



# Prickly News

August 2011



## GENERAL MEETING

**Sunday, August 14, 1:30 pm**

### PROGRAM:

Our speaker for August is one of our own members, Jim Gardener, who will talk on "Hybridizing." Jim has hybridized many Aloes, perhaps you saw some at his open house last month. This will be an A to Z on how to create your own hybrids. Come and learn how to be a sexy bee Don't miss this presentation! Jim may even bring some of his own plants to sell.

## HEADS UP!

The Orange County Cactus and Succulent Society Annual Show is this weekend - Fri. July 29 and Sat. July 30 - See Calendar on Page 4 for more information.

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Photos from July 10 Meeting and Cactus Garden Tour by Laurel Woodley and Melinda Hines



Tanya Finney, SCBG Superintendent & Paul Ortega, Program Presenter



Agave potatorum "verschaffeltii" and Cephalocereus senilis - Old Man Cactus



Jim Hann's sale table with blooming Lobivia species cactus



Enjoying the Cactus Garden after the meeting.



Bernard Johnson, Maria Capaldo and Tanya Finney



Judy Unrine greeting visitors at the club information table



## President's Message for August 2011

I apologize for the confusion about the starting time for last month's meeting. I have no excuse other than it was a "senior moment" and perhaps I'm juggling too many Club projects. On a more positive note, although attendance was down from last year we still had over 100 in attendance.

As I listened to Paul Ortega speak, I thought about how difficult it could be to replace the normal grass lawns with water thrifty landscaping. I knew that succulents come in many sizes and shapes. Some have long lives, others not. Some flower once, others annually and many have insignificant flowers. So species selection and placement in a yard is critical. As I looked at his photos, I realized that large rocks contribute significantly to the overall effect and wondered if I knew enough about "rocks" to select the right size kind, colors, and textures. And surely "heavy lift" machinery would be required. I also thought about how useful it would be to have a checklist on how to go about planning such a project. It would be useful to have an album of homes that have already done this - both good and bad. Photos of mature plants with names and environmental requirements would be useful. And speaking of environments, our area has many microclimates so a map of these climates might be helpful. Environments also include soil types. If your soil is sandy and drains quickly that's mostly good, although large succulents might not be able to withstand strong winds - another reason for large rocks. If your soil is caliche, clay or rocky, you will need to consider drainage and probably an automatic watering system. Clearly this is not a DIY project. So a

list of reliable and knowledgeable landscapers and landscape designers would help. I did a quick search on the Internet and found Debra Lee Baldwin's website most useful. It would be a good place to start.

I appreciated Tanya Finney, SCBG Superintendent, coming in on her day off and leading a tour of the desert garden area.

Jim Hanna, Gary Duke, Hank Warzybok and Dick Kohlschreiber (SCBG) all were selling plants and seemed to be doing a steady business. And I want to thank Laurel Woodley for loaning the use of her computer and projector. Judy Unrine and Irene Brenner hosted the "Club Table" and I think we gained several new members.

Thank all of you who renewed your dues in June. A few stragglers paid in July and by now Lucy will have finalized the roster. I expect some members chose not to renew, but we continue to gain new members every month, so I expect our total membership won't change much. The total membership number is important because it's how we compute our CGCI dues. The Membership Committee (Lucy) is redoing all the Name Plates/tags. They should be ready for the August meeting.

I had hoped to start our new fiscal year which started July 1, by introducing our new Officers, Committees Chairs, Liaisons, and At-Large Board members, but the July format clearly wasn't the right time or setting. I hope all these members attend the August meeting.

There will be a **Board meeting after the August meeting**. Non-board members are welcome to "sit-in."  
Dale LaForest, President



Trichocereus spachianus (Echinopsis spachiana), 'Golden Torch'  
Argentina, Bolivia  
Photos by Jim Tanner taken on our Garden Tour, July 10



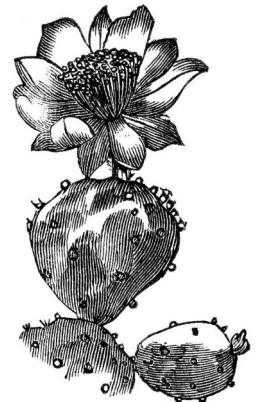
## 2011 Mini Show Plant List

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>Cactus Genera</u>	<u>Succulent Genera</u>
AUGUST	Miniatures	Miniatures
SEPTEMBER	Discocactus/Melocactus	Haworthia/Gasteria
OCTOBER	Crested All	Variiegated All
NOVEMBER	Opuntia	Crassula
DECEMBER	<b>PARTY</b>	<b>PARTY</b>

**Rules for Miniatures** - The Plants of the Month for August are miniatures (under 3"). They should be mature plants in up to 3" pots. This means that the pot is 3" or smaller across. This is measured on the inside edge of the pot. The plant should be a mature plant, not a small pup or baby of a larger plant. Jim Tanner

## South Coast Cactus and Succulent Society Mini Show Final Results As of June 12, 2011

<u>Novice Class</u>	<u>Cactus</u>	<u>Succulents</u>	<u>Open Class</u>	<u>Cactus</u>	<u>Succulents</u>
Arbuckle	2		Capaldo	49	25
Angulo	12	2	Causey	11	17
Becdach	2		Duke	21	3
Caplan	18	13	Hanna	3	14
Fazio	20		Kohlschreiber	2	2
Hines	2		Gardner	4	36
Hemingway	1	13	Dale La Forest	8	10
Hutchison	4		Woodley	3	8
Johnson	6	26			
Kuprenas	4	1			
Neely	5				
Ross	5	5			
Shearer	3				
Tanner	16	26			
Unrine	3	1			
Veits		5			
Williams	3				



### 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 1<sup>st</sup> place and up to two 2<sup>nd</sup> and two 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### June POM First Place Winners

<b>Open - Cactus</b> Maria Capaldo <i>Gymnocalycium Gibbosum</i>	<b>Open - Succulent</b> Jim Gardner <i>Pachypodium rosulatum stenanthum</i>
<b>Novice - Cactus</b> Anita Caplan <i>Gymnocalycium</i>	<b>Novice - Succulent</b> Anita Caplan <i>Pachypodium</i>

### CSSA Corner

August 2011

Those who live in the western US should be planning to attend the Succulent Symposium at the Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens on September 3, 2011.

The annual meeting of the Society was held on July 2 at the Huntington Library. President, Laurel Woodley recapped the last year's activities which included the successful Convention in San Diego in April. It's not too early to begin planning to attend the next Convention in April 2013.



## CACTUS AND SUCCULENT CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2011 UPDATED 02/19/2011

### JULY 29-30

**ORANGE COUNTY CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SUMMER SHOW AND SALE. FRIDAY JULY 29<sup>TH</sup> Noon until 7pm, SATURDAY JULY 30<sup>TH</sup> 9am to 5pm**  
 1000 S. State College Bl., (Anaheim United Methodist Church) Anaheim, CA  
**CONTACT VINCE BASTA 714-267-4329**

### AUG. 13-14

**26<sup>th</sup> 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**

### SEPT. 3

**HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS SUCCULENT SYMPOSIUM**  
**ALL DAY AT THE HUNTINGTON [See Flyer on Page 5](#)**

### SEPT. 25

**LONG BEACH CACTUS CLUB ANNUAL PLANT AUCTION**  
 18127 SOUTH ALAMEDA ST., RANCHO DOMINGUEZ, CA----12 PM

### NOV. 5-6

**SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY**  
**SHOW AND SALE---LA COUNTY ARBORETUM ADDRESS ABOVE.**

### Pending

**ORANGE COUNTY CACTUS & SUCCULENT WINTER SHOW AND SALE**  
 1000 S. State College Bl., (Anaheim United Methodist Church) Anaheim, CA  
**CONTACT VINCE BASTA 714-267-4329**



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### FYI: Board of Directors for FY2011-2012 are:

President	Dale La Forest
Vice President	Judy Unrine
Treasurer	Bernard Johnson
Secretary	Philip Ross
At Large Member	Maria Capaldo
At Large Member	Jim Tanner
At Large Member	Melinda Hines
Annual Show & Sale Chair	Jim Gardner
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Communication Comm. Chair	Danielle Linden
Membership Comm. Chair	Lucy Hemingway
Liaison, CGCI	Judy Unrine
Liaison, SCBG Foundation	Jim Gardner
Liaison, CSSA	Laurel Woodley
Parliamentarian	Philip Ross

## 28th Succulent Plants Symposium Saturday, Sept 3, 2011 Huntington Botanical Gardens

### Program includes:

Mark A. Dimmitt, Tucson, AZ

What is a Succulent: An Attempt at a Scientific Definition

Nancy Vivrette, SBBG, Santa Barbara, CA,  
Identifying Ice Plants: A Case for the History Detective.

Kathy Musial, HBG  
Chile's Semi arid North - The Norte Chico

Brian Dorsey, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.,  
Systematics of the xerophytic and succulent Euphorbia

Tim Harvey, Todd Masilko, and John Trager, Southern  
California  
Namibia in 3T

Steven Hammer, Sphaeroid Institute, Vista, CA  
Music of the Sphaeroids (presentation follows dinner)

### Time:

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

### Registration Form:

Deadline for registration is 29 August. We cannot guarantee meals for late registrants. Send registration form and a check (payable to The Huntington) or credit card information to;

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

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

# Attending program: \_\_\_ x \$75.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

# Attending Dinner: \_\_\_ x \$25.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Credit card # \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. \_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

### Danny's Delicious Dump Cake

- 8 x 8 Cake Pan
- 1 20 oz can of Crushed Pineapple
- 1 21 oz can of Comstock Pie Filling
- 1 Duncan Hines Moist Deluxe 18.25 oz Cake Mix
- 1 1/4 lb Butter sliced, or more to cover

Spread Pineapple evenly in bottom of pan, empty Comstock Pie Filling on top of Pineapple and spread. Then cake mix on top and spread out evenly. Cover with butter slices. Bake at 350° for one hour.

You can use any flavor pie filling or cake mix. Danny says to "be creative."

Submitted by Danny Westall



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