

SOUTH COAST CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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

PROGRAM: TODD MASILKO will give a presentation relating to his December 2007 trip to Socotro with a group of succulent enthusiasts from Southern California. Todd has a background in industrial design, is a part-time instructor in the Product Design program at the Art Center College of Design in Pasadena, and has approximately ten years of experience working at Disney in Burbank. Todd has been an enthusiastic grower of cacti and succulents for the last 7 to 8 years. He has recently begun to travel to see plants in habitat. Socotro is a little-known, seldom-visited, but very interesting island near Madagascar and this will definitely be a VERY interesting program! Plan to come and Bring a friend!!

BOARD MEETING: Following the general membership meeting. We will discuss and Finalize plans for the March Show/Sale. If you are planning to sell plants or set up a display, you might want to stay.

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President's Message - February 2009

This month's newsletter is especially "fat". The members decided that they wished the articles on the Mini-show to be included and were willing to absorb the increased cost. The Newsletter should also contain an updated Membership roster. Please contact Lucy if your info is incorrect. Also detach the roster and replace the one in your Membership Pamphlet.

It appears many members were confused about the Mini-show plant categories. I will meet with Dick Kohlschreiber to revise them, especially the cacti to bring them more in-line with current taxonomy. In the past Jim Hanna did this, and I am learning the hard way just how difficult the task was and is. As I said at the January meeting, plant names are constantly being revised and you have to pick your gurus carefully.

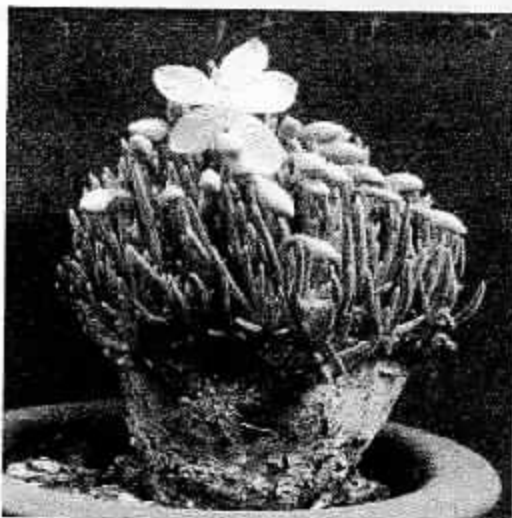
The show is next month!!!! If you are planning on setting up a display table, be prepared to tell Jim Gardener what tables you need at the Feb meeting. Please, if you can use a round table or two, do so as the rectangular tables are in short supply and needed for the sales area.

I attended the Desert forum at the HBG on Jan 17 and saw several club members including Laurel Woodley, Hank Warzbok, Maria Capaldo, Snow Dunn, Luda Kuprenas, Rita Mason, Dot (& Ben?) Miller, Karenn Ohlinder and John Luhnnow, Vera Thaxton and perhaps others of you were there but our paths didn't cross OR perhaps I did see you, said hello, but forgot. I have a lot of "senior moments these days.

As of this date, I have received no direct information regarding the status of Jim Hanna. I have heard from others that he had a heart attack followed by a successful single by-pass operation and was expected to return home some time after mid-January. We sent a card and of course wish him a speedy recovery.

Dale La Forest
President

Avonia alstonii



Annual plant for 2009

One of the most unusually attractive of the South African succulents in the Portulacaceae family. Forms a caudex to 6 cm in diameter with numerous 2 cm long branches; leaves in rows covered with silvery stipules. Flowers mostly white, sometimes pink. Pictured here is a larger specimen plant approximately 6-8 years old.

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.

SOUTH COAST 2009 PLANTS OF THE MONTH

<u>ADVANCED CACTUS</u>	<u>JANUARY</u>
Capaldo	9
Duke	5

<u>NOVICE CACTUS</u>	<u>JANUARY</u>
Caplan	6
Ross	2

<u>ADVANCED SUCC.</u>	<u>January</u>
Duke	4
woodley	10

<u>NOVICE SUCC.</u>	<u>january</u>
Mason	6



<u>Month</u>	<u>CACTI</u>	<u>SUCCULENT</u>
Feb	<i>CACTINAE</i> <i>Mammillaria</i> with hooked spines	<i>CRASSULACEAE</i> – <i>Only Cotyledon & Pachyphytum</i>
Mar	Show Time	

Plant of the Year

1999 <i>Euphorbia obesum</i>	2005 <i>Lithops dorotheae</i>
2000 <i>Fockea edulus</i>	2006 <i>Ubelmania pectinifera</i>
2001 <i>Mestoklema macrorhizum</i>	2007 <i>Euphorbia obesum</i>
2002 <i>Obregonia denegrii</i>	2008 <i>Gymnocalidium spegazzinini</i>
2003 <i>Dyckia 'Arizona' X 'Brittle Star'</i>	2009
2004 <i>Discocactus buenekeri</i>	

Succulents of the Month February 2009 – Cotyledons and Pachyphytums

By Dale La Forest

For Mini-show entries, hybrids and crosses are acceptable entries if properly labeled.

Cotyledons

The species in the genus Cotyledon range from South Africa to Arabia. Many of the species that used to be included have been moved to the genus Tylecodon. The remaining species have a very varied appearance, are generally small succulent shrubs. They can be used in landscaping in climates that are mostly frostless, and are interesting plants in raised beds or containers. Most Cotyledon are easily grown from cuttings.

Species and varieties

Cotyledon elisae

Cotyledon 'Mr. Butterfield'

Cotyledon ladismithensis

Cotyledon orbiculata

Cotyledon orbiculata var. oblonga 'Macrantha'

Cotyledon orbiculata var spuria

Cotyledon macracantha

Cotyledon tomentosa

Cotyledon undulata

Cotyledon vellutina

Pachyphytum

Pachyphytum is a genus containing about a dozen of Mexican species of succulents related to Echeveria. The main attraction of these species are the softly colored leaves, generally covered with a powdery bloom. The genus name Pachyphytum comes from the Greek for 'thick leaves'. The flowers are small, not very interesting. They are followed by tiny seed pods. The Pachyphytum are generally propagated by leaf cuttings. Pachyphytum tend to be more resistant to extreme temperature than Echeveria, they can generally bear 20°F (-7°C) for short periods, and tend to be more heat resistant.

Species and varieties

P. bracteosum

P. coeruleum

P. compactum

P. fitkaii

P. 'Garnet Fudge'

P. glutinicaule

P. hookeri

P. hookeri 'cristata'

P. longifolium

P. oviferum

P. clavifolium syn. of *P. clavifolia*

P. ovatum syn. of *P. oviferum*

P. viride

Source: Desert-tropicals.com and Succulents - The Illustrated Dictionary

Cacti of the Month February 2009 - Hook Spined Mammillaria

With permission from and by Tom Glavich December 2001

A Mammillaria is often one of the first cacti that a beginning grower buys. They were available for 29 cents in Woolworths (remember Woolworths?) and are still available often for less than a dollar in discount stores, and for just a bit more at local home centers and discount stores. A credit to the toughness of these plants, is that many survive for years in spite of all sorts of abuse and neglect. Many inexpensive purchases at local chain stores have been grown on to become show plants, the quality of the plant maturing with the skill and experience of the grower. In part because they are so generous with flowers and seeds, and the seeds germinate so readily, many rare species end up in unlikely places like home centers, supermarkets, and hardware stores. It's worth keeping an eye out for unusual specimens, but beware of names found on discount store plants.

Mammillaria is one of the larger genera in the Cactus family, and one of the most variable, with some members remaining as solitary columns for their entire lives, some remaining as fingernail size solitary globulars, some straight spined, and some clumped and heavily spined with hooks. Although the hooked spined species give the genus one of its common names, "fishhook cactus", they are not as often grown as the straight spined species. They are not as friendly either, with the hooks catching on skin and clothes, and pieces of stem coming off, when least expected.

Although most Mammillaria are native to Mexico, some species in the genus can be found from Columbia to Kansas and California. With this wide distribution, the cultivation requirements obviously vary considerably. The species from the tropics and warmer areas are rarely tolerant of cold and damp. Those from the drier desert regions are also intolerant of continued damp, but can take considerable cold. With these restrictions aside, most Mammillaria are easy to grow.

The secrets to good growth are a continued supply of fertilizer during the growing season, strong light, and maintenance of a clean and insect free growing environment. The appearance of white mealy bug egg cases (Mammillaria's worst enemy) on the tips of the spines or the appearance of ants means that mealy bugs are sucking the sap and life of the plant. Immediate treatment is required, with a thorough washing, and spraying with an insecticide. A less toxic solution is to soak the entire plant in soapy water overnight.

Propagation of Hooked Spined Mammillaria is easy. Cuttings can be taken at any time during the growing season (April to early November), left to dry for a few days and replanted in a clean potting mix. Rooting is rapid, with short white roots generally appearing after a couple of weeks. Mammillaria are one of the easiest species to grow from seed. The seeds are simply placed on top of a damp potting mix, covered with a light coating of gravel, placed in a

plastic bag in bright light, but out of direct sun and allowed to germinate. Germination usually occurs in a week or 10 days. The seedlings can stay in the plastic bag for several weeks until they get large enough to survive unprotected, and should then be removed to a still shaded, but brighter and drier environment. Most will survive, and grow quickly.

Mammillaria to get hooked on:

Mammillaria aurihamata, has golden hooked spines on a glossy green body. From San Luis Potosi, Mexico

Mammillaria bombycina is the classic hooked spined Mam. Beautiful dark spines are set off by the white wool. From Jalisco, Mexico. It is easy to grow, and clumps quickly forming an impressive plant in just a few years.

Mammillaria guelzowiana has light brown spines on a loosely tubercled, and very woolly body. It has large lavender flowers, and is a rapid dumper. From Durango, Mexico.

Mammillaria occidentalis from central Mexico, has a dark brown body with dark brown to black spination. It forms dense sprawling clumps of finger thick stems.

Mammillaria perrezdelarosae, is a small plant discovered only in 1985. It is a beautiful species.

Mammillaria senilis has dense white spines, giving an impression of a white haired body, and thus its name. This is one of the Mammillaria with large red flowers, different than the small cups of most others.

Mammillaria thomberi is another of the dark spined, dark stemmed species. It forms dense clumps. Stems are easily detached from the main body, hooking easily on clothes, and skin; this is probably one of its principal means of propagation in habitat. From Sonora, Mexico.

References:

- E. Anderson, The Cactus Family
- J. Pilbeam, Cactus for the Connoisseur
- R. Craig, The Mammillaria Handbook
- A. Innes & C. Glass Cacti

**CACTUS AND SUCCULENT
CALENDAR OF UP COMING EVENTS FOR 2009**

- FEB. 14 SAN DIEGO WINTER SHOW AND SALE 9AM to 4PM
 RM. 101 CASA DEL PRADO, BALBOA PARK, SAN DIEGO
- MAR. 7 & 8 SOUTH COAST CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW &
 SALE AT SOUTH COAST BOTANICAL GARDENS
 26300 CRENSHAW BL., PALOS VERDES, CA INFO. 310-832-2262
- APR. 10-15 CSSA CONVENTION, WESTIN LA PALOMA RESORT & SPA,
 TUCSON, AZ. FOR MORE INFO. GO TO- WWW.CSSAINC.ORG
- APR 18 & 19 GREEN SCENE PLANT SALE—AT THE FULLERTON ARBORETUM
 1900 ASSOCIATED ROAD, FULLERTON, CA 92831
- MAY 3 SOUTH BAY EPIPHYLLUM SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE—9am to 4pm
 SOUTH COAST BONTANICAL GARDENS
 INFORMATION CALL-310-833-6823
- May 2 & 3 SUNSET CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE
 VETERANS MEMORIAL CENTER, GARDEN ROOM
 4117 OVERLAND AVE. CULVER CITY, CA. INFO. 310-822-1783
- MAY 17th HUNTINGTON PLANT SALE 10 TO 5 HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL
 GARDENS, 1151 OXFORD ROAD, SAN MARINO, CA. 626-405-2160
- MAY 17th EPIPHYLLUM SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE
 LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARBORETUM, ARCADIA, CA 310-670-8148
- JUNE 6 & 7 SAN DIEGO CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY –SHOW AND SALE
 BALBOA PARK, ROOM 101, SAN DIEGO, CA. INFO.—#619-477-4779
- MAY 9 GATES CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY 29th
 SHOW AND SALE—SAT. 9 TO 4
 JURUPA MOUNTAINS CULTURAL CENTER, 7621 GRANITE HILL DRIVE
 GLEN AVON, CA INFO. 909-360-8802
- JUNE 13 & 14 LOS ANGELES CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE
 SEPULVEDA GARDEN CENTER, 16633 MAGNOLIA BL., ENCINO, CA.
 SHOW INFORMATION-CALL 818-363-3432
- JUNE 26-28 CSSA ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE –HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS
 1151 OXFORD ROAD, SAN MARINO, CA.
 626-405-2160 or 2277 PLANTS SALES START JUNE 27TH THRU JUNE 29th
 THE SHOW OPENS ON THE JUNE 28th THRU JUNE 29th TO THE PUBLIC
- JULY 24-26 ORANGE COUNTY SUMMER SHOW AND SALE—AT THE FULLERTON
 ARBORETUM, 1900 ASSOCIATED ROAD, FULLERTON, CA
 SHOW AND SALE FRI 12pm to 4pm SAT. & SUN. 10am to 4pm. INFO. 714-870-4887
- AUG. 15 & 16 24th 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
- AUG. 29 HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS SUCCULENT SYMPOSIUM
 ALL DAY AT THE HUNTINGTON
- SEPT 27 LONG BEACH CACTUS CLUB ANNUAL PLANT AUCTION
 18127 SOUTH ALAMEDA ST., RANCHO DOMINGUEZ, CA—12PM
- NOV. 7 & 8 SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY
 SHOW AND SALE—LA COUNTY ARBORETUM ADDRESS ABOVE.
- DEC. 5 & 6 ORANGE COUNTY SHOW AND SALE AT THE FULLERTON ARBORETUM
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2009 - SHOW and SALE

SAT. & SUN. MARCH 7th & 8th, 9 am to 4 pm

South Coast Botanical Gardens - 26300 Crenshaw Blvd. PV Peninsula



NOTE: The show is free, but there is an entry fee to the gardens which are 6 miles south of I-405

see *outstanding plants and displays!*

Ask *experts how they grow their plants!*

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