

Prickly News

South Coast Cactus & Succulent Society Newsletter – August 2014

NEXT MEETING

Sunday August 10, 2014, 1:30 PM

We will meet in the hall.

Presentation by: **Brian Kemble**

"Treasures of the Sierra Madre"

See below for details ...

REFRESHMENTS FOR AUGUST

Many thanks to those who helped in July.

Volunteers for August refreshments are:

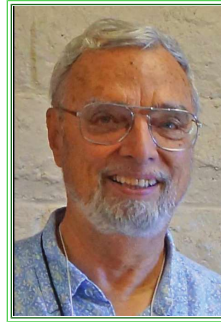
Maria Blas	Nancy Moser
Irene Brenner	Betty Saunders
Lupe Hulett	Danny Westall
Elly Lendenbaum	

If you would like to 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

As many of you know, I have made an effort to reduce the time spent on “business” at our meetings - transferring almost all of it to your Board of Directors. For the most part I think this has worked fairly well. However, it has limited the amount of feedback the Board gets from non-board members. And

while it's probably true many members are content to come to hear the speakers, I don't think this is what is needed to build a strong sense among members that the club is something they value and in which they want to participate. At the July meeting I conducted a couple of straw polls.

I asked if you favored changing our CGCI status from Club to Associate. The vote was slightly in favor (19-13) of changing it to Associate. Becoming an Associate member would principally mean we could decide whether to remain in the Costa Verde District. Unfortunately the Board didn't have time to discuss this. Feel free to send a Board member or me your thoughts.

I also asked if you were in favor of scheduling small discussion groups (workshops) to learn more about succulents in a setting where questions could be asked and practical skills learned. Everyone present favored this, so Gary Duke is going to schedule such a session as a trial. There are many, many questions about this. Where to hold the sessions? Most favor a SCBG classroom, but at a member's home is a possibility. When? Most favor before a meeting, but in lieu of a regular meeting is a possibility - several groups at once. Will we have to charge for room rent, instructors or materials? Possibly the Society could absorb these costs. How often? Maybe quarterly but it depends on attendance and interest. Who will act as moderators? We hope Society members. How will the topics be selected? TBD. In fact everything is TBD. The list of questions seems endless. I think this is a long over due innovation and I'm keeping my fingers crossed that it will become a major part of our Society's activity. Again, feel free to contact a Board member or me to share your thoughts.

Thank you.

Dale La Forest,
President

PRESENTER FOR AUGUST: Brian Kemble - "Treasures of the Sierra Madre"



Brian lives in San Francisco, and is Vice-President of the San Francisco Succulent and Cactus Society. He is the Curator at the Ruth Bancroft Garden in Walnut Creek, CA, where he has worked for the last 30 years. As well as other succulents he has grown and hybridized Aloes since the 1970's, and is the Vice-President of the Institute for Aloe Studies. Brian loves to see and photograph succulents in habitat, and has made many trips to Mexico (at least 20), South Africa, Namibia and Madagascar.

A trip through Mexico's Sierra Madre Oriental

Mexico's Sierra Madre Oriental runs from north to south, parallel to the Gulf Coast. Its rugged mountains are cleft by rivers which form deep canyons, creating lots of diverse habitats. This trip began to the north of Mexico City in the state of Hidalgo and went on into Queretaro, San Luis Potosi, a little bit of southern Tamaulipas and Nuevo Leon, and Guanajuato. This area is very rich in cacti, echeverias, pachyphytums, agaves, dasylirions and hechtias, among other wonderful plants.



Hechtia argentina, Astrophytum ornatum, Ferocactus glaucescens, and Ferocactus echidne



Echeveria secunda

BOARD OF DIRECTORS FY2013-2014

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Bob Caplan

**South Coast Cactus and Succulent Society
MINI-SHOW FINAL RESULTS (as of July 13, 2014)**

Novice Class			Intermediate Class			Open Class		
Name	Cactus	Succulent	Name	Cactus	Succulent	Name	Cactus	Succulent
Arbuckle	2		Caplan	20	14	Capaldo	23	24
Bjerke		4	DeCresenzo	44	37	Duke	61	22
Holloway		7	J. Johnson	28	29	Gardner	2	17
Jengo	1	13	C. Knight		11	Hanna		39
B. Johnson	8		Nealy	35	27	Kohlschreiber		2
J B Johnson	1		Ross	1		La Forest	12	7
B. Kelly	43	12				Warzybok	1	
Shearer	5	2				Woodley	6	10
Short		2						
Tanner	7	30						
G. Unrine	2							
J. Unrine	5							
J Williams	4							
Wood	30	10						

**MINI-SHOW
FIRST PLACE
WINNERS - JULY**

NOVICE CLASS

Cactus
NO
ENTRIES

Succulent
Jim Wood
Stomatium mustellinum

INTERMEDIATE CLASS




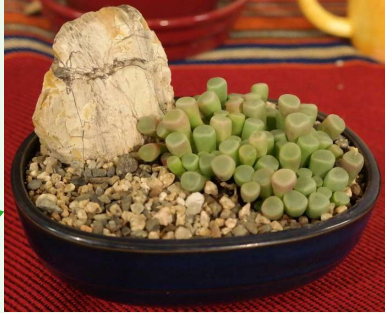


Cactus
Phyllis DeCresenzo
Coryphantha sulcolanata

Succulent
Jackie Johnson
Fenestraria rhopalophylla

OPEN CLASS

Cactus
Gary Duke
Coryphantha pycnantha

Succulent
Laurel Woodley
Faucaria longidens

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.

Points score: First Place 6, Second place 4, Third place 2.

Placement: Entries that are not disqualified receive one point.

PLANTS OF THE MONTH (POM) 2014		
	Cactus	Succulent
January	Mammillaria straight spines	Adenia, Cistus and Cyphostemma
February	Rebutia	Sansevieria
March	Gymnocalycium	Crassula
April	PLANT SHOW AND SALE	
May	Stenocactus	Gasteria
June	Crests / Monstrose	Echeveria
July	Coryphantha	Mesembs
AUGUST	FEROCACTUS	AGAVE / YUCCA
September	Ariocarpus	Haworthia
October	Cactus dish gardens	Succulent dish gardens
November	Eriosyce	Winter Bulbs
December	HOLIDAY PARTY	

CACTUS OF THE MONTH: AUGUST - Ferocactus

Ferocactus is a medium sized genus, with about 40 members and centered in Mexico, with a few species native to California and the Southwest, and a few to Guatemala.

With age, Ferocactus generally get to be very large plants, particularly when grown in the ground. Fortunately, they are fairly slow growers and when grown in pots, they will stay at a comfortable size for many years. Although there are only about 40 species, many of them are fairly variable, with widely varying spine lengths, shapes, textures and colors, depending on the specific locality.



Ferocactus fordii



Ferocactus latispinus



Ferocactus pilosus



Ferocactus echidne

Ferocactus are easily grown, and most are perfectly happy outdoors without protection year round in Southern California. A normal well draining potting mix will do well. They need sun to bring out the colors and textures of the spines.



Ferocactus cylindraceus



Ferocactus hamatacanthus



Ferocactus cylindraceus

Ferocactus are easily raised from seed. Planting is most successful when done in April or May. The seedlings grow slowly at first, but soon take off. There are several advantages to growing Ferocactus from seed. The first is that the selection of type localities and spine variations is far greater than you will ever see at a plant show or sale. The second and most important is that you get to grow the plant through it's awkward juvenile growth. During the second year Ferocactus spines grow completely out of proportion to the Ferocactus body. A Ferocactus that will eventually be a foot in diameter, and 4 feet tall with 3 or four inch spines, will have as a seedling a body less than an inch in diameter, with spines an inch or more long.

Tom Glavich

SUCCULENT OF THE MONTH: 1. Agave

Agaves, like the Cacti, are entirely new world in origin, although many members have been naturalized around the world.

Agaves are native to Southern North America, Mexico, Central America, Northern South America and the West Indies..



Agaves at Manhattan Beach



Agave filifera compacta



Agave titanota



Agave toumeyana



Agave potatorum
cv. Kichijokan marginata



Agave pumila



Agave americana

Agaves are easily grown from seed. Although many of members of this genus grow very large with age, they are particularly good looking as seedlings, and can be kept small for many years in pots. They thrive with regular feeding with any general purpose fertilizer. Their appearance is best when they are cleaned regularly, with debris removed from the leaves, and dead leaves removed to prevent insects from making homes. Many offset freely, and these offsets can be removed and repotted, giving a steady supply of small plants. Many growers keep the offsets, and dispose of the the mother plant, keeping size, health and condition under control.

Tom Glavich May 2002



Agave victoriae reginae

SUCCULENT OF THE MONTH: 2. Yucca

Yucca is a genus of perennial shrubs and trees in the family Asparagaceae, subfamily Agavoideae. Its 40-50 species are notable for their rosettes of evergreen, tough, sword-shaped leaves and large terminal panicles of white or whitish flowers. They are native to the hot and dry parts of North America, Central America, South America, and the Caribbean.

The natural distribution range of the genus Yucca covers a vast area of North and Central America. From Baja California in the west, northwards into the southwestern United States, through the drier central states as far north as Alberta in Canada. Yucca is also native to the lowlands and dry beach scrub of the Gulf and South Atlantic states from coastal Texas to easternmost Virginia. To the south, the genus is represented throughout Mexico and extends into Guatemala. Yuccas have adapted to an equally vast range of climatic and ecological conditions. They are to be found in rocky deserts and badlands, in prairies and grassland, in mountainous regions, in light woodland, in coastal sands, and even in subtropical zones, although these are generally arid to semiarid.



Yucca flaccida



Yucca brevifolia

Yuccas are widely grown as ornamental plants in gardens. Yuccas are widely grown as architectural plants providing a dramatic accent to landscape design. They tolerate a range of conditions, but are best grown in full sun in subtropical or mild temperate areas.

Joshua trees (*Yucca brevifolia*) are protected by law in some states. A permit is needed for wild collection. As a landscape plant, they can be killed by excessive water during their summer dormant phase, so are avoided by landscape contractors.



Yucca-aloifolia-marginata



Yucca pallida

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2014

(07/01/2014)

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

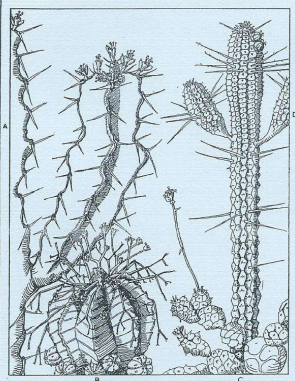
AUG 30 The Huntington Botanical Gardens will be hosting it's 31st Succulent Plants Symposium in the Ahmanson Room, Brody Botanical Center at the HBG on Saturday, August 30 from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Ethiopian succulents will be highlighted in this one-day symposium. Featured speakers include Sebsebe Demissew and Nigist Asfaw, both from the College of Natural Sciences at Addis Ababa University. The \$75 fee includes lunch. Dinner is optional at \$25. Registration: 626-405-3504 – SEE LEAFLET BELOW.

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

**31st Succulent
Plants
Symposium**

30 August 2014



**Huntington
Botanical Gardens**



Program includes:

Ivón Mercedes Ramírez Morillo, Centro de Investigación Científica de Yucatán, A. C., Mérida, Yucatán, México, *An overview of Hechtia (Bromeliaceae)*

Nigist Asfaw, Addis Ababa University, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, *Medicinal and aromatic plants of the dry lands of Ethiopia*

Nathan LeClear, University of Texas, Austin, Texas, *Jatropha on my mind*

Jeffery Morawetz, Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden, Claremont, California, *Euphorbia hunting in the Old World: From the Arabian Desert to the deserts and savannas of Africa*


Germán Carnevali Fernandez-Concha, Centro de Investigación Científica de Yucatán, A. C., Mérida, Yucatán, México, *Succulents and xerophytic communities in the Yucatán Peninsula*

Sebsebe Demissew, Addis Ababa University, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, *Adaptation of Succulents and Geophytes from semi-desert to afroalpine habitats in the Horn of Africa* (presentation follows dinner)

Time:
Registration and continental breakfast, 8:30 am. Program, in the Ahmanson Classroom, from 9:00 – 5:00, also includes silent auction, Desert Garden and Desert Conservatory special hours, and lunch. Dinner (optional) begins at 6:00 pm. Registrants who have not signed up for dinner are welcome to return for the final presentation.

Registration:
Symposium \$75.00
Dinner \$25.00

Deadline for registration is August 26th. We cannot guarantee meals for late registrants. Send registration form and a check (payable to



The Huntington) or credit card information to:

**Succulent Plants Symposium
Huntington Botanical Gardens
1151 Oxford Road
San Marino, CA 91108
(626) 405-3504
(626) 405-3501 FAX**

Name(s) _____

Affiliation _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Program _____ x \$75.00

Dinner _____ x \$25.00

Donation _____

Total enclosed _____

Credit card # _____

Exp. _____ Signature _____

NO PARKING NOTICE

Submitted by Dale La Forest

No Parking Behind Francis Young Hall

As applicable, thank you for moving your vehicles when I asked before the July meeting. Here is the letter I received a formal letter stating this policy.

The road behind the Frances Young Hall is a Fire Lane with Loading Zone Only. No vehicles are permitted to park in this area on either side of the road.

The Hall side of the road is indicated by red curb as well as signs stating the following:

NO PARKING - LOADING ONLY.

Loading is permitted for immediate unloading and loading of materials or people. Vehicles should have their flashers on and the vehicle's driver should be immediately available to move their vehicle in case emergency vehicles need access.

The far side (fence side) of the road is indicated by signs on the retaining wall stating the following:

NO STOPPING AT ANY TIME FIRE LANE.

Loading is NOT permitted here but on the other side of the road closest to the hall. This gives enough room to allow passage by work vehicles and other authorized drivers.

All drivers will be expected to follow these safety rules.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Please contact the Foundation Office for questions on this policy

WATERWISE GARDEN CENTER

The new WaterWise Garden Center, owned by Ellyn Meikle Holloway, will be open for business August 1st at the location of the old Rolling Hills Nursery at 25633 Crenshaw Blvd @ Rolling Hills Way.

They are promoting water wise gardens and gifts with drought-smart plants, which include succulents, cacti, and orchids. They will be focusing on educating and encouraging the community to amend their landscapes to more drought-tolerant plants to save water.

For more information:

Tel: 310.326.6500

Email: WaterWiseGardenCenter@gmail.com

Web: www.WaterWiseGardenCenter.com

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 18th Street
 Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

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

Please Read: The membership year begins July 1st and ends June 30th. 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.

Date:	New Member <input type="checkbox"/> <small>*Prorated see below</small>	Membership Renewal <input type="checkbox"/> <small>Renewal memberships are not Prorated</small>
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*New memberships are prorated. Contact Membership Chair for amount due.	Membership Chair: Sally Fasteau 310-544-1313 sallyfasteau@cox.net	Enter amount below
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Member's Dues	\$18/year	\$
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\$12 Additonal fee for hard copy of newsletter to be mailed to the above address. (Free newsletter delivery by email only.)	\$12/year <small>For hard copy of newsletter</small>	\$
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	Total	\$ <small>Renewal Dues are not prorated.</small>
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