



# Prickly News

South Coast Cactus & Succulent Society Newsletter - July 2014

Next Meeting: July 13 at 1:30 p.m.

## Presentation by our very own Gary Duke

### On the Cacti Trail in Northern Peru

Gary describes lots of tall columnar cacti that we don't see very often, especially large ones in the wild and some of the small globular ones as well. He also has pictures of bromeliads in his talk as well as several outstanding scenic views in the Andes and a bit on their culture. Come and see a new perspective of Peru.



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### REFRESHMENTS FOR JULY

Volunteers for July refreshments are:

Anita Caplan  
Maria Capaldo  
Danny Westall  
Carol Causey

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.



### President's Message

The July meeting marks the end of our fiscal year and the start of my 8th term as President. It must be clear to you all that I enjoy the task. I am proud of our accomplishments, but none of them could have been realized without the efforts of other dedicated club members. Although our club continues to grow, with 115 members

before the June meeting, I am concerned that we are not doing enough to make the club relevant enough for newer members. If you have any ideas that you think will improve our club, send them to me or any Board member. A little history might be useful here. A few years ago we invited members to volunteer at the SCBG Desert Garden and help Gretchen Marlotte maintain it. To my knowledge, no one responded. And then Carol Knight arranged a great bus tour, but she had to fill the bus with people from other Garden Clubs in the area. Some have suggested home tours where members host open gardens. And discussion groups have been suggested where a small number of members would meet to discuss and learn about various botanical subjects. The San Gabriel Valley C&SS has been doing this for a number of years, but they are much larger than us and seem to have more "experts" willing to lead discussions. I think all the aforementioned events are good, but someone needs to step forward and take responsibility and there's the rub.

Speaking of taking responsibility, when you have an opportunity, it wouldn't hurt to thank Board and Committee members. Some of these tasks require a lot of time and commitment. I especially want to thank Bernard Johnson for the many things he does managing our funds. It would take a half page to describe them. And I thank Sally Fasteau for keeping the roster up to date and integrating new members. And thank you Jim Tanner for the Mini-show point totals and articles on the genera of the month you see in our newsletter. And we need to recognize Carol Causey and Danny Westall for refreshments - remembering this includes hauling everything out of a cabinet, cleaning it, and putting it away. And then there is David Okihara who shows up about noon and sets up all the chairs and puts them away after the meeting. I haven't mentioned and thanked everyone who has volunteered for a position/task, but thank you all. And finally thank you who come to our meetings. I hope you feel it is worth the effort.

Dale La Forest  
President



## JULY'S PRESENTER: GARY DUKE

Gary is a retired Air Force Officer with a doctoral degree in Physics. He works for Scitor and currently consults for the Air Force. He is an avid collector of cacti and has over 800 different varieties of cacti and succulents in his yard. He also enjoys Dudleyas and Tylecodons. Gary has enjoyed his hobby since he was 10 years old and his mother bought him a small box of cacti in Phoenix. He grew up on a farm in central Illinois.



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS for FY2013-2014

### Officers

President  
Vice President  
Treasurer  
Secretary  
Parliamentarian

**Dale La Forest**  
**Maria Capaldo**  
**Bernard Johnson**  
**Philip Johnston Ross**  
**Judy Unrine**

### Standing Committee Chairmen

Show & Sale Chair  
Programs Committee Chair  
Finance Committee Chair  
Communication Committee Chair  
Membership Committee Chair

**Jim Gardner**  
**Gary Duke**  
**Jim Hanna**  
**Anita Caplan**  
**Sally Fasteau**

### Liaisons

CGCI  
CSSA

**Lynda Johnson**  
**Laurel Woodley**

### At Large Members

**Mike Short**  
**Bob Caplan**

**South Coast Cactus and Succulent Society  
MINI SHOW FINAL RESULTS - (as of June 8, 2014)**

Novice Class	Cactus	Succulents	Intermediate Class	Cactus	Succulents	Open Class	Cactus	Succulents
Arbuckle	2		Caplan	20	14	Capaldo	21	20
Bjerke		4	DeCrescenzo	32	30	Duke	53	22
Holloway		7	J Johnson	28	22	Gardner	2	17
Jengo	1	13	C Knight		11	Hanna		39
B. Johnson	8		Neely	33	21	Kohlschreiber		2
J B Johnson	1		Ross	1		La Forest	12	7
B. Kelly	43	12				Warzybok	1	
Shearer	5	2						
Short		2						
Tanner	7	30						
G. Unrine	2							
J. Unrine	5							
J Williams	4							
Wood	18	10						

**June  
Mini Show**

**FIRST PLACE  
WINNERS**

**CACTUS**

**Open Class**

Gary Duke  
mammillaria crest

**Intermediate Class**  
Phyllis DeCrescenzo

cleistocactus  
winteri crest

**Novice Class**  
Jim Tanner

*myrtillocactus  
geometrizzans cristata*

**SUCCULENT**

**Open Class**

Gary Duke

*echeveria agavoides*

**Intermediate Class**  
Phyllis DeCrescenzo

*echeveria gibbiflora*

**Novice Class**  
Nancy Jengo

*echeveria gibbiflora*

**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 / Monstrose	Echeveria
<b>JULY</b>	<b>CORYPHANTHA</b>	<b>MESEMBS</b>
August	Ferocactus	Agave / Yucca
September	Ariocarpus	Haworthia
October	Cactus dish gardens	Succulent dish gardens
November	Eriosyce	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



## CACTUS OF THE MONTH – CORYPHANTHA

Coryphantha (from Greek, “flowering on the top”), or beehive cactus, is a genus of small to middle-sized, globose or columnar cacti. The genus is native to arid parts of Central America, Mexico, through Arizona, New Mexico, and western Texas and north into southwestern, central, and southeastern Montana. With its two subgenera, 57 species and 20 subspecies, it is one of the largest genera of cactus. There are four characteristics that distinguish Coryphantha from other cacti.

1. Their bodies do not have ribs, just tubercles.
2. The flowers form at the top of the plant (the apex or growing end of the stem).
3. The tip (podarium) of each flowering tubercle has three parts, the spiny areole, the groove and the axil. Without the groove it is not a Coryphantha.
4. The seed coat (or testa) has a net-like pattern (reticulate).

More than many other cacti, the Coryphantha change in their appearance over their lifespan. The presence or absence of a central spine is not indicative of the genus, even in fully adult plants.



*coryphantha vivipara*



*coryphantha missouriensis*



*coryphantha cornifera*



*coryphantha ramillosa*

## SUCCULENT OF THE MONTH – MESEMBS

*assorted lithops*



*fenestraria rhopalophylla*  
'baby toes'



*lampranthus aurantiacus*



*conophytum bilobum*



*pleiosipilos nelii* 'royal flush'

Mesembs are the most fascinating of the plant groups with their enormous range of weird and wonderful forms and adaptations that facilitate survival in unique and hostile environments (mostly South African). Recent research indicates they are probably the most rapidly evolving group of plants in the world. The mesembryanthema as they are informally known, comprise two of four sub-families, the Mesembryanthemoidea and the Ruschioideae, of the Aizoaceae plant family. It should be no surprise that the Aizoaceae belong to the most fascination of the many plant orders - the Caryophyllales.

# CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2014

(07/01/2014)

- 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



## Membership News

Submitted by, Sally Fasteau

### New Members:

Please welcome new members:

Elly Lindenbaum from Redondo Beach Susan Smeltzer from San Pedro.

### Membership Renewal Information:

First I'd like to thank all of the members who renewed their membership for the coming year. For those who would still like to renew, please complete the attached Membership Form and return it with your check to our treasurer, Bernard Johnson. The dues are now \$18.00 per person and the hard copy of the newsletter is now \$12.00. The newsletter is still free if delivered by email.

### Membership Directory

The 2014-2015 Membership Directory will be published at the end of September and sent to all current members. If anyone wishes to have member contact information

before that time, please let me know and it will be sent to you. As a reminder, this is a confidential list shared with members only and is not to be used for commercial purposes or shared with those outside the club.

### SCCSS Name Badges:

If you need a new name badge, please notify the membership chair before the next meeting and one will be waiting for you at the sign-in table.

### Membership Chairperson

sallyfasteau@cox.net  
310-544-1313

# Membership Form

## South Coast Cactus & Succulent Society

**Instructions:**    **Make Check payable to:**    **SCCSS**  
                           **Mail Form and Check to:**    **Bernard Johnson**  
                                                                           **629 18<sup>th</sup> Street**  
                                                                           **Manhattan Beach, CA 90266**

**Or, submit form and payment at a meeting.** (checks preferred)

**Please Read:** The membership year begins July 1<sup>st</sup> and ends June 30<sup>th</sup>. Please provide the following information to the membership committee. Unless you indicate that you do not wish to include any or all of this information, it will be published in the membership directory. To assure that our directory is current and accurate we ask renewing members to resubmit this information. Thank you.

<b>Date:</b>	<b>New Member</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <small>*Prorated see below</small>	<b>Membership Renewal</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <small>Renewal memberships are not Prorated</small>
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<b>Name</b> One name per form please.	<b>Please Print</b>
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	I give my permission to publish the above information with the exception of any exclusions indicated. Sign here →
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*New memberships are prorated. Contact Membership Chair for amount due.	<b>Membership Chair:</b> Sally Fasteau 310-544-1313 sallyfasteau@cox.net	Enter amount below
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<b>Member's Dues</b>	<b>\$18/year</b>	\$
\$12 Additional fee for hard copy of newsletter to be mailed to the above address. (Free newsletter delivery by email only.)	<b>\$12/year</b> <small>For hard copy of newsletter</small>	\$
	<b>Total</b>	\$
		<small>Renewal Dues are not prorated.</small>

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