



Prickly News

South Coast Cactus & Succulent Society Newsletter - August 2012

GENERAL MEETING

Sunday, August 12, 1:30 pm

We will meet in Frances Young Hall

PROGRAM:

Greg Starr of Starr Nurseries in Tucson, AZ will give a presentation titled "Agaves: Living Sculptures for Landscapes and Containers." Greg will bring several copies of his recently released book of the same title and will be available before the meeting to sign them. He will also be bring several flats of plants from his nursery to sell. Lets give Greg a warm welcome for traveling such a distance.

REFRESHMENTS FOR AUGUST

Volunteers for February refreshments are:

Melinda Hines, Nancy Jengo

Mary Lopez, Ana MacKenzie

Anyone else who would like to contribute would be a welcome addition.

Many thanks,
Carol Causey



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President's Message August 2012

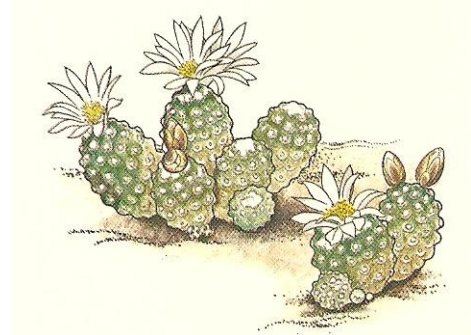
First, I want to acknowledge and thank Carol Knight for all the planning and coordination involved in arranging the July bus excursion. Club response was very positive from those who were on the bus, but the number who went was less than expected - about half of the nearly 50 people on the bus. Carol filled the bus by offering seats to Garden volunteers and members of other garden clubs. Carol says she'll keep us in mind when she arranges trips for her Begonia Society.

I'd also like to thank Laurel Woodley for being the docent at last month's Tram Tour. Speaking for myself, having an expert explain what I'm seeing is so much more enjoyable and educational than a stroll that exercises mostly my legs.

Financially the Club is very strong. The recent audit by Bob and Anita Caplan revealed no discrepancies. Bernard Johnson's work on restoring our 501(c) 3 status appears to be progressing. This will exempt us from paying income taxes on proceeds from our annual sale. The Board will be discussing different ways we can donate money, rather than allow excess cash to sit idle in our bank account.

As usual, finalizing the annual dues presents a challenge for us. As I write members are still calling me asking where to send their checks. In the end, it's not a major issue and perhaps all's well that's ends well is our motto.

I represented the Club at the "25 Year Vision Plan" meeting July 20, where 25 club representatives aired their concerns, superlatives, and gripes about the South Coast Botanic gardens. The consulting group will take 18 months to create a master plan that (they say) will address "everything." As usual implementation will depend on finding a large hoard of gold.



Pediocactus knowltonii

Membership Renewal Dues

Last year our fiscal year changed to July 1st to June 30st (from January to December.) That means dues were past due on June 30, 2012.

Dues are \$12 per individual plus \$6 for each additional family member at the same address. If you would like to receive a hard copy of the newsletter, please add an additional \$6 to the amount. (Email copy of the newsletter is included with your membership.)

To continue your membership in the South Coast Cactus and Succulent Society, fill out the Dues Renewal Form on Page 6 and send it with your check to Bernard Johnson, Treasurer (address is on the Form.)

This will be your last newsletter if your dues are not current. The newsletter will be sent only to those on the updated Roster.

July POM First Place Winners

Open - Cactus Gary Duke <i>Copiapoa tenuissima</i>	Open - Succulent Jim Hanna <i>Sansevieria pinguicula</i>
Novice - Cactus Jackie Johnson <i>Copiapoa dura</i> (black form)	Novice - Succulent Nancy Veits <i>Sansevieria futura</i> <i>superba</i>

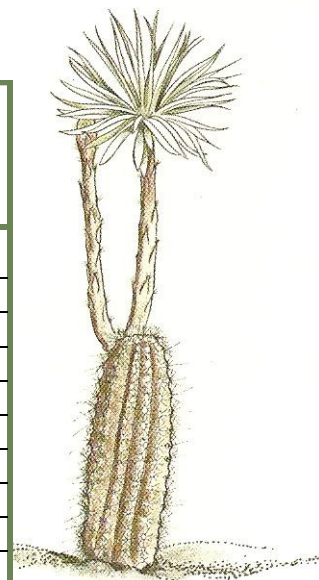


Pelecyphora aselliformis

The drawings are from
The Cactus Coloring Book
 Artist: Stefen Bernath
 Dover Publications, 1981

South Coast Cactus and Succulent Society Mini Show Final Results As of July 8, 2012

Novice Class	Cactus	Succulents	Open Class	Cactus	Succulents
Caplan	8	29	Capaldo	23	18
Condon		6	Causey	10	30
DeCrescenzo	6	13	Duke	54	22
Dunn		1	Gardner	12	9
Hines	7	1	Hanna	3	32
Bernard Johnson	2	2	Kohlschreiber	2	8
Jackie Johnson	15	25	La Forest	5	5
Knight		2	Warzybok		7
Neely	24	21	Woodley		7
Ross	14	3			
Shearer		5			
Tanner	5	7			
Unrine		9			
Veits		9			
Williams	3				

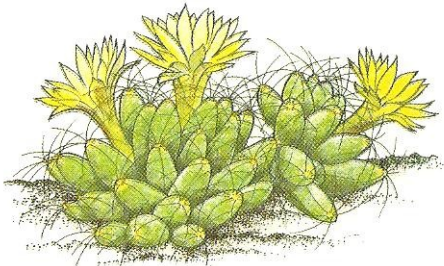


Setiechinopsis mirabilis

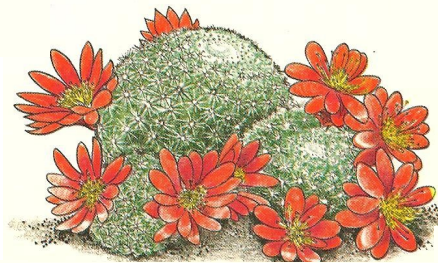
FYI: Board of Directors for FY2013:

President	Dale La Forest	Programs Committee Chair	Gary Duke
Vice President	Judy Unrine	Finance Committee Chair	Jim Hanna
Treasurer	Bernard Johnson	Communication Committee Chair	Vacant Dale La Forest (Acting)
Secretary	Philip Johnston Ross	Membership Comm. Chair	Sally Fasteau
At Large Member	Maria Capaldo	Liaison, CGCI (Acting)	Judy Unrine
At Large Member	Jim Tanner	Liaison, CSSA	Laurel Woodley
At Large Member	Nancy Jengo	Parliamentarian	Philip Johnston Ross
Show & Sale Chair	Jim Gardner		

2012 PLANT OF THE MONTH (POM)		
	SUCCULENTS	CACTUS
January	Dudleya	Eriosyce
February	Echevarias	Turbincarpus to and include Aztekium, and Geohintonia
March	Succulent Bromeliad	Mammillaria - Straight Spines
April	PLANT SHOW AND SALE	
May	Haworthia / Astroloba	Ferocactus
June	Pelargonium/Sarcocaulon	Coryphantha / Escobaria
July	Sansevieria	Copiapoa
August	Variegated (All)	Variegated Cacti
September	Aloes	Ariocarpus
October	Agaves	Gymnocalycium
November	Crassula	Echinocactus / Stenocactus
December	HOLIDAY PARTY	



Dolicothele longimamma



Rebutio deminuta

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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.

Succulent of the Month - August 2012

All Variegates

All variegates are mutants. Something has gone wrong with the cellular structure of the leaf or stem growth tip (apical meristem) of the plant. As a result of this mutation, chlorophyll is missing from some or all layers of the plant epidermis.

Variegation is known in most plant families, and variegated plants have a place in most gardens. The bright yellow and white of variegated foliage adds pattern and rhythm to many herbaceous borders. In succulent plants variegates are generally separated from normal plants, and compete against other variegates to put them on an equal footing. Variegated plants grow slower and are generally smaller than non-variegates of the same species. A large well grown variegate of any species is truly an achievement.

Great Variegates

Agave - There are several forms of variegated *Agave americana*. There are forms with a green center stripe and yellow edges, a yellow stripe and green edges, a green center and white edges, a white center and green edges, yellow centers and crinkled edges. Other species of Agaves have also produced variegates, with the same variety of variegation.

Cacti - variegates can be found in many genera. *Gymnocalycium* are the most often seen, but some columnar variegates and some *Ferocactus* variegates are also common in cultivation. The odd variegate appears in many seedling batches. Variegated *Turbinicarpus*, *Astrophytum*, *Matucana* and *Ariocarpus* have been seen at some of recent shows.

Many of these are artificially propagated by grafts. The famous 'Red Caps' and 'Yellow Caps' are *Gymnocalycium* or *Lobivia* variegates that have no chlorophyll at all, and live only by being grafted onto a root stock.

Sansevieria - There are dozens of named and unnamed varieties. Look for "Bantel's Sensation, Futura, Silver Moon, Silver Princess, and variegated varieties of some of the cylindrical forms. Unlike normal *Sansevierias*, these can be difficult to grow. They will not tolerate cold and wet conditions. *Sansevieria* variegates can only be propagated through the tuber. Cuttings of the leaves will root, but will almost always revert to an unvariegated form. On the other hand, normal *Sansevierias* will often put out a variegated pup. These should be removed from the main plant and grown on their own roots to preserve the variegation.

Gasteria - The Japanese have made an art of *Gasteria* and *Haworthia* variegate cultivation. Read the 2000 CSSA Journal for just a sampling of the won-

derful cultivars. Miniature white species, yellow species, even the occasional pink can be found. There are dozens of variegated *Gasterias* shown at our shows, and available from all of the local vendors. Look for *Gasteria* 'Little Warty', a nice white and green species, as well as many of the yellow and green species such as the Japanese hybrid *Gasteria* 'shozodan'.

Euphorbia - A number of columnar variegates are available, *E. ammak*, being the one most often seen. There are also some cristate and monstrose variegates as well.

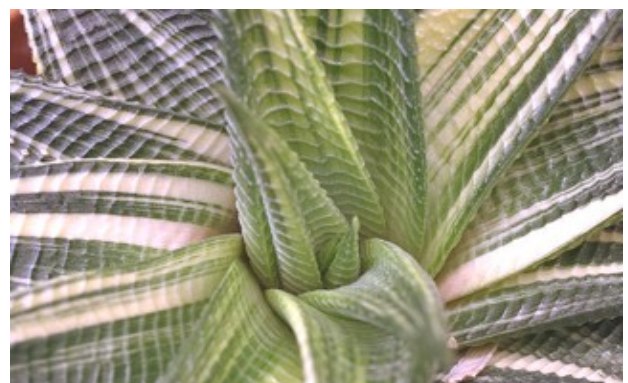
Haworthia - "Gray Ghost" is a *Haworthia retusa* variegate. There are several *Haworthia limifolia* variegates that look as if they were painted with mustard. There is a variegated hybrid between *Haworthia attenuata* and *Haworthia pumilla*. Offsets are produced on the flower stalks, these are variegated, as are the flowers themselves.

M. Sajeve and M. Costanzo, *Succulents, The Illustrated Dictionary*

Tom Glavich October 2005



Melocactus ruestii variegated



Variegated *Haworthia limifolia*

More Variegates Photos



Agave potatorum 'Kichiokan Marginata'



Gasteria armstrongii



Astrophytum asteria



Astrophytum myriostigma cuadricostatum



Yucca filamentosa



Gymnocalycium mihanovichii variegated

The POM articles and photos for the Variegates were researched and supplied by Jim Tanner.



**CACTUS AND SUCCULENT
CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2012
UPDATED 12/14/2011**

- JULY 27-29** **ORANGE COUNTY CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SUMMER SHOW AND SALE**
FRIDAY JULY 27 and SATURDAY JULY 28 - 9am to 5pm, Sunday July 29 11am-4pm
1000 S. State College Bl., (Anaheim United Methodist Church) Anaheim, CA
CONTACT LORI COXE (562) 587-3357
- AUG. 11-12** **27th 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. 1** **HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS SUCCULENT SYMPOSIUM**
ALL DAY AT THE HUNTINGTON
- SEPT. 23** **LONG BEACH CACTUS CLUB ANNUAL PLANT AUCTION**
18127 SOUTH ALAMEDA ST., RANCHO DOMINGUEZ, CA----12 PM
- NOV. 3-4** **SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY**
SHOW AND SALE---LA COUNTY ARBORETUM ADDRESS ABOVE.
- NOV. 9-10** **ORANGE COUNTY CACTUS & SUCCULENT WINTER SHOW AND SALE 9am-5pm**
1000 S. State College Bl., (Anaheim United Methodist Church) Anaheim, CA
CONTACT LORI COXE (562) 587-3357

**South Coast Cactus & Succulent Society
Membership Dues Renewal**

Annual Membership Dues are payable starting with the May meeting and become delinquent after the June meeting. There is no penalty for delinquent dues, but our Membership Committee will contact you. Use the email address to which you want your Newsletter sent. However, if you want hard copy mailed, we would still like to have an email address. **NOTE:** All members listed must reside at the same residence.

Instructions: Please fill out the form, attach check, and mail it to SCC&SS Treasurer, c/o Bernard Johnson, 629 18th St., Manhattan Beach, CA 90266. Or bring to him at the June meeting.

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Name (of Principle member)		
Additional members		
Mailing Address		
Street, Unit #		
City, State, Zip code		
Email		
Alternate Email		
Home phone		
Cellphone		
Month Joined (2011 only)		Enter amount below
Individual Membership Dues	\$12/year	\$
Additional Family Members	\$6/year	\$
Send Newsletter by Mail	\$6/year	\$
Note: NOT selecting this method means you will receive the newsletter via Email at no cost	Total	\$
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