



# Prickly News

South Coast Cactus & Succulent Society Newsletter - December 2013

## GENERAL MEETING

**Sunday - December 8, Noon**

**Holiday Party in the Classroom!**

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## REFRESHMENTS FOR DECEMBER

Everybody who signed up on the list knows what they are bringing. Potluck — bring your favorite treat. Many thanks to all, Happy Holidays!

**Kitchen Volunteers** – Please see Carol Causey after the meeting if you would like to help with kitchen cleanup.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS for FY2013-2014

### Officers

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*Show & Sale Chair*

*Programs Committee Chair*

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*CSSA*

### At Large Members

**Dale La Forest**

**Maria Capaldo**

**Bernard Johnson**

**Philip Johnston Ross**

**Judy Unrine**

**Jim Gardner**

**Gary Duke**

**Jim Hanna**

**Anita Caplan**

**Sally Fasteau**

**Lynda Johnson**

**Laurel Woodley**

**Mike Short**

**Bob Caplan**



## President's Message

I can't cite any "great leaps forward" for the club this year, but our show & sale was successful to the extent that it will pay the bills. The Newsletter Editorship was successfully transferred

from Melinda Hines to Judi Woo-Sato. Mike Short moved us into the wireless microphone age, and Anita Caplan and David Quadhamer revamped our website, making it worthy of a first rate club. And we continue to grow with membership currently at 117, about a dozen than a year ago. We will see more incremental changes next year. Stay tuned.

Maria's article on the Holiday Potluck contains almost all you need to know about the holiday potluck, but I have a few more details. REMEMBER . . . I'll call us to order at NOON and after a few remarks, start the buffet line. Please do NOT leave your car parked in the alley, as the PV Symphonic Band members need the area to off load their instruments for the concert that starts at 2:00 pm. Hope to see ya'll there.

Happy Holidays!

Dale La Forest

*President*



## 2013-2014 PLANTS OF THE MONTH (POM)

	Cactus	Succulents
December	<b>HOLIDAY PARTY</b>	
January	Mammillaria straight spines	Adenia, Cistus and Cyphostemma
February	Rebutia	Sansevieria
March	Gymnocalycium	Crassula
April	PLANT SHOW AND SALE	
May	Stenocactus	Gasteria
June	Crests / Montrose	Echeveria
July	Ferocactus	Agave / Yucca
August	Coryphantha	Mesembs
September	Ariocarpus	Haworthia
October	Cactus dish gardens	Succulent dish gardens
November	Eriosyce	Aloes

### ANNUAL HOLIDAY POTLUCK PARTY

#### December 8th, from Noon to 2 PM

Join us for our annual Holiday Pot Luck. We will be meeting on our regular meeting date, Sunday, December 8th. Please note that the meeting time is changed to NOON.

We passed around a sign-up sheet to get an idea of how many members plan on attending. This list implies no obligation and if you didn't sign it, you are still encouraged to attend. Thanks to those who volunteered to help me with set-up. We will start set-up at 10:30 am. Anyone with a flair for decorating is encouraged to come and show your stuff. Let me know ahead of time if there is anything you need. My number is 310-346-6206.

As has become traditional, the Club will provide prime rib and ham. We will also provide paper plates, cups, and plastic utensils. Coffee and tea will be available. You may bring your own drink if you want something else. Carol Causey is managing the kitchen again. Check with Carol when you bring your covered dish for 8 people. It can be a salad, hot dish or dessert. Don't forget a serving utensil. Please bring your food already heated or chilled, before 11:45 – or earlier if they must be heated. The kitchen

has one oven, one microwave, and a medium size refrigerator.

Please also bring your 2012 “Annual Plant”, *Titanopsis calcarea*, which you received last December. Gary Duke will judge this year's plants and invite everyone to pick up an “Annual Plant” for the 2013 contest. It will be fun to see how they did – dead or alive.

Dale will announce the Mini-show winners and award prize plants to the people with the 10 highest point totals. Thanks to all who participated in this interesting and educational activity.

After we adjourn, please pitch-in and help clean up. Dale expects to adjourn around 2:00 pm - in time to avoid or attend the Holiday Palos Verdes Symphony concert that is held in the hall.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Maria Capaldo





## November Mini Show

### FIRST PLACE WINNERS

#### CACTUS

##### Open Class

Gary Duke

*melocactus ernestii*

##### Novice Class

Bill Kelly

*melocactus communis*

#### SUCCULENT

##### Open Class

No FIRST PLACE,  
2nd and 3rd Place only

##### Novice Class

Jade Neely

*lithops mixture*



## South Coast Cactus and Succulent Society MINI SHOW FINAL RESULTS - (as of October 13, 2013)

Novice Class	Cactus	Succulents	Open Class	Cactus	Succulents
Bjerke		3	Capaldo	41	27
Caplan	17	20	Causey	8	12
DeCrescenzo	36	23	Duke	78	42
Dunn		1	Gardner	6	53
Hines	4	7	Hanna		31
Jengo		1	Kohlschreiber	3	
Jenkins	2	1	La Forest	6	11
Jackie Johnson	25	30	Williams	3	
Bernard Johnson		7	Warzybok		10
Kelly	22	4	Woodley	18	18
Carol Knight		15			
Neely	62	52			
Ross		2			
Shearer		7			
Tanner	12	15			
Unrine	4	10			
Veits	4	4			
Wilk		10			
Wood	4	5			

### MINI-SHOW RULES

Exhibitors must be club members in good standing and must be present at the meeting in order to receive points. One name representing the same household must be used unless plants are grown separately. Mini-show coordinator will be consulted if there is any question of entry identity.

Any container may be used, including plastic, as long as it is clean. All plants must be groomed and free of pests and disease.

There are two plant categories, "Cactus" and "Succulents". Up to three plants per individual may be entered in each category.

There are three entry classes: "Novice", "Intermediate" and "Open". Only members new to the hobby would be expected to be in the novice class. After the December meeting, members' point total will be reviewed by the Programs Committee Chair and Mini-show Coordinator. Novice members awarded more than 64 points or winning at least 6 first place awards will be asked to move to the Intermediate class in both categories. Intermediate Members awarded more than 64 points or winning at least 6 first place awards, will be asked to begin showing in the Open class. Members will not be allowed to regress to a lower level.

All plants must be grown by the exhibitor for a minimum of six months for novice and intermediate and one year for open class. An individual plant may be entered only once a year.

#### Scoring:

First Place: 6 points  
 Second place: 4 points  
 Third place: 2 points  
 Placement: all entries that are not disqualified receive one point



**D**an Mahr begins this extra-large issue with an extra-long article, setting the scene for the CSSA fieldtrip to northwestern Argentina. He introduces the vegetational types of the region, then gives an overview of the numerous species seen at the 96 plant stops made during the 14-day, 3000 km trip—everything from mighty *Trichocereus* to diminutive *Yavia*.. Dr Guillermo Rivera, who served both as tour guide and operator, next illustrates the often unrealized variability of plants in habitat, and

advises caution when rushing to create new species without first carefully researching and understanding the plants variability over their entire range and populations. *Opuntia sulphurea*, increasingly seen in cultivation with wonderfully curled spines, is the subject of Judy Pigue’s article, the culmination of several years’ desire to see the plant in its natural habitat. Bromeliads are widely distributed in South America, and Nels Christianson provides an in-depth guide to the various species encountered, often in dramatic settings, during the group’s travels. Nels also penned a poem inspired by the plants and animals seen during his time in the field. Root Gorelick draws our attention to an easily overlooked genus, *Pterocactus*. These very cryptic plants were seen at a number of localities on the trip. Dick Schreiber, a frequent visitor to desert habitats, provides a participants-eye view of a day in the field. Clearly, these are not all heat, sweat and dust. Finally, another CSSA field trip stalwart, Rick Gillman, tackles the genus *Gymnocalycium*, which must be one of the most diverse of the cactus genera in the area.

# CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2014

(updated 11/12/2013)

- FEB 8 SAN DIEGO CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY, SPRING SHOW AND SALE  
BALBOA PARK, ROOM 101, SAN DIEGO, CA—INFO: 858-382-1797
- MAR. 28-30 ORANGE COUNTY CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SPRING SHOW AND SALE.  
FRI. AND SAT. MAR. 28-29 9-5PM SUN. MAR. 30th 12-4PM  
1000 S. State College Bl., (Anaheim United Methodist Church) Anaheim, CA  
INFO: 562-587-3357
- APR 12-13 SOUTH COAST CACTUS AN SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW & SALE  
SOUTH COAST BOTANIC GARDEN, 26300 CRENSHAW BLVD., PALOS VERDES, CA  
INFO: 310-378-1953
- APR 19-20 GREEN SCENE PLANT SALE—AT THE FULLERTON ARBORETUM  
1900 ASSOCIATED ROAD, FULLERTON, CA 92831
- APR 27 HUNTINGTON PLANT SALE 10 TO 5  
HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS, 1151 OXFORD ROAD, SAN MARINO, CA.  
INFO: 626-405-2160
- MAY 4 SOUTH BAY EPIPHYLLUM SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE—9am to 4pm  
SOUTH COAST BOTANICAL GARDENS  
INFO: 310-833-6823
- May 3 & 4 SUNSET CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE  
VETERANS MEMORIAL CENTER, GARDEN ROOM  
4117 OVERLAND AVE., CULVER CITY, CA. INFO.  
INFO: 310-822-1783
- MAY 16-17 GATES CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY  
33rd SHOW AND SALE FRI & SAT 9-4:30 pm  
INFO: 951-360-8802
- MAY 17-18 LONG BEACH CACTUS CLUB PLANT SHOW AND SALE 10AM-5PM  
RANCHO LOS ALAMITOS, 6400 BIXBY HILL ROAD, LONG BEACH  
INFO: 310-922-6090—www.lbcss.org
- MAY 24-25 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 7-8 SAN DIEGO CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY –SUMMER SHOW AND SALE  
BALBOA PARK, ROOM 101, SAN DIEGO, CA.  
INFO: 858-382-1797
- JUNE 14-15 LOS ANGELES CACTUS and SUCCULENT SOCIETY  
PLANT SHOW AND SALE 14TH 9-5, 15th 9-3:30  
SEPULVEDA GARDEN CENTER, 16633 MAGNOLIA BLVD.  
ENCINO, CA INFO. E-MAIL [www.lacss-show.com](http://www.lacss-show.com)
- JUNE 27-29 CSSA ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE –HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS  
1151 OXFORD ROAD, SAN MARINO, CA.  
INFO: 626-405-2160 or 2277  
PLANTS SALES START JUNE 27TH THRU JUNE 29TH  
THE SHOW OPENS ON THE JUNE 28TH THRU JUNE 29TH  
FREE TO THE PUBLIC
- JULY 25-27 ORANGE COUNTY CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SUMMER SHOW AND  
SALE. FRI. JULY 25TH 9am-5pm, SAT JULY 26TH 9am-5pm, SUN 27TH 12-4pm  
1000 S. State College Bl., (Anaheim United Methodist Church) Anaheim, CA  
INFO: 949-212-8417
- AUG. 9-10 29th 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 661-714-1052
- AUG 30 HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS SUCCULENT SYMPOSIUM  
ALL DAY AT THE HUNTINGTON
- SEPT. 7 LONG BEACH CACTUS CLUB ANNUAL PLANT AUCTION -12-5PM  
RANCHO LOS ALAMITOS, 6400 BIXBY HILL ROAD, LONG BEACH, CA 90615  
INFO: 310-922-6090
- NOV. 1 & 2 SAN GABRIEL CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY 9am-4pm both days  
SHOW AND SALE—LA COUNTY ARBORETUM ADDRESS ABOVE

