



SOUTH COAST CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

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GENERAL MEETING: Sunday, August 12, 1:30 P.M., South Coast Botanical Gardens Classroom

PROGRAM: The membership, guests, and visitors are in for a real treat this month as **WOODY MINNICH** will be presenting another of his fascinating programs. This time, He is combining the best portions of his Mexico trips in one program entitled **BEAUTIFUL PLANTS OF MEXICO**. It is sure to be spectacular and, as usual, Woody is bringing several flats of unique plants that are for sale, so come and bring a friend! Woody and his wife are moving to New Mexico so we will be bidding them a fond Farewell—and hope they will join us again at some future time.

REFRESHMENTS: Refreshments will be provided in August by : Ed Curlee, Barbara Stengel, and Vera Thaxton

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR: If you heard Mark Muradian's presentation at the July meeting, You know just how interesting the national convention is as he presented the Socotro Program at the 2005 Convention. Everyone needs a vacation now and then, so plan Ahead, put money aside, and enjoy the best vacation EVER—the convention in Tuscon, Spring, 2009.



Mammillaria plumosa

These days, many people are concerned about releasing details about themselves. Jim and Roberta Hanna have requested their address be removed from the Membership roster/pamphlet. In good conscience, I could not refuse the request, but it seemed appropriate to give all members the same opportunity. Our Newsletter Editor, Vera Thaxton, will of course need a mailing address, so we will continue to ask for it on the Membership Application form. Our Membership Chair, Lucy Hemingway will continue to create a roster containing address, telephone and e-mail and send it to Vera, but Lucy will then delete addresses, telephone numbers and/or e-mail addresses of those who request it. Please make it easy for Lucy by either sending your request by e-mail; or snail mail, so she can have a hard copy record – no telephone calls please. Eventually the Membership roster in the Membership Pamphlet will be replaced. In the meantime, I am requesting that members not share membership information with non-members. Thank you.

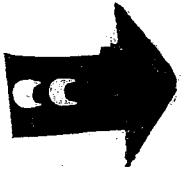
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2007 PLANTS OF THE MONTH

CACTI

SUCCULENTS



Aug Cereu (columnar cactus)

Xeric bromeliads

Sept Gymnocalycium

Agavaceae family

Oct BREAK

Nov Miniature (under 3 inches)

Miniatures (under 3 inches)

Dec CHRISTMAS PARTY

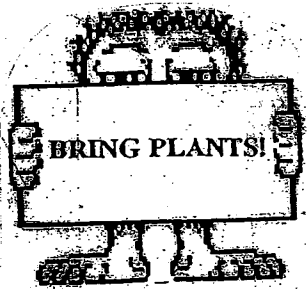
**CACTUS AND SUCCULENT
CALENDAR OF UP COMING EVENTS FOR 2007**

**AUG. 18 & 19 22ND 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**



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.

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.

PLANT OF THE MONTH TOTALS

CACTUS ADVANCE CACTUS	TOTALS	CACTUS NOVICE CACTUS	TOTALS
Causey	July 3 15	Capaldo	July 11 38
Duke	6 50	Caplan	4
Warzybok	28	Hemingway	1
Gardner	5 11	Hulett	1
		Ohlinder	7
		Pearson	3 3
		Ponce	1
		Thompson	6
SUCCULENTS ADVANCED	TOTALS	SUCCULENTS NOVICE	TOTALS
causey	July 3 22	Capaldo	July 9 27
Duke	4 18	Caplan	15
Gardner	3 23	Hemingway	6 11
Hanna	11 57	Hulett	3 20
LaForest	3 16	Pearson	3 7
Warzybok	12 26	Ponce	12
woodley	7	Thompson	8

IT HAPPENED IN SEATTLE

People who are not members of "The Enlightened" will ask in a secretive voice, What are you really going to do in Seattle? There really is a cactus Convention? A national cactus and succulent society along with the local cactus club puts it on? Really? And you being of sound mind will drive for twenty hours to be there? You're kidding, right?

It's hard to keep a straight face when asked, but I tell them that there are many things there that they don't want to share with just anybody. They charge money to be there just to keep the curious away. Then I tell them about plant sales and the auction. This year at the auction a Ferocactus sold for \$2,700!! No typo, \$2,700!! Other plants, books, and plant related things sold for more reasonable prices. It was fun to sit behind one of the final bidders for the Ferocactus and watch his ears turn red and the steam rising from his head. He turned to look at his opponent to cast him the evil eye but his adversary was hiding behind this huge checkbook!

And then the plant sales. If you can't find something there to buy that you have always wanted, well, there is a saying at the conventions, "You're behind the Hawaiians". Which translates: you stayed in bed too long, had a breakfast much larger than was required, or you are just plain slow. Even after a couple of days you will see things for sale you may have overlooked before. And the local vendors were bringing in new stuff for the first part of the week. Artwork; books old and new; cactus clothing; and other things were available, as well.

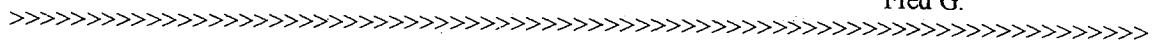
There were two bus trips planned. One went to see the local form of *Pediocactus simpsonii*, which grows in the area and also to the garden of the local member who led the tour. The other went to a variety of different botanical destinations. I heard that the drivers were very familiar with the area and altered the route to show off some of the neighborhoods that had spectacular landscaping.

I went off on my own that day because I wanted to see Pike's Market. I wasn't disappointed. The only negative thing is that it was Memorial Day and everybody was there. It was very crowded. Yes, they threw some salmon that day. Anything you can imagine is for sale there, from touristy junk to high dollar art. And any kind of restaurant, produce or food supply, with seafood being spotlighted. Street entertainers waited turns for favored places on the sidewalk. I'm not sure that they have times worked out among themselves but I heard some talking, saying that they did pretty well that day and were going to be packing up shortly. The other was waiting to go on. I'm not sure that I saw everything there was to see but my sneakers were threatening a wildcat strike.

Meanwhile back at the Convention, there are people lecturing, showing slides, and giving demonstrations for most of the days, all day. Some are very interesting and some are very interesting to others. Everyone behind the podium is a master of his or her discipline. Someday I would like to go where some of these people have been but, for now, I'll watch their slides and dream. (I say slides but most have stepped into the digital age while I was dreaming.)

The other aspect of going to the Convention is the people that you meet. There are people from all over the world that go to these things. Some of them I read about in succulent publications many years ago and here they are!! Right in front of me! Would they be embarrassed if I asked for an autograph? And then there are the old pals that you have but only see on occasions now. It's fun to sit around with them and talk about what's new in their lives and things you share in memories with them.

Fred G.



Tucson in 2009!! Start saving your nickels and dimes right now for the 2009 CSSA Convention, to be held in Tucson, AZ. The Convention hotel is the Westin La Paloma, a swanky resort that appears to be an ideal venue, as far as having space for vendors as well as a plant show (not a usual part of CSSA Conventions, but I believe the Tucson folks want to show off their fabulous plants.) The resort is rather pricey, compared with the usual venues—but you can always find other lodgings and commute to the resort (parking there is free.) For people staying at the resort, it provides free shuttle bus service to a nearby shopping center, in case you need to visit a drugstore or are desperate for junk food.

The Convention will be held in April, over the Easter break week. It's an ideal time, weather-wise, to be in the desert. There will be field trips to desert locations as well as to area nurseries. The locals are planning so many talks and workshops that you will have to pick and choose, as they will run concurrently. I know I can't wait!

Sue - Fresno newsletter