



South Coast C&SS newsletter

February 2011

GENERAL MEETING:

Sunday, February 13, 1:30 pm

South Coast Botanic Garden

PROGRAM:

Vince Basta will give a hands-on presentation this month on "Staging". It will cover the techniques of staging and how the pot, plant, top dressing and rocks are used together to enhance the overall presentation for shows or for your own home and garden. He will also describe various soil mixes and their uses for a wide range of cactus and succulent plants. Because of the numerous talented artisans in our hobby, along with members who collect and make available top dressing and rocks, the number of possibilities for staging a plant is limited only by your imagination! Lets all welcome Vince back as a speaker.

Vince began growing his first cactus at around age seven, because his great grandmother worked for a cactus nursery and she would give him plants, which he would usually kill! He really started getting serious in the hobby around 18 years ago when he visited the Huntington Botanical Gardens and later went to the Intercity Show. There he found information about the San Gabriel club and has been a member ever since. He has been a past President, Vice President, Winter Show Chair and newsletter editor of the San Gabriel Club. He just finished his term as President for the Orange County Cactus Club in 2010 and will continue as show entry chair next year.

BOARD MEETING NOTICE:

I cancelled the January Board meeting for lack of time and a quorum. I've rescheduled it after the February general membership meeting. I hope to start at 3:45 PM and WILL adjourn NLT 4:30. In addition to the current Officers, I would like Jim Hanna, Jim Gardener, Laurel Woodley, Lucy Hemmingway, Danielle Linden, and Judi Woo-Sato to attend. I haven't finished the Agenda as I write this, but will try to send it to Board members before the meeting. **If you have issues you would like to put on the Agenda, please let me know as soon as possible.** Normally new items will be placed at the bottom of the Agenda, but can be expedited if time is an issue. Time permitting during the meeting, I would like you to share your ideas about how we can improve our club in the coming year.

SCCSS SHOW AND SALE, APRIL 9&10

Preparations are well under way for our club's 2011 Cactus & Succulent show and sale on April 9 & 10. This year's show promises to be a bigger one than last year, especially as we have set aside additional space for vendors in the auditorium itself. Danielle Linden, our Publicity Chair, is working on a mass mailing of postcards advertising our show, and she has also gotten us on Facebook, which other clubs in the region have found to be very effective in increasing attendance.

At the January meeting, I presented the job descriptions for thirteen different kinds of jobs that our club members need to do in order to have a successful show, ranging from kitchen supervisor to cashier, to exhibitor, publicity and so on. So far, we have enough volunteers to fill about 70% of the positions, so we have a good start, but there's a way to go. I urge club members to volunteer for the remaining jobs at our February meeting, especially *new members*. Working at a task at the show is a great way for new members to get to know the club, its members and the vendors, as well as learning more about plants and how to display them.

I'll be looking forward to going over the preparations further at our February meeting.

Jim Gardner

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - FEBRUARY 2011

I imagine members who came to the January meeting were as surprised as I by the CROWD. We had 23 guests, yes twenty-three, all attracted by Danielle's meeting notice in the Daily Breeze and Easy Reader. Perhaps the key words in the notice were, "Blue Collar Bonsai" and "hands on demonstration". Lucy hasn't yet told me how many new membership applications she received, but I'd put money on over six. As I've said, our rapid growth is a mixed blessing because although I want our Club to grow, I do not wish to outgrow our room. If we have to move to the hall, that will bring us into conflict some months with other organizations that use the hall.

Our meeting start time was published as 12:30 pm in the SCBG Newsletter. This has caused some confusion. Briefly the Club has contracted for the room from 12:30 to 4:00 pm. I try to start at 1:30, so coming early ensures you have time to sign in, get your name tag, get a drink and snack, buy plants, grab a flyer for coming events, enter your plant in the Mini-show and have some time to chat.

Our January speaker, Ralph Massey was a big hit, even though a sore throat required him to have a surrogate relay what he said loud enough so everyone could hear. His \$2 kits were a big success as 39 were sold. I hope those of you who participated were encouraged by your attempt and remember that Ralph said, "practice, practice, practice."

I hope some of you attended the Desert Forum at the Huntington on January 15. Events like this give us the opportunity to obtain unusual plants, meet

hobbyists from other clubs, and visit the HBG Conservancy – all worthy activities in their own right.

Jim Gardner started filling vacancies for our April show and sale. I think he made good progress. Thanks to those of you who volunteered. We'll try to fill most if not all the remaining positions in February.

Betty Saunders made a pitch about how the San Pedro Garden Club schedules successful tours. I am convinced we can do the same on a pay-as-you-go basis, but we'll need a couple of members to step up and take control of the project. Betty assures me she is ready to mentor. Call or email me if you're interested.

Every third Tuesday at the SCBFG is Free Tuesday. Admission is waived on that day. During the end of the summer the garden was getting upwards of 600 people on that day! So the Foundation is setting up a membership table to encourage people to purchase memberships. They have asked our Club if we could have someone to help at the table. I think it would be a great idea and we could bring membership applications, answer questions about our club. The first dates are February 15 and March 15. If you are interested contact me and we'll work out the details.

Dale La Forest
President SC C&SS



Display of a few of the "Blue Collar Bonsai"
Ralph Massey brought to share.



The kit that we were able to purchase complete with cactus soil, gravel, shade cloth to cover the hole, small and medium rocks, planter and a jade to design our own bonsai. Ralph's work in putting all the kits together was much appreciated! His secret to getting the rocks to behave is a vinyl hot glue gun.

Hi folks,

If you enjoy using Facebook to connect with friends and express your interests, please take a look at the SCCSS's Facebook page at the URL below. Show your support for SCCSS by adding us to your page by clicking on the "LIKE" button on the right side of our page, next to our name.

<http://www.facebook.com/?ref=home#!/pages/South-Coast-Cactus-Succulent-Society/128671480523430>
(this shorter URL will also take you to the SCCSS Facebook page <http://tinyurl.com/4bn9lxc>)

Our Facebook page will be used in several ways:

1. for promotion of the club, our meetings, our annual show & sale
2. to share photos of our events, and interesting cacti/succulents in general
3. as a place for members and other folks interested in cacti and succulents to chat and/or connect
4. more to be determined as our page develops!

Feel free to pass this info along to anyone you think may be interested in SCCSS and hope to see you all on Facebook!

Danielle Linden, SCCSS Communication Chair

CSSA Corner February 2011

The biennial Convention of the Cactus & Succulent Society of America is coming up fast. Early registration allows for a \$100 discount, but must be made by February 15, 2011 to qualify. Don't miss the best presenters anywhere and the social fun of a World-Wide C&S gathering. There will be field trips, plant workshops, a Judges Workshop, Newsletter Editors meeting, Affiliates meeting among all of the other activities. Remember, San Diego, April 24-30, 2011.

The New Year is here and it is time to renew subscriptions to the CSSA Journal. Do it soon so as not to miss the first issue of 2011.

PLANT SELLERS NOTICE:

In order to keep the new tables in good condition, the garden requests that the tables be covered with a cloth to protect the surface.

MEMBERSHIP

A hearty WELCOME to our two new members!!

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| Newsletter | Melinda Hines | 310-540-6951 |
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REFRESHMENTS—a hearty thanks to Irma Ruiz, Carol Causey, Danny Westall and any others who brought refreshments for January

Margie Angulo and Jackie Johnson have signed up for February. Of course anyone wanting to donate for our coffee break is always appreciated!

Rainforest Flora, Inc Sale

Dear Friends,

For the first time in over a year, RFI is going to have a HUGE sale on the first weekend in March, the 5th and 6th, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Saturday and 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM on Sunday. Besides many new and intriguing Tillandsias, we will also have terrific collections of Mini-Neoregelias, Cryptanthus, Cycads, and new and different Cacti and Succulents. All plants will be 20% off! Our phone is (310) 370-8044 if you have any questions and our address is 19121 Hawthorne Blvd., Torrance 90503.

Looking forward to seeing you.

Paul T. Isley III

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January POM First Place Winners

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| Open—Cactus | Open—Succulent | Novice—Cactus | Novice—Succulent |
| Maria Capaldo <i>Mammillaria hahniana</i> | Laurel Woodley <i>Aloe suprafoliata</i> | Margie Angulo <i>Mammillaria</i> sp. | Lucy Hemingway <i>Aloe</i> hybrid |

2011 Mini Show Plant List

| MONTH | Cactus Genera | Succulent Genera |
|-----------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| JANUARY | Mammillaria | Aloes |
| FEBRUARY | Rebutia | Sansevieria |
| MARCH | Parodia/Notocactus | Agave |
| APRIL | PLANT SHOW AND SALE | |
| MAY | Astrophytum | Euphorbia All |
| JUNE | Gymnocalycium | Pachypodium |
| JULY | LECTURE | LECTURE |
| AUGUST | Miniatures | Miniatures |
| SEPTEMBER | Discocactus/Melocactus | Haworthia/Gasteria |
| OCTOBER | Crested All | Variegated All |
| NOVEMBER | Opuntia | Crassula |
| DECEMBER | PARTY | PARTY |



Wikipedia

Sansevieria trifasciata in flower

Wikipedia



Rebutia narvaecensis

Sansevierias of Hawaii



Sansevieria trifasciata Futura Simplex

Wikipedia



Sansevieria hyacinthoides

Wikipedia



Rebutia muscula



Rebutia krainziana



Lucy Hemingway with her winning Aloe



Ralph Massey judging the Plants of the Month



Carol Causey packing up her beautiful Aloe

South Coast Cactus and Succulent Society Mini Show Final Results As of January 9, 2011

| Novice Class | Cactus | Succulents | Open Class | Cactus | Succulents |
|--------------|--------|------------|----------------|--------|------------|
| Angulo | 6 | 1 | Capaldo | 11 | 3 |
| Becdach | 2 | | Causey | 3 | 6 |
| Caplan | 1 | | Kohlschreiber | | 2 |
| Fazio | 3 | | Gardner | 3 | 2 |
| Hemingway | 1 | 11 | Dale La Forest | 1 | 2 |
| Johnson | 2 | 2 | Woodley | 8 | |
| Kuprenas | 4 | 1 | | | |
| Neely | 1 | | | | |
| Ross | 2 | 5 | | | |
| Tanner | 5 | 2 | | | |



Hank Warzybok making a sale!

PLANT OF THE MONTH RULES – revised January 2010



Up to 3 plants may be entered in each of the two categories: Cactus and Succulent

Entries may be in either the Novice or Open Class

Novice entries must have been held by the owner for at least 3 months. Only plant condition will be judged, not the pot or other enhancements.

Open entries must have been held for at least 1 year. All aspects of the entry will be judged, including plant condition, and pot.

Note: Members showing in the Open class may not enter plants in the Novice class during the year, but may re-enter the Novice class starting in January.

JUDGING

Entrants will receive 6 points for first place, 4 points for second place, 2 points for third place and 1 point for showing a plant that is not disqualified.

The judge may award one 1st place and up to two 2nd and two 3rd places in each category. If plants are not deemed to be of sufficient quality, no place will be awarded.

At the discretion of the judge and/or Mini-show Chair, a plant may be disqualified or removed due to disease or infestation or because it is not the correct genera.

**TENTATIVE
CACTUS AND SUCCULENT
CALENDAR OF UP COMING EVENTS FOR 2011**

- FEB 12** SAN DIEGO CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY –WINTER SHOW AND SALE
BALBOA PARK, ROOM 101, SAN DIEGO, CA. INFO. 858-382-1797
- APR 9 10** SOUTH COAST CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW &
SALE AT SOUTH COAST BOTANIC GARDENS
26300 CRENSHAW BL., PALOS VERDES, CA INFO. 310-832-2262
- APR 16 & 17** GREEN SCENE PLANT SALE—AT THE FULLERTON ARBORETUM
1900 ASSOCIATED ROAD, FULLERTON, CA 92831
- APR 24-29TH** CSSA CONVENTION, SAN DIEGO, CA----- Marriott Hotel-Mission Valley
WATCH FOR FUTURE UPDATES www.cssainc.org
- May 7 & 8** SUNSET CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE
VETERANS MEMORIAL CENTER, GARDEN ROOM
4117 OVERLAND AVE., CULVER CITY, CA. INFO. 310-822-1783
- MAY 1** SOUTH BAY EPIPHYLLUM SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE---9am to 4pm
SOUTH COAST BOTANICAL GARDENS
INFORMATION CALL-310-833-6823
- MAY 15** HUNTINGTON PLANT SALE 10 TO 5 HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL
GARDENS, 1151 OXFORD ROAD, SAN MARINO, CA. 626-405-2160
- MAY 15** EPIPHYLLUM SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARBORETUM, ARCADIA, CA 310-670-8148
- MAY 14-15** 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
- MAY 20-21** GATES CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY 31ST
SALE 9-4:30 FRI & SAT SHOW 21ST 9-4:30 pm
JURUPA MOUNTAINS CULTURAL CENTER, 7621 GRANITE HILL DRIVE
GLEN AVON, CA INFO. 951-360-8802
- JUNE 4- 5** SAN DIEGO CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY –SUMMER SHOW AND SALE
BALBOA PARK, ROOM 101, SAN DIEGO, CA. INFO. 858-382-1797
- JUNE 11-12** LOS ANGELES CACTUS and SUCCULENT SOCIETY
PLANT SHOW AND SALE 11th 9-5, 12th 9-3:30
SEPULVEDA GARDEN CENTER, 16633 MAGNOLIA BLVD.
ENCINO, CA INFO. SANDY CHASE 818-367-0864
- JULY 1-3** CSSA ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE –HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS
1151 OXFORD ROAD, SAN MARINO, CA.
626-405-2160 or 2277 PLANTS SALES START JULY 1ST THRU JULY 3RD
THE SHOW OPENS ON THE JULY 2ND THRU JULY 3RD FREE TO THE PUBLIC
- JULY 29-31** ORANGE COUNTY CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SUMMER SHOW AND
SALE. SALE JULY 29,30,31 10AM TO 4PM EACH DAY. SHOW: SAT. AND
SUN.10 AM TO 4 PM. FULLERTON ARBORETUM, 1900 ASSOCIATED RD.
FULLERTON, CA. CONTACT VINCE BASTA 714-267-4329
- AUG. 13-14** 26th 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 661-297-5364



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