

# SOUTH COAST CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY

## NEWSLETTER

NUMBER 7

JULY, 2007

GENERAL MEETING: Sunday, July 8, 1:30 P.M., South Coast Botanical Gardens Classroom

At the July meeting, Mark Muradian will give a slide presentation on his 2006 trip to Socotra. Mark is a very entertaining speaker and hails from the Fresno Cactus and Succulent Society. He will bring some of his fantastic pottery to sell. Lets all give Mark a very warm welcome.

SCBC Cactus and Succulent Garden:  
It's Past and Present  
(Summary of the June 17 program)



The educational program of the Sunday, June 17, meeting of the South Coast Cactus & Succulent Society was led by Laurel Woodley. Laurel has taken over the daunting responsibility for signage of all plants at the South Coast Botanic Gardens, and as a result, has a vast knowledge of the garden and its plants and history.

The program consisted of a brief history of the establishment of the cactus & succulent garden in 1982, including photos of this early garden, which was built on the "rock pile" where rocks had been dumped during the garden's previous life as a land fill. After this brief introduction, Laurel led a walk through the cactus & succulent garden. Several members present had participated in the original planting of the garden. Carol Causey had donated the large *Pseudobombax ellipticum*, which Laurel thinks is the largest one growing in California today. Many of the larger plants were in very good condition, though several of the larger *Euphorbias* had suffered during the January frost. There have been several incidents of vandalism in the last year, with some of the larger cacti being chopped down during the night. Great progress has been made during the year by volunteers who have removed *Lantana*, and trimmed back overgrown *Opuntias*.

The garden is planning to expand the cactus & succulent garden to adjacent areas, which will require the removal of several non-succulent plants.

Laurel's guided tour was enjoyed by all.

Jim Gardner

SCC&SS OFFICERS: President, Dale La Forest (310)618-9881; 1st V. Pres., Hank Warzybok, (562)429-7110; 2<sup>nd</sup> V. Pres., Gary Duke, (714)377-0064; Treas., Marsha Huebner, (310)834-0263; Sec., Phillip Ross, (310)378-5748; Show Chr., Harry Fletcher, (310)538-4078; Sunshine Chr., Irma Rennie, (310)375-3790; Refreshments, Carol Causey, (310)675-5843; and Newsletter Ed., Vera Thaxton, (760)564-3285.

SOUTH COAST CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY  
2007 PLANTS OF THE MONTH

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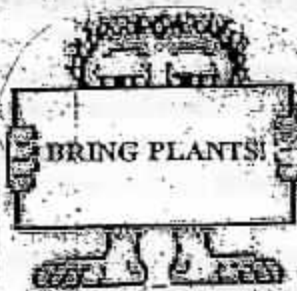
SUCCULENTS



June	Mammillaria	Euphorbia
July	Favorite 3	Favorite 3
Aug	Cereu (columnar cactus)	Xeric bromeliads
Sept	Gymnocalycium	Agavaceae family
Oct	BREAK	
Nov	Miniature (under 3 inches)	Miniatures (under 3 inches)
Dec	CHRISTMAS PARTY	

PLANT OF THE MONTH RULES

- \* A maximum of three plants may be entered in each category (cactus and succulent).
- \* There will be two classes of entrants: novice and advanced.
- \* 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 third showing a plant that does not place.
- \* There may be up to three third places in a category. If plants are not deemed to be of sufficient quality, no place will be awarded.
- \* Entry tags must be collected by the person in charge of recordkeeping
- \* At the annual Christmas party, award plants will be presented to the ten highest cumulative point holders, regardless of class.



**MEMBERSHIP:** Do you have a cactus or succulent currently blooming? Do you have a plant whose name is "anonymous"? or do you need advice about a problem plant? If your answer to any of the questions above is "yes", BRING THE PLANT TO THE MEETING!! Specifically, bring it to the BRAG TABLE. This will give all of us opportunity to learn more about cacti and succulents.

**CACTUS AND SUCCULENT  
CALENDAR OF UP COMING EVENTS FOR 2007**

- JUNE 29, 30 & JULY 1** CSSA ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE -HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS AT 1151 OXFORD ROAD, SAN MARINO, CA. 626-405-2160 or 2277 PLANTS SALES START JUNE 29<sup>TH</sup> THRU JULY 1<sup>ST</sup> THE SHOW OPENS ON THE JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup> THRU JULY 1<sup>ST</sup> TO THE PUBLIC
- AUG. 18 & 19** 22<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL INTERCITY SHOW AND SALE-LA COUNTY ARBORETUM 301 NO. BALDWIN AVE., ARCADIA, CA. INFO. CALL TOM GLAVICH AT 626-798-2430 or BARBARA HALL AT 818-368-6914
- SEPT. 2** HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS SUCCULENT SYMPOSIUM ALL DAY AT THE HUNTINGTON
- NOV. 10&11** SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE- LA COUNTY ARBORETUM ADDRESS ABOVE.
- DEC. 1 & 2** ORANGE COUNTY SHOW AND SALE AT THE FULLERTON ARBORETUM 1900 ASSOCIATED ROAD, FULLERTON, CA 92831 SHOW AND SALE OPEN FROM 10AM TO 4PM FOR INFORMATION CALL 714-870-4887

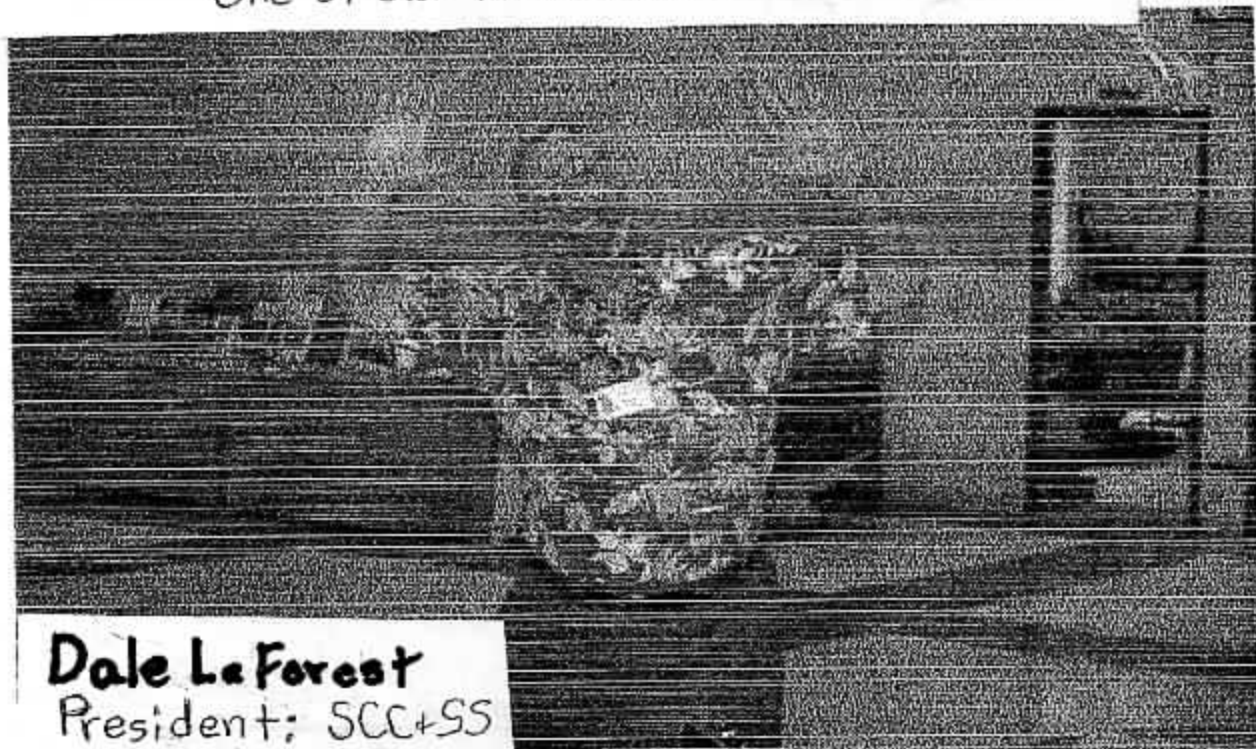
*Causesy 31*  
*Duke 58*  
*Hank 54*  
*Gardner 32*  
*Hanna 46*  
*Capaldo 45*

**PLANT OF THE MONTH TOTALS**

CACTUS ADVANCE CACTUS	TOTALS		CACTUS NOVICE	CACTUS	TOTALS		
Causey	<i>June</i>	9	12	Capaldo	<i>June</i>	4	27
Duke		12	44	Caplan		2	4
Warzybok		12	<del>23</del>	Hemingway		1	1
Gardner		6	6	Ohlinder			7
				Ponce			1
				Thompson			6
SUCCULENTS ADVANCED	TOTALS		SUCCULENTS NOVICE	SUCCULENTS	TOTALS		
causey	<i>June</i>	3	19	Capaldo	<i>June</i>	6	18
Duke		2	14	Caplan		4	15
Gardner		6	20	Hemingway		6	11
Hanna		12	46	Hulett		4	17
LaForest		1	13	Pearson		1	4
Warzybok		12	26	Ponce			12
woodley		3	7	Thompson			8

# LET'S GET ACQUAINTED!!

Beginning this month, the newsletter will feature a picture and article about one of our members.



Dale "hamming it up" at the 2007 show/sale

Dale's father introduced him to his first succulent "Portulaca oleracea" known by a score of more common names. But to Dale it was called pigweed and it grew between the neat rows of corns, beans, and tomatoes in his family's vegetable garden in a large plot in back of his family's home in Grosse Pointe Michigan. Once a week, his father asked Dale to KILL these plants with a hoe. The task so unnerved him that after failing to do well in college, he enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1957 and never touched a hoe or succulent for over 40 years.

During his 26 years in the USAF he was a Radar Technician, a Meteorologist, and finally a Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Warfare Officer before retiring as a Major in 1983 – having "seen –the-world", he and his wife Mary bought a home in Torrance and he settled down (although Mary continues to travel <grin>. Feeling he still had something to contribute at the young age of 48 and a little bored, he went to work for the Los Angeles Red Cross as a Disaster Preparedness expert and retired again in 1998 having participated in the LA Red Cross response to all the major local disasters during that period in several capacities. His other interests include astrophysics and classic jazz. He has over 16,000 mp3 tracks on his computer and enjoys playing his Yamaha PSR 630 keyboard.

About the year 2000 he gradually started collecting succulents – mostly cacti, but the lack of heat and sunshine near the coast OR his lack of knowledge on how to grow cacti – the reader can chose which - resulted in scarred, ugly plants and he switched to other succulents. Dale's collection now consists mostly of Sansevierias and Haworthias; although he treasures a few plants from other genera – including ugly cacti. He has integrated his love of computers with his collection, by participating in on-line forums, doing web research, buying plants on-line and keeping lists of his plants and articles about them on his computer.

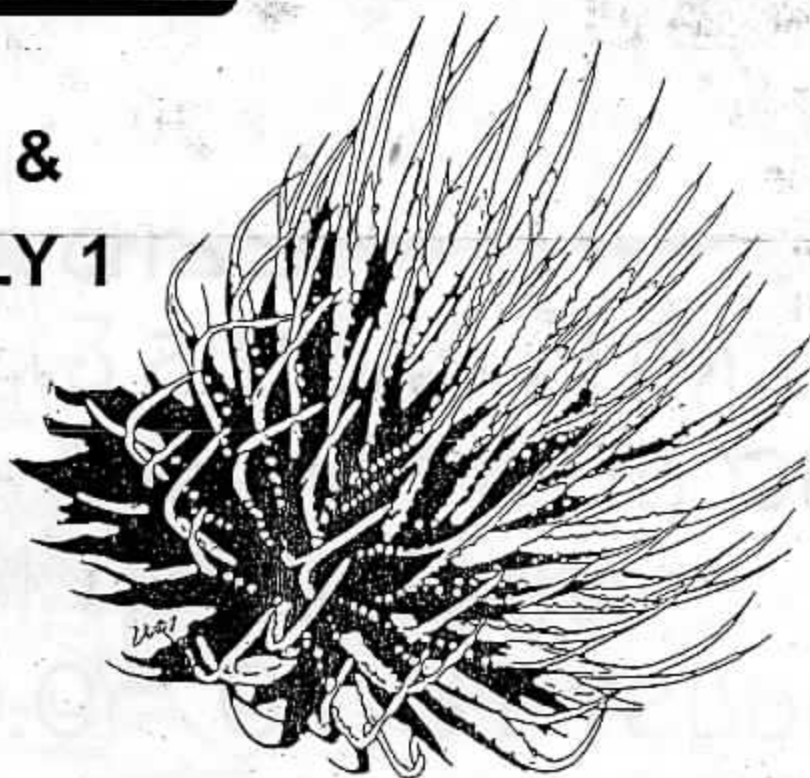
Dale thinks he joined the SCC&SS about 2002 and enjoys the many new friends he has met there. He considers himself an "activist" President and hopes to make the club a more educational as well as enjoyable experience for the members.



**The Cactus and Succulent Society of America**

**Cactus and Succulent  
SHOW & SALE**

**JUNE 29, 30 &  
JULY 1**

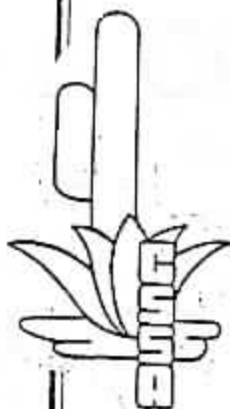


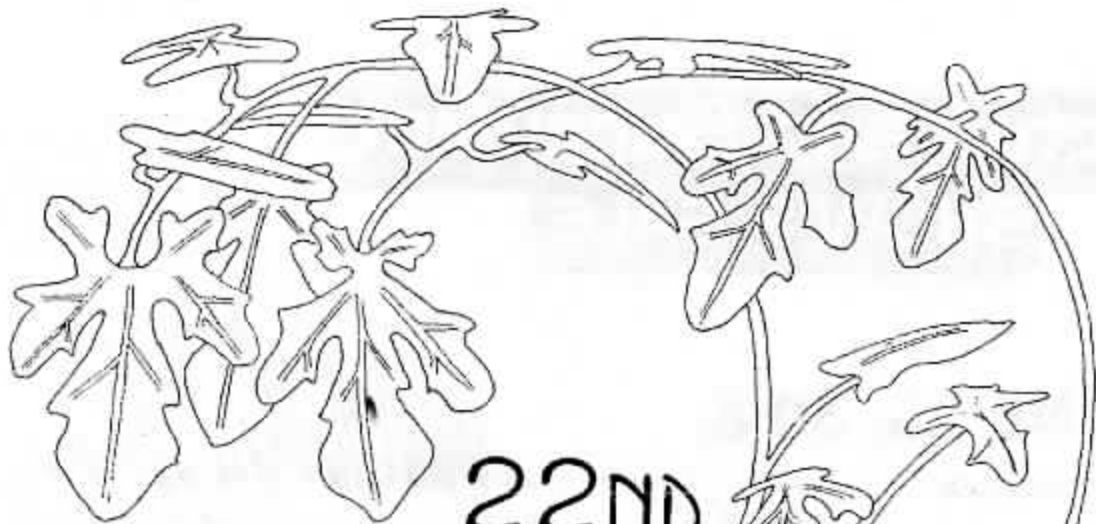
**SALE: Friday, Saturday & Sunday 10:30 am**  
**SHOW: Saturday & Sunday 10:30am**

**Free Admission to Show & Sale**

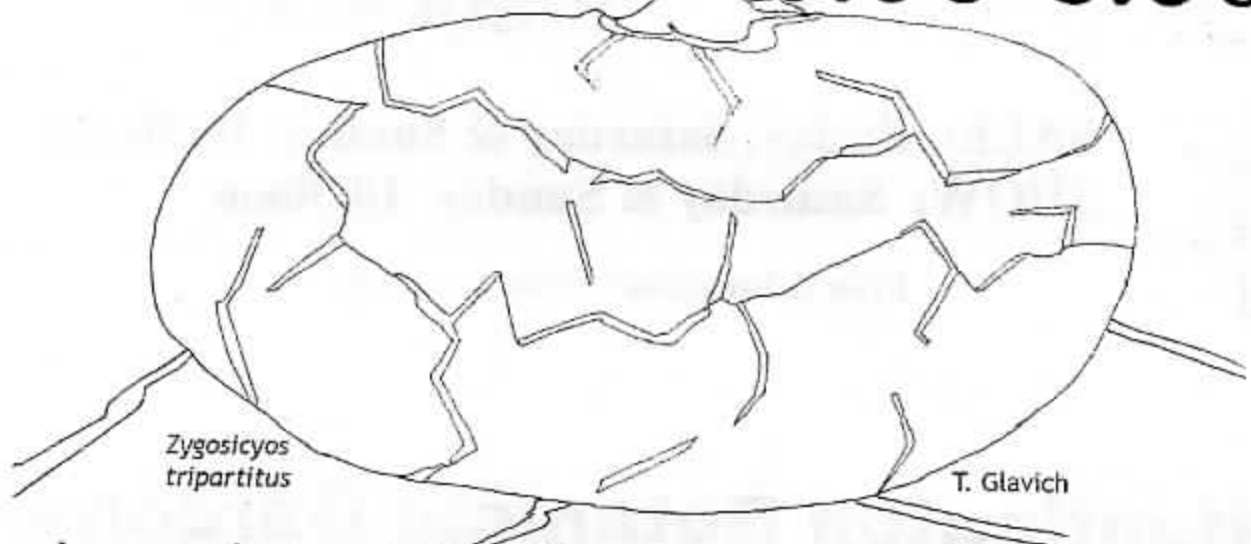
**Huntington Botanical Gardens**

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INTERCITY CACTUS &  
SUCCULENT SHOW  
AND SALE  
AUGUST 18-19 9:00-5:00



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