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GENERAL MEETING: Sunday, November 14, 1:30 P.M., at the South Coast Botanical Gardens classroom. JOYCE BUCKNER from "THE PLANT MAN" in San Diego will speak about "Cactus & Succulent Gardens and Their Wonderous World of Color". Joyce is an expert grower of minitures and always has a great display at our spring show and sale. Let's give Joyce an enthusiastic and warm welcome. She will be bringing a variety of plants from their shop for sale.

Did you see or GET any spectacular or unusual plants at the Long Beach Auction or the San Gabriel Valley C&S S Show and sale last month? Be sure to tell us about them.

CALENDAR OF COMING CACTUS AND SUCCULENT EVENTS

The show and sale calendar is black for the rest of the year.

PLANTS OF THE MONTH FOR 2004

	<u>CACTI</u>	<u>SUCCULENTS</u>
November	Up to 3 Miniatures under 3 inches	Up to 3 Miniatures under 3 inches
December	CHRISTMAS PARTY	



PLANT OF THE MONTH TOTALS

CACTUS ADVANCED Sept Total

Duke	18	64
Fletcher	21	53
Hulett	11	17

CACTUS NOVICE Sept Total

Caspaldo	8	14
Crowley		6
La Forest	3	13
Lam		11
Ponce	11	17

SUCCULENTS ADVANCED Sept Total

Duke	3	11
Fletcher	19	53
Gardner		5
Hanna		37
Hullett		6

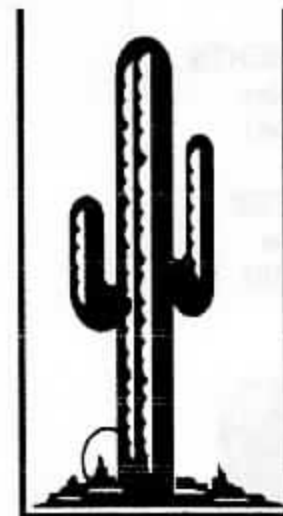
SUCCULENTS NOVICE Sept Total

Capaldo	7	18
Crowley		7
Gardner	16	43
Hemingway		8
Honore		3
Hurchison		8
La Forest	16	37
Lam		3
Ponce	1	14

BRING PLANTS!!!

PLANT OF THE MONTH RULES

- A maximum of three plants may be entered in each category (cactus and succulent).
- Advanced entrants must have had the plant in their possession for at least six months, novices for three months.
- Advanced entrants will receive 6 points for first place, 5 points for second place, 4 points for third place and 2 points for showing a plant that does not place.
- Novice entrants will receive 4 points for first place, 3 points for second place, 2 points for third place and 1 point for showing a plant that does not place.
- At the discretion of the judges there may be up to three third places in-a category. If plants are not deemed to be of sufficient quality, no third place will be awarded.
- For an entrant to receive points, the person in charge of record keeping for POM must collect the entry tags.
- At the annual Christmas party, award plants will be presented to the four highest cumulative point holders in both the advanced and novice classes.



Cacti and Succulent of the Month

MINIATURES

This month, the Cacti and Succulent of the Month are both miniatures. Miniatures are defined differently for different local shows. In most cases, the definition is a mature plant in a pot with an inside diameter less than three inches. Some shows define the miniature category as any plant displayed as a miniature. This allows seedlings and young plants to be entered as miniatures. We'll use the broad definition for the Plant of the Month.

The miniature category is one of the most popular in our shows, with the number of entrants in the category often one of the two or three largest. The key to success in these categories is staging plants. Particular attention must be paid to the relation of the plant to the pot, the top dressing, and any rocks. The importance of color, geometry, and texture are all magnified in the smaller scale of miniatures.

Succulent plant growers are not the only ones entranced by miniatures. Those of you with a web browser can see a wonderful Japanese site devoted to mame (palm size) bonsai at <http://www.mmjp.or.jp/mini-bonsai/index.html>. Although none of the plants shown on this site are succulent, they show the possibilities of good design with minimal material and size.

Some Cacti suitable miniatures:

Ariocarpus kotschoubeyanus - the classic entry

Blossfeldia - a genus of miniature cacti from Brazil

Epithelantha micromeris a variable species from Texas and Northern Mexico.

Frailea - a genus of mostly small cacti, some of which clump too large for this category.

Mammillaria saboae (discovered by club member Kitty Sabo!) and it's varieties and forms

Pelecypora asseliformis another classic from Mexico

Turbincarpus another genus of slow growing, small cacti from Mexico.

Others can be found in several genera, including *Mammillaria*, *Gymnocalycium*, *Lobivia*, *Rebutia*, etc.

Succulents entered as miniatures include representatives from almost every family, and a list would be far to long. Unusual entries often do best.

References:

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Tom Glavich December 1998



Grigsby Cactus Gardens' 39th Anniversary Sale

To show our appreciation to those who have supported us for the last 39 years we are celebrating with a *special* thank you sale.



Pick out that new show plant or a plant for your collection
or a nice BIG plant for your garden!
(Bring your own padding for the BIG ones!!!)



GREAT DISCOUNTS

on regularly priced plants

Purchases over \$25.00 ~ 25% discount

Special selection of blue label plants
Marked 40% to 70% off regular price

Purchases over \$100.00 ~ 30% discount

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3 ~ \$100.00 gift certificates



LOTS OF NICE PLANTS

Aloes, Euphorbias, Pachycereus, Mammillarias, Sansevierias, Agaves, Ferocactus and many others!

NOVEMBER 4th - 13th, 2004

No appointment needed - Special hours
Open Tuesday to Saturday from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

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