



Prickly News

December 2011

HOLIDAY POTLUCK
December 11, 12:00



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Best holiday wishes. This has been another eventful year. From my perspective, the most important milestone was final approval of our Bylaws, but increasing the dues probably had the most impact on our membership. Thirty-eight members chose not to renew their membership, but eleven joined. Our current membership is 100. When I became President in 2007, we had 60 members. So you can see we have a lot of new members. This turn-over has made it difficult to fill our leadership positions.

If you wish to have a say in deciding future changes, you need only to volunteer, otherwise I'm afraid you're along for the ride. Even if you remain a "wall flower" I promise the Board will do it's best to make our Club relevant in your life. I propose an un-official motto of "Learn Facts. . . Make Friends . . . Have Fun". If you have an idea for a motto, let me know.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE HOLIDAY POTLUCK

I'll call us to order at NOON and after a few remarks we'll start the buffet line. As has become traditional, the Club will provide prime rib and ham. Also paper plates, cups, plastic utensils, etc. AND (tap) water, coffee and tea. If you want something else to drink, bring it.

As a reminder, those who volunteered to help Rose Arbuckle with set-up should come about 10:30 am. Seating arrangements will be decided at that time. I expect about 50 attendees - Long Beach will NOT be joining us this year.

We passed around a sign-up sheet to get an idea of how many members plan on bringing dishes. This list implies no obligation and if you didn't sign it, you are still encouraged to bring something for 6-8 people. It can be a salad, side-dish or dessert. Please bring your dishes before 11:45 - or earlier if they must be heated. The kitchen has an oven and microwave. Also we have a limited number of serving utensils, so you might want to bring those.

After we finish eating, we'll have a SHORT meeting to pass out door prizes and judge our "Annual Plant" contest. Remember to bring your "Annual Plant" which was ***Euphorbia obesa*** - dead or alive. Mini-show winners will be announced and prizes awarded to the ten highest point totals.

After we adjourn, please pitch-in and help clean up. I expect we'll adjourn around 2:00 pm - in time to avoid or attend (depending on our point of view) the concert in the hall.

Hope to see ya'll there.

Dale

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HELP WANTED!

Contact Dale La Forest for more info.

I am pleased to announce that Neva Drages has volunteered to help with the CGCI Liaison position.

We REALLY need a Publicist. Someone to send meeting notices to local newspapers using email. The ground work has already been done.

We also could use a Communications Chair. This person would monitor and coordinate our Newsletter articles, Website postings and publicity releases to ensure they are consistent and correct. This is a Board position.

November POM First Place Winners

Open - Cactus
Jim Gardener
Airampoa piardoi

Open - Succulent
Maria Capaldo
Crassula 'Dorothy'

Novice - Cactus
Anita Caplan
Opuntia Microdasys

Novice - Succulent
Anita Caplan
Crassula tetragona

Information on Growing Schlumbergera Christmas Cactus

See December 2010
SCC&S Newsletter article
by Dick Kohlschreiber



*Schlumbergera
x buckleyi 'Olivia'*

Beverley Graham, rbg.vic.gov.au

South Coast Cactus and Succulent Society Mini Show Final Results As of November 13, 2011

Novice Class	Cactus	Succulents	Open Class	Cactus	Succulents
Arbucle	2		Capaldo	67	47
Angulo	12	2	Causey	15	25
Becdach	2		DeCrescenzo		1
Caplan	36	30	Duke	58	22
Fazio	20		Dunn	2	4
Hines	2		Hanna	3	28
Hemingway	1	13	Kohlschreiber	2	3
Hutchison	4		Gardner	11	42
Bernard Johnson		2	Dale La Forest	8	21
Ted Johnson	16	45	Woodley	3	9
Kuprenas	4	1			
Neely	5				
Ross	5	13			
Shearer	9	9			
Tanner	23	42			
Unrine	3	2			
Veits		15			
Williams	3				

PLANT OF THE MONTH RULES – revised January 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 1st place and up to two 2nd and two 3rd 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 due to disease or infestation or because it is not the correct genera.

2012 PLANT OF THE MONTH (POM)

	SUCCULENTS	CACTUS
January	Dudleya	Eriosyce
February	Echevarias	Turbincarpus to and include Aztekium, and Geohintonia
March	Succulent Bromeliad	Mammillaria - Straight Spines
April	PLANT SHOW AND SALE	
May	Haworthia / Astroloba	Ferocactus
June	Pelargonium / Sarcocaulon	Coryphantha / Escobaria
July	Sansevieria	Copiapoa
August	Variegated (All)	Variegated Cacti
September	Aloes	Ariocarpus
October	Agaves	Gymnocalycium
November	Crassula	Echinocactus / Stenocactus
December	HOLIDAY PARTY	



Crassula Christmasonii
Michlyn Hines' Christmas Tree. Photo by Melinda Hines

FYI: Board of Directors for FY2011-2012 are:

- President..... Dale La Forest
- Vice President..... Judy Unrine
- Treasurer Bernard Johnson
- Secretary Philip Johnston Ross
- At Large Member Maria Capaldo
- At Large Member Jim Tanner
- At Large Member Melinda Hines
- Annual Show & Sale Chair Jim Gardner
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- Finance Committee Chair Judi Woo-Sato
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- Membership Comm. Chair..... Lucy Hemingway
- Liaison, CGCI Judy Unrine
- Liaison, SCBG Foundation Jim Gardner
- Liaison, CSSA..... Laurel Woodley
- Parliamentarian Philip Johnston Ross



**TENTATIVE
CACTUS AND SUCCULENT
CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2012
UPDATED 11/11/11**

- FEB 11** SAN DIEGO CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY - WINTER SHOW & SALE
BALBOA PARK, ROOM 101, SAN DIEGO, CA INFO. 858-382-1797
- MAR 23 & 24** ORANGE COUNTY CACTUS & SUCCULENT SPRING SHOW AND SALE 9am-5pm
1000 S. State College Bl., (Anaheim United Methodist Church) Anaheim, CA
CONTACT VINCE BASTA 714-267-4329
- APR 7 & 8** SOUTH COAST CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW &
SALE AT SOUTH COAST BOTANIC GARDEN
26300 CRENSHAW BL., PALOS VERDES, CA INFO. 310-832-2262
- APR 14 & 15** GREEN SCENE PLANT SALE—AT THE FULLERTON ARBORETUM
1900 ASSOCIATED ROAD, FULLERTON, CA 92831
- APR 28** SOUTH BAY EPIPHYLLUM SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE---9am to 4pm
SOUTH COAST BOTANIC GARDEN
INFORMATION CALL-310-833-6823
- May 5 & 6** SUNSET CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE
VETERANS MEMORIAL CENTER, GARDEN ROOM
4117 OVERLAND AVE., CULVER CITY, CA. INFO. 310-822-1783
- MAY 13** HUNTINGTON PLANT SALE 10 TO 5 HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS
1151 OXFORD ROAD, SAN MARINO, CA. 626-405-2160
- MAY 18-19** GATES CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY 31ST ANNUAL SHOW & SALE
9:00 - 4:30 FRI & SAT SHOW 21ST 9-4:30 pm
JURUPA MOUNTAINS CULTURAL CENTER, 7621 GRANITE HILL DRIVE
GLEN AVON, CA INFO. 951-360-8802
- MAY 26-27** CENTRAL COAST CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY
ANNUAL SHOW & SALE (10-4PM), LUDWICK CENTER, 864 SANTA ROSA
SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA – INFO. 805-237-2054, www.centralcoastcactus.org
- JUNE 2 & 3** SAN DIEGO CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY - SUMMER SHOW AND SALE
BALBOA PARK, ROOM 101, SAN DIEGO, CA. INFO. 858-382-1797
- JUNE 9-10** LOS ANGELES CACTUS and SUCCULENT SOCIETY
PLANT SHOW AND SALE 11th 9-5, 12th 9-3:30
SEPULVEDA GARDEN CENTER, 16633 MAGNOLIA BLVD.
ENCINO, CA INFO. E-MAIL LACSS.Contact@gmail.com
- JUNE 29-JULY 1** CSSA ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE - HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS
1151 OXFORD ROAD, SAN MARINO, CA.
626-405-2160 or 2277 PLANTS SALES START JUNE 29TH THRU JULY 1ST
THE SHOW OPENS ON THE JUNE 30TH THRU JULY 1ST FREE TO THE PUBLIC
- JULY 27-28** ORANGE COUNTY CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SUMMER SHOW AND
SALE. FRIDAY JULY 27TH Noon until 7pm, SATURDAY JULY 28TH 9am to 5pm
1000 S. State College Bl., (Anaheim United Methodist Church) Anaheim, CA
CONTACT VINCE BASTA 714-267-4329
- AUG. 11-12** 27th ANNUAL INTERCITY SHOW AND SALE AT THE LA COUNTY ARBORETUM,
9am-5pm daily. 301 NO. BALDWIN AVE., ARCADIA, CA.
INFO. CALL TOM GLAVICH 626-798-2430 or JOHN MATTHEWS 661-297-5364
- SEPT. 1** HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS SUCCULENT SYMPOSIUM
ALL DAY AT THE HUNTINGTON
- SEPT. 23** LONG BEACH CACTUS CLUB ANNUAL PLANT AUCTION
18127 SOUTH ALAMEDA ST., RANCHO DOMINGUEZ, CA - 12 PM
- NOV. 3-4** SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY
SHOW AND SALE---LA COUNTY ARBORETUM ADDRESS ABOVE
- NOV. 9-10** ORANGE COUNTY CACTUS & SUCCULENT WINTER SHOW AND SALE 9am-5pm
1000 S. State College Bl., (Anaheim United Methodist Church) Anaheim, CA
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