAS PARTY

Potluck dinner--PRIME RIB provided by the Club  
For the potluck, if your name begins with:  
A thru L--bring a casserole or main dish  
M thru Z--bring a salad or dessert

Utensils and paper plates will be provided

Gift exchange--optional--if you wish to participate, bring a gift (preferably relating to plants) not exceeding ten dollars in value.

## INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

PRESIDENT--Carol Causey  
1st V. PRESIDENT--Lowell Howard  
2nd V. PRESIDENT--Gary Duke  
SECRETARY--Sandra Fletcher  
TREASURER--Marsha Huebner

SHOW CHAIRMAN--Dick Hulett  
REFRESHMENTS--Gloria Crowley, Karen Honore', C.J. Lam  
SUNSSHINE HOSTESS--Irma Rennie  
PLANT CHAIRMAN--Jim Hanna  
NEWSLETTER--Vera Thaxton

## MINI SHOW WINNERS IN 2003

### PLANT OF THE YEAR CONTEST

Without a doubt, the Plant-of-the-Year contest is one of the most enjoyable aspects of the Christmas party. Each year, each member attending the party is given a plant. At each succeeding Christmas party, members bring their plants (dead or alive) and they are placed in competition: the tallest, fattest, most lopsided, etc. Without a doubt, there is more laughing involved with this competition than any other you have ever encountered!

Plants-of-the-year:

- 99-euphorbia obesa
- 00-fockia edulis
- 01-meslaklema macrohizeum
- 02-obregona dengrie
- 03-dyckia (brittle star)

DON'T MISS THIS PARTY!! It's a great way to end one year and begin a new one!!

## PLANT-OF-THE-MONTH RULES

At the November meeting the following rules were adopted for the 1999 Plant-of-the-Month (POM) competition:

- A maximum of three plants may be entered in each category (cactus and succulent).
- There will be three classes for entrants: advanced, intermediate and novice.
- Advanced and intermediate entrants must have had the plant in their possession for at least six months, beginners for three months.
- Entrants will receive 6 points for first place, 4 points for second place, 2 points for third place and 1 point for showing a plant that does not place.
- At the discretion of the judges there may be up to three third places in a category. If plants are not deemed to be of sufficient quality, no third place will be awarded.
- For an entrant to receive points, the entry tags must be collected by the person in charge of record keeping for POM.
- At the annual Christmas party, award plants will be presented to the ten highest cumulative point holders regardless of class.

### PLANT-OF-THE-MONTH TOTALS

<u>CACTUS</u>			<u>CACTUS</u>		
<u>ADVANCED</u>			<u>NOVICE</u>		
	<u>NOVEMBER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>		<u>NOVEMBER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Causey	3	4	Capaldo		3
Duke	4	34	Crowley	6	18
Fletcher	11	70	Gardner		1
Hulett		38	Honore'	4	11
			Hutchison		6
			Krill	1	27
			Lam	7	45
			Thaxton		2
			Warzybok		22
<u>SUCCULENTS</u>			<u>SUCCULENTS</u>		
<u>ADVANCED</u>			<u>NOVICE</u>		
	<u>NOVEMBER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>		<u>NOVEMBER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Causey		8	Capaldo		4
Duke	7	17	Crowley	7	25
Fletcher	3	43	LaForest		20
Hanna	14	70	Gardner		21
Hulett		30	Honore'	3	15
Kohlsreiber		6	Hutchison		1
			Krill	1	1
			Lam	3	62
			Warzybok		3

## CSSA Promotional Article (2003 #2)

The **2003 CSSA Convention** held in St. Louis in June is now history. It was a resounding success. Two days of talks were devoted to succulents and two to cacti. The excellent array of speakers ranged from local to international authorities, and from returning old time favorites to new speakers not previously heard at a convention. Thanks to Leo Martin for arranging such an interesting program. A spectacular selection of plants (and pots in which to house them) was available in the sales area. Thanks for the hard work of all the vendors in making these items available. **The Rare Plant Auction** raised over \$5400 for the **CSSA Research Fund**. The midweek break for field trips featured several excursions, the most popular being to the Missouri Botanical Garden with a brief visit to their fantastic library and herbarium collection. The venue for the convention, the **St. Louis Airport Marriott** was convenient and comfortable with a friendly and highly efficient staff. The local organizing committee from the **Henry Shaw Cactus Society** is to be congratulated for all their efforts insuring a smoothly run convention.

Upcoming CSSA events include two overseas trips to view our favorite plants in habitat organized by the **Field Trips Committee** chaired by Dan Mahr, one to **Madagascar** and one to **Chile**. The Madagascar trip in May, 2004 was originally scheduled for May 2002 but had to be postponed owing to political unrest in the country at the time. The Chile trip is scheduled for October/November 2004. It is my understanding that the **Madagascar** trip is full and the **Chile** trip nearly so. Being able to be a participant on one of these trips is one of the many benefits of CSSA membership.

Plans for the **2005 CSSA Convention** to be held in **Phoenix** in August of that year are already well under way. The venue is reputed to be a fabulous resort facility available to use for a very reasonable price (August is off season in Phoenix, three guesses as to why, but, of course, cactophiles don't mind the heat). The array of field trips to be offered on field trip day is so impressive that it's going to be very difficult to decide which to register for. More on the Phoenix Convention in future articles as plans develop.

One of the most important issues facing CSSA is that of membership and how to increase it. We now have a **Membership Committee** composed of board members and others whose task it is to address this issue. It is, of course, true that the more members we have, the more benefits we can offer the membership. Yet we have not been able to increase our membership significantly for a number of years. It's up a bit in convention years, down a bit in off years. I would have thought that the tremendous improvement in the quality of our Journal and Newsletter under the editorships of Myron Kinnach and Carol Clapp respectively, would have had a more positive effect on membership. At any rate, the committee is kicking around a number of ideas for increasing our membership, and we are open to any suggestions that might occur to readers of this article. I've always been convinced that a natural target audience for increasing CSSA membership is those affiliate club members not currently enjoying the benefits thereof. Hence, this series of articles extolling the benefits of CSSA membership that periodically appear in affiliate club newsletters. Anything that affiliate club presidents, affiliate representatives, newsletter editors, etc. might be able to do to promote CSSA membership among your club members would be greatly appreciated by our society.

Bob Barth  
Publicity Chair  
CSSA Board of Directors



**DUES:** Are your dues paid yet? In case you have forgotten, fill in the form below, make out a check (\$10 for one; an additional \$2 for each extra family member), and send it to MARSHA HUEBNER, 1043 E. Joel, Carson, 90743. Make the check payable to SOUTH COAST CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY.

MEMBERSHIP                      NEW \_\_\_\_\_ RENEWAL

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## HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO YOU!

Already the festive decorations and joyful music of the holiday season brighten up the days.

This year, all of us wish you a very special holiday!

We wish you abundant happiness, friendship and love, health and good fortune, and most of all peace and many glad tidings.

Happy Holidays!

