



Prickly News

South Coast Cactus & Succulent Society Newsletter - February 2014

GENERAL MEETING

Sunday - February 9 , 1:30 pm

We will meet in the Hall

Presentation by Dale La Forest



"Sansevieria"

WELCOME TO OUR NEW SCCSS MEMBERS

JANUARY

Helena Velken
Rosalie Flores
Chris and Aiko Wattanabe

REFRESHMENTS FOR FEBRUARY

The January snacks were provided by:

Carol Causey Carol Knight
Phyllis De Crescenzo Jade Neely
Jim Hanna Danny Westfall
Jackie Johnson

Volunteers for February refreshments are:

Anita Caplan David Okihara
Snow Dunn Irene Rich

If you would like bring something to our next meeting, please feel free to do so – thanks!

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

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President's Message

I hope everyone is fortunate enough to have someone they can call their Valentine. Don't forget to tell them that.

The attendance count for the January meeting was 68 for Petra Crist's presentation on Cyphostemma and other plants and a few animals of Namibia. I think that's a record high - but who's counting. I was pleased to see that we are starting to get our speaker expertise in line with our mini-show categories. That's not an easy task for many reasons. Implementation of the new Intermediate class in the mini-show went well and I thought I saw a few new members entering plants in novice, although I won't know for sure until I look at Jim Tanner's report elsewhere in this newsletter. I am still struggling to standardize what I ask the judge to tell us. In January I asked Petra to just tell us about her 1st place awards because I thought the explanations might go on too long, if the judge addressed all awards. That would be - 3 classes X 2 categories X 3 award places for 18 explanations. But limiting the explanations here probably won't satisfy members (especially novices), who might want to know more about the plants and how to grow them.

To this end, I'd like some feedback as to how you feel about forming discussion groups. Perhaps members with modest expertise could allow a small number of members to visit their homes and discuss in an informal setting how to identify and/or grow certain types of succulents or some other area of expertise of the hobby. Call or email me if you are interested. I announced that the South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation was going to start charging room usage fees in 2015 and that we were probably going to get a bill this July for \$1475. I have expected this for a long time, since the county is no longer funding SCBG activities other than normal maintenance. After discussing this and various options, the Board thought that raising dues 50% to \$18/year/member, eliminating family memberships, and increasing the cost of hard copy newsletter to \$12/year probably wouldn't impose too high a barrier to membership. This would mean members would continue to receive the same benefits they now enjoy; e.g. best speakers available, lots of door prize plants, plant awards for the mini-show, the best potluck holiday luncheon, access to rare and unusual plants at reasonable prices, not to mention the opportunity to make new and interesting friends. I urge you to vote to approve this proposal at our February General Membership meeting. Our Treasurer, Bernard Johnson will be providing a cost/benefit handout that may help you make a decision.

Dale La Forest
President

**South Coast Cactus and Succulent Society
MINI SHOW FINAL RESULTS - (as of January 12, 2014)**

Novice Class	Cactus	Succulents	Intermediate Class	Cactus	Succulents	Open Class	Cactus	Succulents
Jengo	1		Caplan	4		Capaldo	4	
B. Johnson	8		De Cresenzo	7		Duke	12	2
J. Johnson	11		Neeley	11	6	Gardner		3
B. Kelly	3					Hanna		14
Shearer	5					La Forest	4	
Tanner		6						
G. Unrine	2							
J. Unrine	5							
Wood	3							



**January
Mini Show**

**FIRST PLACE
WINNERS**

CACTUS

Open Class
Gary Duke

mammillaria microthele

Intermediate Class
Jade Neely

mammillaria hahniana

Novice Class
Jackie Johnson

mammillaria plumosas

SUCCULENT

Open Class
Jim Hanna

cyphostemma juttae x
hardyi 'Fat Bastard'

Intermediate Class
Jade Neely

cyphostemma juttae

Novice Class
Jim Tanner

adenia glauca

2013-2014 PLANTS OF THE MONTH (POM)

	Cactus	Succulents
January	Mammillaria straight spines	Adenia, Cissus 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	Mesemb
September	Ariocarpus	Haworthia
October	Cactus dish gardens	Succulent dish gardens
November	Eriocyce	Winter Bulbs
December	HOLIDAY PARTY	

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

Preparations for the 2014 Cactus & Succulent Show

It's once again time to get ready for our annual Show and Sale. Getting ready for the show requires a lot of preparation. At the coming February meeting I will begin the process of getting jobs assigned for the show. The meeting after the speaker and intermission will be given over to getting this done. I will post my worksheet at the back of the room at the meeting so people can look it over. It looks like a lot of work, but each year we easily get all the slots filled, and by show time we have always been ready to roll.

Also on the table at the back of the auditorium I'll have descriptions of all the various jobs so you can read them before we start the work session. On the same table I'll have a description of the changes we've made to the show rules in the form of a letter to exhibitors. This letter is also shown below. These changes have been made to encourage more people with smaller collections to put together a display, and also to encourage people to experiment with two types of displays: educational and artistic.

I look forward to February's meeting and to putting on our show once again. For me, it has always been an exciting and rewarding experience working with our club members as they step into their roles and make the show really work.

*Sincerely,
Jim Gardner, Show Chair*

MEMO

To: All Potential Exhibitors

Date: February 2014

From: Jim Gardner
Show & sale Committee Chair

Subject: Application to set up Displays

The intent of the Displays is two-fold; to educate visitors about succulent plants and show how beautifully they can be staged. As it is said, "beauty is in the eye of the beholder", so we ask visitors to our show & sale to judge them by voting. An unstated purpose is to provide names of plants, so visitors can ask a vendor if a specific plant is for sale.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Exhibitors are free to discuss their plants with the public, but must refrain from encouraging anyone to vote for their display. Exhibitors are also expected to refrain from encouraging anyone to attend our show simply to vote for their display. Breach of this code of conduct may lead to disqualification of the exhibitor by the Show Chair with the consent of the President.

GENERAL RULES

Vendors and club members may set up one or more display tables. Two individuals may share a table, and share the award money if the table wins an award.

Tables must be covered to protect the table surface.

Exhibitors may display his/her name or business name on the table(s).

Displays are to be on the tables by no later than 8:30AM Saturday morning the first day of the show and remain there until 4:00PM Sunday the last day of the show.

Plants must be in good condition and free of weeds and pests.

Beginning in 2014 we are adopting the "one vote per table" rule. This means that an exhibitor with enough plants to need two or more tables will be given a different identifying number or letter for EACH TABLE (see below). As a result all TABLES compete on an equal footing, rather than the smaller exhibitor being overwhelmed by the large multi-table displays.

Beginning 2014, tables will be judged in either the artistic or educational category. Each table must indicate whether it is an artistic table or an educational table. Artistic tables

will be given an identifying NUMBER, while educational tables will be given an identifying LETTER by the show chair no later than 8:30AM the first day of the show.

Artistic displays do NOT require live plants or plant labels. Any medium may be used as long as the effect is to show succulent plants.

Educational displays must include the name of each plant and some literature, poster, etc that is educational, e.g. a display showing the diversity of the genus Euphorbia.

Visitors to the show will be given a ballot and asked to vote on the first day of the show. Awards will be presented the second day of the show. The exhibitor need not be present to accept an award, although your presence is requested for photo purposes.

Exhibitors may win only one prize in each category. Exhibitors are entitled to the highest prize awarded to him/her in each category. An exhibitor may win prizes in both categories, including first prize in both. A given entry (table) may win a prize only in its category, not in both.

Prizes will be as follows:

Artistic Category:

First prize: \$150

Second Prize: \$100

Third Prize: \$50, if there are 5 or more in the category.

Educational category:

First prize: \$150

Second prize: \$100

Third prize: \$50, if there are 5 or more in the category.

Detach and return to the Show Chair or the Vendor Coordinator

APPLICATION TO SHOW

I, _____, request to enter the following tables in the South Coast Cactus & Succulent Society show April 12-13, 2014.

Artistic display: _____ table(s)

Educational display: _____ table(s)

I have read the above procedures and rules, and agree to abide by them.

Signature

Date

Please return this form or email or phone a response to:

Jim Gardner, Show Chair

3 Ponderosa Lane

Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274

srendrag@verizon.net, or 310-378-1953

Vendors may return the form to Jim Hanna who will give it to the Show Chair

Confirmation will be sent separately

CACTUS OF THE MONTH – REBUTIA

Rebutia is a genus in the family Cactaceae, native to Bolivia and Argentina. They are generally small, colorful cacti, globular in form, which freely produce flowers that are relatively large in relation to the body. They have no distinctive ribs, but do have regularly arranged small tubercles. They are considered fairly easy to grow and they may produce large quantities of seeds that germinate freely around the parent plant.

The limits of the genus are currently uncertain – in particular whether or not it includes species formerly or currently placed in the genera *Aylosteria*, *Cintia*, *Sulcorebutia* and *Weingartia*. The number of species included varies widely from source to source. A very large number of plants that have been treated in cultivation as species of *Rebutia* are now generally regarded as varieties, forms or synonyms of a much smaller number of species.



Rebutia donaldiana



Rebutia arenacea



Rebutia narvaecensis



Rebutia muscula



Rebutia flavistyla



Rebutia minuscula



Rebutia heliosa

SUCCULENTS OF THE MONTH – SANSEVIERIA

There are about 60 species of *Sansevieria*, but since many of the species are variable and have widespread habitats, there are more names than this. There are also dozens of cultivars, particularly of variegated *Sansevieria*. They are currently in the Dracenaceae family, but have moved through the 'dumping ground' families. In older references, they will be found in the Lilaceae, Aloiaceae, Agavaceae, and other families. Most *Sansevieria* are native to Africa, although some come from India, Asia and the South Sea Islands.

They are among the easiest of all succulent plants to grow, requiring only a pot or a spot in the ground. They are tolerant of incredible neglect and abuse, but most grow rapidly and well if watered and fertilized regularly. They do well in Southern California outdoors or in, and suffer damage only if they are cold and wet. They are free from most pests, suffering only rarely from scale. They are prone to fungal rusts, particularly in damp weather. The only cure for rust is to cut off the infected leaves, sterilizing the cutting tool after each cut (an alcohol wipe will do) and then spray the entire plant with a fungicide such as Funginex. Prevention is much easier. Bright light, and moving air prevent most rusts.

Sansevieria propagation is remarkably easy. Cut a piece off, let it dry for a few days, and stick it in some potting soil. They propagate readily from leaves (tips are best), rhizomes, roots, etc..

Variegation is very common in cultivated *Sansevieria*, and variegated plants form the majority of some collections. A variegated pup will appear on an otherwise normal plant. The variegation can be preserved by removing the pup and a portion of the rhizome, and growing it on. If this is not done, the variegated pup, being weaker than the rest of

the plant will not reproduce. Variegated plants are slower growers than normal plants, and are much more sensitive to cold and wet conditions. They need protection, particularly in the winter. They are also sensitive to standing water in their crowns, quickly rotting if water is allowed to remain.

Tom Glavich



Sansevieria ehrenbergii



Sansevieria cylindrica



Sansevieria Trifasciata Hahnii Marginated



Sansevieria trifasciata
flower



Sansevieria eilensis



Sansevieria Golden Banner



Sansevieria Kirkii Pulchra

FEBRUARY'S PRESENTER: DALE LA FOREST

Dale La Forest will present a program called. "*Sansevieria*" - a Genus in Search of a Family". Dale has been collecting and studying *Sansevierias* since he joined our club in 2000. He says to prepare for a different kind of program and possibly a few surprises, as this is not only his first presentation, but also his first Power Point program. It will NOT be a travelogue but more of an educational experience. Dale will bring a few plants for "show and tell", but has none for sale.

Born and raised in Grosse Pointe, MI (NE of Detroit), he enlisted in the USAF in 1957 and after 4 years service he applied for OCS, was accepted, and sent to Florida State Univ to learn meteorology. In 1974, the airforce decided to train him as a missile launch officer. Not relishing the assignment in Great Falls, MT, he transferred to the Disaster Preparedness specialty. His first assignment was at Los Angeles Air Force Base in El Segundo. He retired in 1982 as a major. After retiring he had a relatively short but eventful 14-year career with the Los Angeles American Red Cross Disaster Services and retired again in 1996.

He started collecting succulents - mostly cacti - about 1994, but a particularly wet winter (1997-1998) caused many to rot out. Somewhat discouraged he shifted to other succulents, especially to genera that don't "bite". It was at a 2000 sale at the Los Angeles County arboretum that he bought his first *sansevieria* (*S. cylindrica*) and while enjoying lunch there with his wife, Mary, was approached by Norma Lewis, who wanted to talk about his purchase. A friendship developed and Norma invited him to see her collection. Norma has well over 150 *sansevieria* including hybrids and cultivars and she generously shared pups and cuttings that provided Dale with an instant collection. Most came with good provenance, but well over a dozen were NoIDs. It was the NoIDs that prodded him into learning more about the genus. Coincidentally, Dale's brother Michael (in Knoxville, TN) was also collecting *sansevieria* and so naturally they exchanged plants. Dale has also been active on several Internet based sans forums and currently participates on the Garden Web.

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Gary Duke

Jim Hanna

Anita Caplan

Sally Fasteau

Lynda Johnson

Laurel Woodley

Mike Short

Bob Caplan



Sansevieria Trifasciata Futura

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
- 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