

# SOUTH COAST CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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AUGUST, 2010

## President' Message for August 2010

The feedback I've been getting from members, guests and visitors on our July event has all been positive, In fact with a certain amount of pride I can say it was an over whelming success. We had about 225 attendees. I think I can speak for most of you when I say, it was worth the time, effort and money. It will be hard to top Debra Lee Baldwin's and Pedra Furmall's presentations next year. I want to give special thanks to Ed Curlee, for the many telephone calls and emails he sent and responded to. But many members did small things that made a difference. Bob Papp brought in the gorgeous dahlias, Jackie Johnson provided the superb succulent bowl, Philip Ross and Luda Kuprenas ably manned the Club Table giving out all 25 Membership Applications <G>; Jim & Roberta Hanna, Hank Warzybok, Gary Duke and Dick Kohlschreiber (SCBG) sold plants; Judy Unrine helped me keep track of my stuff and took pictures, Laurel Woodley brought in her digital projector, Don La Forest handled the light switches and lent a hand where needed, several members helped bring in extra chairs – quietly in the dark. Danielle Linden sent in the Event Release to local newspapers that helped ensure a good attendance. David Quadhamer posted the event early enough to make a difference on our website. That's all I can think of, but I'm sure some of you did things that I'm not even aware of. And if I can make a point, doing things for the Club when you're not asked is a sure sign that the Club is operating efficiently. Thank you all.

Dale



left to right – Debra Lee Baldwin, Dale La Forest, Laurel Woodley, Philip Ross at the SCBG.

*photo by dale 7/11/2011*

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General Meeting - Sunday, August 8, South Coast Botanical Gardens

### AUGUST PROGRAM

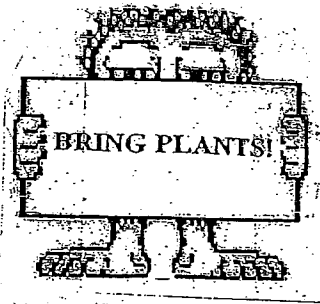
Our scheduled speaker, Gary James had to cancel, but fortunately Hank Warzybok was free and will be presenting a new program he is calling, "Desert parks of the Western United States". Perhaps next year he will have completed the sequel called "Desert Plants of the Eastern United States" He says the sequel will be a very short program. <G>. He will be talking about Anza Borrego, Joshua Tree, Death Valley Organ Pipe, and a few other places of interest. I think you will enjoy his presentation; Hank always tries to give us a broader perspective of the places he visits rather than just pictures of plants with unpronounceable names.

### BOARD MEETING for Officers, Chairs & Liaisons

There will be a Board meeting after the general meeting. I hope to finalize a couple of By-Law changes. Also I need to make a couple of announcements, including changes in next year's meeting schedule and an offer from Timber Press. I will do my best to make this a short meeting.

### AUGUST REFRESHMENTS

Refreshments will be provided by David Quadhamer and Dale la Forest.



Do you have a plant that is praiseworthy? lacking a name? not growing? Bring it to our meeting and we will discuss it.

### CACTUS AND SUCCULENT CALENDAR OF UP COMING EVENTS FOR 2010

- AUG. 21 & 22 25<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL INTERCITY SHOW AND SALE AT THE LA COUNTY ARBORETUM,  
301 NO. BALDWIN AVE., ARCADIA, CA. INFO. CALL TOM GLAVICH  
AT 626-798-2430 or JOHN MATTHEWS AT 661-297-5364
- SEPT. 4TH HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS SUCCULENT SYMPOSIUM  
ALL DAY AT THE HUNTINGTON
- SEPT 26 LONG BEACH CACTUS CLUB ANNUAL PLANT AUCTION  
18127 SOUTH ALAMEDA ST., RANCHO DOMINGUEZ, CA—12 PM
- NOV. 6 & 7 SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY  
SHOW AND SALE—LA COUNTY ARBORETUM ADDRESS ABOVE.
- DEC. 3-5 ORANGE COUNTY CACTUS & SUCCULENT WINTER SHOW AND SALE . SALE:  
DEC.3,4 & 5. 10 AM TO 4 PM EACH DAY. SHOW SAT. & SUN.10 AM TO 4 PM.  
FULLERON ARBORETUM, 1900 ASSOCIATED RD, FULLERTON, CA.  
CONTACT VINCE BASTA 714-267-4329

UPDATED 01/26/2010

PLANT OF THE MONTH RULES -- revised Jan 2010

- Up to 3 plants may be entered in each of the two categories – cactus and succulent.
- Entries may be in either the Novice or Open class.  
Novice entries must have been held by the owner for at least 3 months. Only plant condition will be judged, not the pot or other enhancements.  
Open entries must have been held for at least 1 year. All aspects of the entry will be judged, including plant condition, and pot.  
Note: Members showing in the Open class may not enter plants in the Novice class during the year, but may re-enter the Novice class starting in January.

- Judging  
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 is not disqualified.  
The judge may award one 1<sup>st</sup> place and up to two 2<sup>nd</sup> and two 3<sup>rd</sup> places in each category. If plants are not deemed to be of sufficient quality, no place will be awarded.  
At the discretion of the judge and /or Mini-show Chair a plant may be disqualified or removed because of disease or infestation or because it is not of the correct genera.

**Southcoast Cactus and Succulent Society  
Mini Show Final Results  
As of July 11, 2010**

Novice Class	Cactus	Succulents	Open Class	Cactus	Succulents
Angulo		10	Capaldo	39	20
Caplan	10	16	Duke	14	14
Causey		3	Gardner	19	30
Fazio	2	3	Hanna		13
Hulett		3	Dale La Forest		10
Johnson		6	Woodley	2	15
Kohlschreiber		1			
Kuprenas	3	2			
Don La Forest		3			
B. Lewis	44	36			
L. Lewis	2	1			
Ross	7	10			
Tanner	9	11			
Thaxton	2	2			
Unrine		3			

**Mini-show Plants for the Month for 2010  
SOUTH COAST CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY**

*NOTE: See the Newsletter for articles listing at least a few of the possible entries, Hybrids and cultivars are allowed, but the parents must be listed on the entry slip.*

Month	CACTI	SUCCULENT
Aug	Miniatures (under 3").....	Miniatures (under 3")
Sep	Melocactus.....	Caudiciform Euphorbia
Oct	Echinocactus & Stenocactus	Delargonium & Sarcocaulon

Hi South Coast C&SS Members,

I'm forwarding the First CGCI Newsletter I've received since we became members this month. This is what some organizational Newsletters look like when sent by email. Clearly it takes the effort of many people.

I have a couple of reasons for sending this to you. First it contains a lot of useful information (granted not all of us will think this is true), (2) I've sent it to every club member who has provided me an email address. If you want to save these addresses, I suggest you first create a SCC&SS folder in your email Address book, so they're all in one place. Note all the addresses use the proper name so you won't have to decipher cryptic addresses; (3) it helps me determine if someone has changed their email address; (4) I am hoping that as you read/scan the material, ideas occur to you about ways to improve our club. If so, contact me (anyway you like) and we'll discuss it.

Dale  
PS: I'm not sure if CGCI sends this to everyone in the Address block; if so let me know.  
Dale La Forest  
President SCC&SS

Begin forwarded message:

## California Garden Clubs, Inc.

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**Maryanne Lucas, President**

**California Garden Clubs, Inc. is a member of National Garden Clubs, Inc., Pacific Region**



### The CGCI Website Has a New Look!

Have you seen it yet? If not, [click here](#).

President, Maryanne Lucas, says, "Gardening is always interesting, especially here in California, because there is such a diversity of climate and plants, something new is always coming up, and we have so many different experiences to enjoy throughout the whole year.

Well, CGCI's website has been redesigned to reflect that spirit of change, and every club and district is invited to take an active role on this California Garden Clubs (and that's "clubs" with an "s") ... participate ... contribute ... make this site what YOU want it to be.

Information, news items, pictures ... whatever ... can be added in a manner we are all familiar with ... similar to creating a Word document.. Every District Director and CGCI Board Chairman is invited to have their own pages which can be accessed and updated as often as they like.

But that's not all. Every club that is a member of CGCI is cordially invited to create its own webpage on this site, or move its existing website to this website. The space is FREE! No annual charges ... and you can have access to your space 24/7. Take a look at Lafayette Garden Club's site by clicking on its link to the right in the blue box titled "Club Websites." Its site is the simplest to create ... using the CGCI "fast site" free pages. (For more advanced users, your club can have space on this server to upload an HTML-written site via FTP.) You can request information about club sites by clicking on the link, "Request Website Hosting on CGCI Site."

Times, "they are a-changing," and so are we! That is the best part about being a member of a garden club; not only do we get to grow things in our gardens, we ourselves grow in the process and our lives become very much richer. So contact Lynne Hansen, our webmaster, and she will help you get started."

### Plants for Free!

By Lee Bathgate, "Free Plants" Propagation Chairman

**Seeds** - Annual and perennial seeds planted in fine moist soil bring quick results. Plant when the soil warms to at least 45 degrees or plant in containers indoors 6 to 8 weeks before it is time to plant outdoors. Collect seeds from your garden if they are not hybrids. Hybrid plants do not produce the same plants the next generation.

**Cuttings** - Your favorite perennials and shrubs can be multiplied by cuttings. Greenwood and softwood cuttings taken in spring may root but semi-ripe cuttings taken in mid to late summer are easiest. Make a cutting just below a node that is 2" to 4" long. Remove leaves from the bottom half, dip in a rooting hormone and insert in a container of moist peat and perlite, sand, or peat and sand mix. Cover with a plastic bag, place in a warm light area and wait for the magic! Hardwood cuttings are taken from dormant trees and shrubs. 6" to 12" cuttings are planted in deep containers with 1 or 2 buds above the soil. Cover with a plastic bag to keep moist until rooted. This may take several months, so be patient.



### CGCI 2010 Fall Board Meeting

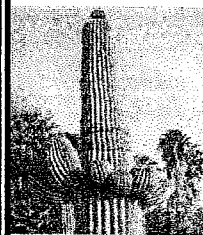
Highlights  
(not including the fun  
meetings!)

Palm Springs,  
September 15-17,  
2010, The Hyatt  
Regency Suites

Tuesday  
September 14

Bill Piggott, a docent  
from The Living  
Desert, will prepare us  
for our tour the next  
day (7:00 pm)

Wednesday  
September 15



Morning bus trip to The  
Living Desert for a  
docent-led, covered  
tram tour (7:30 - 11:45  
am) (with continental  
breakfast on board the  
bus).

Lunch Speaker: Jennie  
Kelly, Director, Salton  
Sea History Museum,  
who will give us an  
update on the state  
parks situation.

**Summer** – The garden is bursting with color, the veggies are ripening, fruits are being harvested. The roses have rushed to bring spring blooms, and now they are slowing down a bit and 'recycling' their energies. New blooms are on the way! Keep the rose a mean, blooming machine by removing the spent blooms. In hotter climates, you should just snap the blooms off at the neck, leaving as many leaves as possible to make shade for the bush. In cooler climates, count down from the spent bloom and cut the stem off at a healthy set of 5-leaflet leaves.



Cool, moist coastal summers are perfect climates for mildews. Powdery mildew will attack roses (and many other plants). You can minimize any chance of infection by making sure your roses

have good ventilation all around each bush. Don't plant a rose flat up against a wall or fence - there is no air circulation at the back when you do this and mildews get in and infect the blooms.

Roses need to be fed during the summer months. They expended a lot of energy bringing on that first and second flush of delirious blooms - now they need to replace their reserves. A nice meal of any kind of fertilizer that has approximately a 10-10-10 rating would be appreciated (follow directions on the label). Water deeply before feeding in the summer - you want the rose well-hydrated first! Remember - also spread some organics under the mulch and water them in. They become 'comfort food' as they disintegrate.

Keep weeds from going to seed in your garden. Weed seeds will sprout when the rains start again - and you'll be pulling weeds all winter long!

With dry weather setting in - save the petals of your blooms and make a dry sachet by laying them on a dry surface in a hot, dark area - or use your food dehydrator. When using roses in cooking - make sure they have not been sprayed with anything other than plain water.

Pluck red, orange or dark lavender petals, snip off the white 'pip' at the base, and slice into green salads. They add color, vitamins, and a 'touch' of the exotic!

You can make rose water and add it to tea for a cool, scented beverage. Pile two cups of scented petals in a pitcher and add water. Cover. Set in the sun for several hours. Strain the water off into a clean container. Dump the petals in the compost. Use the water in teas for a hint of roses!

Make "roses" out of gumdrops - just flatten them and roll into shape. Or, "candy" some pink rose petals or sprinkle them lightly with fine sugar and lay them on the white frosting on cupcakes. Lovely!

Stop - and Smell the Roses!

## Summer Rose Tips

By: Jolene Adams, Rose Chairman

1. Water is essential. As the heat increases, more per bush each week. Up to 10 gallons a week! Check on those pots! Keep them moist.
2. Mulch to retain moisture in the soil and keep the top of the soil from drying out.
3. If your climate is really hot, deadhead lightly! Just snap off the dead flowers at the top of the stem and leave as many leaves on the bush as possible.
4. Hose off bushes once a week in the morning to clean off foliage and knock off obnoxious bugs. Water deeply and then feed with a handful of 10-10-10 or something along that line in midsummer.
5. If you live in the fog belt, spray once a month with an mild fungicide of jojoba oil - mildew is NOT your friend.



## Official Calendar of Upcoming Events

### Back to School

#### Upcoming Educational Opportunities

**September 21-22, 2010** - Gardening Study School, Series XXI, Course 3, Loomis. Sponsor: Golden Foothills District. Chairman: Patsy Jeffery. [Click here for the brochure/registration form.](#)

**November 4-5, 2010** - Landscape Design Study Program, Course 1. South Coast Botanic Garden, 26300 Crenshaw Boulevard, Classroom B, Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA. School Chairman: [Maryanne Lucas](#). [Click here for the brochure/registration form.](#)

Visit Our Website or call us toll free at 888-702-2075. Any questions or comments about the CGCI eNewsletter, please contact the [eNewsletter Chairman](#). If you are having trouble printing the eNewsletter, try printing in "landscape mode" and/or use legal size paper. If that doesn't work, simply "cut" or "copy" the information which you want to pass along and "paste" it into a Word document.

Guest Speaker:  
Paul Ortega, Chairman,  
Desert Horticultural  
Society of the Coachella  
Valley - "How to  
Maximize Influence  
Change in Your  
Community, One Garden  
at a Time."

All forms can be found  
on the CGCI website or  
contact the chairman.  
There are 4 items to  
note: Maryanne Lucas'  
letter, FYI, Schedule and

Registration form. Have  
deadline to receive  
special CGCI room rate  
of \$89 per night  
(August 28) and  
deadline to postmark  
registration to register  
(Jane McKee) without  
paying a \$15 late  
registration fee  
(September 1).



### Will You Attend the CGCI 2010 Fall Board Meeting?

This issue will review  
the CGCI Bylaws,  
Standing Rules and  
Guidelines for Club  
Presidents, District  
Directors and CGCI  
Chairmen. The  
emphasis of the review  
will be on the  
responsibilities of the  
club president, district  
director and CGCI  
chairmen, specifically in  
attendance at, and  
participating in, CGCI  
meetings. All citations  
refer to pages numbers  
in the 2009-2010 CGCI  
Yearbook, Manual and  
Roster.

**Grafting** - Most fruit trees do not come true from seed. They are grafted onto compatible rootstock. The secret of grafting is matching the cambium layers of the scion and the rootstock. With sharp tools and practice, it is rewarding.

**Division** - Clumps of perennials and succulents may be separated into individual plants or sections each with its own roots and replanted. Spring, when new growth begins, is the best time for division. Plants that put out runners or suckers produce new plants that can be dug. Even bulbs multiply by putting out offsets or bulblets and seeds. Dig and divide bulbs during their dormant period.

**Layering** - Pinning a stem to the ground or burying part of a stem can be any easy method of propagation of perennials or shrubs. A wound on the underside of the stem may produce roots and can be severed and dug to produce a new plant.

**Cacti and Succulents** - Allow cuttings, leaves or rosettes to dry or callus up to a week before planting in a fast draining potting soil.

the "State Parks and Wildlife Conservation Trust Fund Act of 2010" for the November 2 statewide ballot. The measure will appear as Proposition 21. Over 760,000 signatures were submitted, nearly twice the number required to qualify the measure. For more information on the Parks measure, follow this link to the State Parks Foundation website: <http://www.calparks.org/>. For the full text of the measure, see the Secretary of State's website: <http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/ballot-measures/qualified-ballot-measures.htm>.

## Endowments - New!

CGCI has established two charters with Principal Financial Group, San Diego, for endowments: One for Scholarships and one for Planned Giving. The following were the first to donate to the new CGCI Endowment Scholarship Fund at the 2010 Convention last June:

**Cathy Biggins**  
**Garden Study Club of the Peninsula**  
**Shane Looper**  
**Agnes McKee**  
**Jane McKee**  
**Southern California Garden Club**

Become a charter member of the Endowment Fund today! More information will be forthcoming in *Golden Gardens*. In the meantime, questions can be directed to Bob Gordon, Chairman of the Endowment Committee.

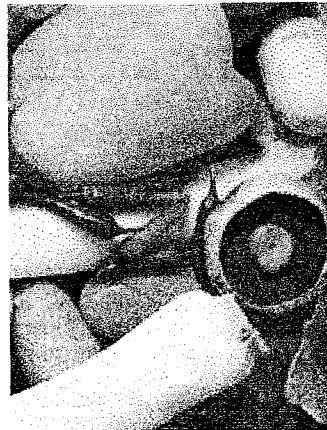
## 2010 List of Beautiful Winery Gardens in the Sonoma Valley

- By Mary Lou Goodwin, Landscape Design Council Chairman  
Starting in Santa Rosa, California on Highway 101, drive south/east on Highway 12.
1. **Ledson Winery & Vineyards** - 7335 Sonoma Highway 12, Kenwood
  2. **St. Francis Winery & Vineyards** - 100 Pythian Road, Kenwood
  3. **Landmark Vineyards** - 101 Adobe Canyon Rd. Kenwood
  4. **Chateau St. Jean** - 8555 Sonoma Highway 12 Kenwood
  5. **Blackstone Winery** - 8450 Sonoma Highway 12, Kenwood
- Continue south on Highway 121.
6. **Sonoma Valley Visitors Center at Cornerstone** - 23570 Arnold /Highway 121
  7. **Jacuzzi Family Vineyard** - 24724 Arnold Drive/Hwy 121
  8. **Cline Cellars** - 24737 Arnold Drive /Hwy 121 - CGCI Award Winner
  9. **Viansa Winery and Italian Marketplace** - 25200 Arnold Drive/Highway 121

To complete the circle, continue south on Highway 121 to Highway 37 and then west to Highway 101.

## Save Those Scraps

By Myrtle Findley, Home Grown Chairman  
Leftover fresh veggie "scraps" make an excellent cold drink to keep in the refrigerator. All of those lost minerals, etc. are lost when the ends of the carrot, celery, onion, kale, peelings, etc. are tossed in the trash. Instead: Wash them clean (do not peel); cut them to fit in the cooking pot; add a few sprigs of mint, etc.; fill the pot with water; bring to a boil; cook a few minutes; cool; drain; and toss pulp into the mulch pile. Refrigerate the clear vitamin-rich drink. Enjoy!



## Summer Rose Report

By Jolene Adams, Rose Chairman  
(Editor's Note: In Jolene's forwarding email to this editor, she says, "For some climates, it is just now spring; for most of us this is right on; for some it is too late. California has SUCH diverse microclimates! Use common sense when you garden - stay hydrated, use sunscreen, rest in the shade.")

Gene Bauer book signing - *Botanical Serigraphs, The Gene Bauer Collection* (1:30 - 3:30 pm)

Workshops:  
1) "Membership: The Future of CGCI" by Rita Desilets, CGCI 3rd VP.

2) "Designing with Roses" by Kreg Hill, ARS & NGC Judge.

3) "Leadership" by Robin Pokorski, Former CGCI President. (A great workshop for club presidents.)

Complimentary President's Reception (wine & beer) (5:00 - 7:00 pm).

Maureen Gilmer book signing - *Palm Springs-Style Gardening & The Small Budget Gardener*. (6:00 - 7:00 pm).

Dinner Speaker: Maureen Gilmer - "Modern Succulents Palm Springs-Style."

Thursday  
September 16

Spouses tour to the Palm Springs Air Museum and lunch at The Spa Casino Hotel. Buffet (9:30 am - 2:00 pm).



Lunch Speaker: Linda Stamer, Biologist, San Bernardino National Forest - "Greenhouses for the Penny Pines & Reforestation Projects."