



Prickly News

South Coast Cactus & Succulent Society Newsletter - December 2012

ANNUAL HOLIDAY POTLUCK PARTY Sunday, December 9, Noon to 2:00 pm We will meet in the classrooms

Join us for our annual Holiday Pot Luck. We will be meeting on our regular meeting date, December 9th. The meeting time has been changed. Dale will call us to order at **NOON**.

We passed around a sign-up sheet to get an idea of how many members plan on attending. Only 32 members indicated they were attending. This list implies no obligation and if you didn't sign it, you are still encouraged to attend. Thanks to those who volunteered to help me with set-up. Please come about 10:30 am.

As has become traditional, the Club will provide prime rib and ham. We will also provide paper plates, cups, and plastic utensils. Coffee and tea will be available. You may bring your own drink if you want something else. Carol Causey is managing the kitchen again. Check with Carol when you bring your covered dish for 6-8 people. It can be a salad, hot dish or dessert. Don't forget serving utensil. Please bring your food already heated or chilled, before 11:45 – or earlier if they must be heated. The kitchen has one oven, one microwave, and a medium size refrigerator.

Don't forget to bring your 2012 "Annual Plant", *Mammillaria baldianum*, which you received last December. Gary Duke will judge this year's plants and invite everyone to pick up an "Annual Plant" for the 2013 contest. It will be fun to see how they did – dead or alive.



Dale will announce the Mini-show winners and award prize plants to the people with the 10 highest point totals. Thanks to all who participated in this interesting and educational activity.

After we adjourn, please pitch-in and help clean up. Dale expects to adjourn around 2:00 pm - in time to avoid or attend the Holiday Palos Verdes Symphony concert that is held in the hall.

Look forward to seeing you there.

Judy Unrine

President's Message December 2012

Happy holidays everyone. The Christmas season is upon us, having arrived before Thanksgiving. While many think the spirit has roots in Wall Street and its life fluid is green, I have a different view. I think the spirit opens our eyes and hearts to the better side of human nature. A giving nature that takes the opportunity to make someone else happy by giving them a gift or letting them know you are thinking about them by sending a card, calling or even a simple e-mail. My Christmas spirit is embodied in a Christmas tree with its roots in human kindness and a strong trunk that enables it to withstand the winds of bitterness and ill will. It's nourished by goodness and charity.



I want to thank everyone on our Board of Directors for their support this past year. And I look forward to a happy and successful new year.

If you wish to have a say in deciding future changes, you need only to volunteer, otherwise I'm afraid you're along for the ride. Even if you remain a "wall flower" I promise the Board will do its best to make our Club relevant in your life. I propose our motto should be:

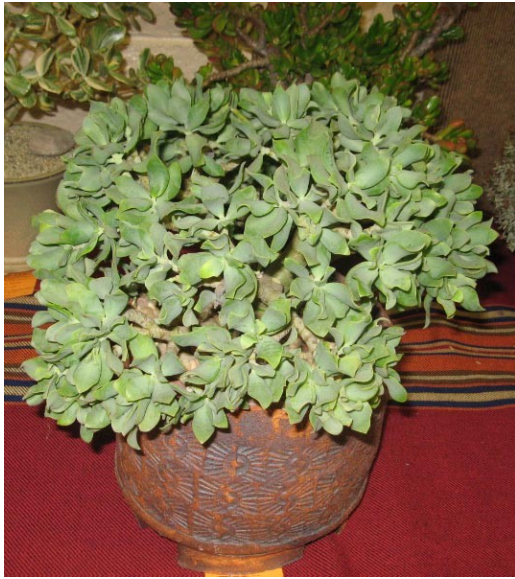
**"Learn Facts. . . Make Friends
Have Fun"**

Dale La Forest

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November POM First Place Winners



Open - Succulent
Crassula 'Curly'
 Maria Capaldo



Novice - Succulent
Crassula 'Morgan's Beauty'
 Jackie Johnson



Open - Cactus
Stenocactus crispatus crest
 Gary Duke



Novice - Cactus
Stenocactus crispatus
 Maria Calpaldo

Open Succulent

- 2nd - Gary Duke - *Crassula ovate* (variegated)
- 2nd - Dick Kohlschreiber - *Crassula 'Little Gem'*
- 3rd - Maria Capaldo - *Crassula hirtipes*
- 3rd - Carol Causey - *Crassula Marginalis rubra variegata*

Open Cactus

- 2nd - Dale La Forest - *Stenocactus multicostatus*
- 3rd - Gary Duke - *Stenocactus crispatus* 'huizache form'

Novice Succulent

- 2nd - Anita Kaplan - *Crassula mesembryanthemoides*
- 2nd - Jackie Johnson - *Crassula marnieriana*
- 3rd - Jackie Johnson - *Crassula 'Tom Thumb'*
- 3rd - Jim Tanner - *Crassula 'Ripple Jade'*

Novice Cactus

- 2nd - Anita Kaplan - *Echinocactus grusonii*
- 3rd - Jackie Johnson - *Stenocactus*



2012 TOP TEN POINT RECIPIENTS

1	Gary Duke	OPEN	118
2	Maria Capaldo	OPEN	83
3	Jackie Johnson	NOVICE	81
4	Jade Neeley	NOVICE	73
5	Anita Caplan	NOVICE	60
Tie			
5	Carol Causey	OPEN	60
6	Jim Hanna	OPEN	45
7	Jim Gardner	OPEN	35
8	Philip Ross	NOVICE	32
9	Phyllis DeCrescenzo	NOVICE	31
10	Dale LaForest	OPEN	24
Tie			
10	Jim Tanner	NOVICE	24

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	

South Coast Cactus and Succulent Society Mini Show Final Results As of November 11, 2012

Novice Class	Cactus	Succulents	Open Class	Cactus	Succulents
Caplan	20	40	Capaldo	36	47
Condon		6	Causey	16	44
DeCrescenzo	6	25	Duke	83	35
Dunn		1	Gardner	12	23
Hines	7	2	Hanna	3	42
Bernard Johnson	4	10	Kohlschreiber	2	18
Jackie Johnson	26	55	La Forest	10	14
Knight		2	Warzybok		13
Neely	42	31	Woodley		7
Ross	24	8			
Shearer		5			
Tanner	6	18			
Unrine		11			
Veits		17			
Williams	3				



South Coast Botanic Garden Vision Plan - Update

Last month I attended a progress report on the Garden's Twenty-five Year Vision Plan by the Oasis Design Group. (<http://www.oasisdesigngroup.com/>). Basically they explained their understanding on the parameters and restraints imposed in the design process. If you are interested in following the progress of the design, go to the SCBG Home page click on "About Us" then on "Vision Plan" (<http://www.southcoastbotanicgarden.org/visionplan>). The Group expects to present their master plan this June.

Dale La Forest



Happy
Holidays



2013 PLANTS OF THE MONTH (POM)

	CACTI	SUCCULENTS
January	Mammillaria - Hooked Spines	Kalanchoe
February	Variegated Cacti	Euphorbia with Caudex
March	Crested / Monstrose	Gasteria
April	PLANT SHOW AND SALE	
May	Opuntia - Flat Pad Varieties	Tylecodon
June	Parodia / Notocactus	Pachypodium
July	Lobivia/ Echinopsis/ Trichocereus	Senecio
August	Astrophytum	Variegated (All)
September	Turbinicarpus / Leuchtenbergia	Adenium
October	Cereus / Columnar Cactus	Sedum
November	Discocactus / Melocactus	Lithops
December	HOLIDAY PARTY	

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our new members.

Joined in September

Bill Kelly

Joined in October

Mary Feyk
Lynda Johnson

Joined in November

Marie Bowers
Stella Castaneda
Lou Hagemeyer
Irene Rich

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.

CSSA CORNER submitted by Buck Hemenway

We are working hard on the 35th Biennial CSSA Convention which will occur in Austin, Texas from June 15 through 20, 2013. We have a world class group of speakers scheduled and attendees will be able to buy plants from the leading growers of Cacti and Succulents in North America. Your club members should be planning a trip to Austin to join all of us for this terrific event. Your members can access current information and the registration form (from about Dec 10) at <http://.cssa2013.com>

The 6th issue of the 2012 Cactus & Succulent Journal is about to be mailed. Below is information from our editor, Tim Harvey about the contents of the issue:

The last issue for 2012 starts with a well-illustrated report from Fred Kattermann on the IOS congress held in Cuba earlier this year. A spectacular *Melocactus evae*, seen on the post-conference field trip, graces the cover. Closer to home, an article by Gary James and Christopher Drover highlights *Dudleya stolonifera*, a narrow endemic from the coast of Southern California. Infestations of our plants are an inevitable feature of our hobby, and Matt Maggio draws our attention to a new and relatively poorly known pest of *Agave*, Agave mite. The article illustrates symptoms and suggests remedies, which will also be of interest to *Aloe* aficionados. Duke Benadom's popular series *Superb Succulents* returns after a short break, featuring outstanding specimens of *Ariocarpus retusus* and *Pachypodium succulentum*. John Pilbeam takes us across the 'Bridge of God' in search of *Echeveria* with a thoughtful look at the status of *E. halbingeri* and its subspecies *sanchez-mejoradae*. The issue closes with the all-important index to vol. 84, carefully compiled by Cody Howard.



You are invited to
Orange County Cactus and Succulent Society's
First Annual Plant Auction!

Bring plant loving Friends!
We'll have food and snacks!

The fun starts at 7:30 pm on
Thursday, December 6, 2012.

Hank Warzybok will be our Auctioneer
with his assistant Jim Tanner.

1000 S. State College Bl., (Anaheim United
Methodist Church) Anaheim, CA 92806



Bella, Assistant Editor

CHRISTMAS CACTUS *Schlumbergera*



Zygocactus truncatus and
Schlumbergera gaertneri

The unusual stems and timely blossoms of these commonly grown house plants are both delightful and fascinating. Christmas cactus is an old favorite. It has striking, bright green arched branches made up of flat, scalloped 1 1/2 inch long joints. The branches droop, especially when in bloom. It's multi-trumpeted, 3-inch long, rosy red flowers, plus other colors, appear at Christmas time.

SCHLUMBERGERAS (or Christmas Cactus) are native to the tropical forests of South America, where they grow on trees. They require rich, porous soil. Keep soil moist but not soggy, and fertilize weekly when the plant is growing. They do well in front of a cool, bright window. During the summer you can move them outdoors into partial shade. Budding is brought on by the short days of October and November or by a cold shock. To promote flowering, place plants outdoors for a time during the fall.

LIGHT: Place in a bright but indirectly lit south, east or west window.

WATER: Keep very moist during growth and flowering. At other times, allow to dry between watering.

HUMIDITY: Average indoor humidity levels.

TEMPERATURES : 40°F. to 45°F. at night; 60°F. to 65°F. during the day to set flower buds; 50°F. to 55°F. at night, 65°F. to 70°F. during the day at other times.

FERTILIZATION: Fertilize only when plant is actively growing or flowering.

PROPAGATION: Take cuttings from recently matured stems or shoots when plant is not in flower.

GROOMING: Prune after flowering if necessary. Re-potting: Infrequent potting is best.

PROBLEMS: Dry soil or high soluble salts may damage roots, causing dieback.



Schlumbergera x buckleyi 'Olivia'

Beverley Graham, rbg.vic.gov.au

CACTUS AND SUCCULENT

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2013 (updated 10/21/2012)

- FEB 9TH** SAN DIEGO CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY –WINTER SHOW AND SALE
BALBOA PARK, ROOM 101, SAN DIEGO, CA. INFO. 858-382-1797
- MAR. 22-24** ORANGE COUNTY CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SPRING SHOW AND SALE. FRI. MAR. 22ND 9am-5pm, SAT. MAR. 23RD 9am-5pm, SUN. 24TH 12-4pm
1000 S. State College Bl., (Anaheim United Methodist Church) Anaheim, CA
INFORMATION CALL 562-587-3357
- APR 13 & 14** SOUTH COAST CACTUS AN SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW & SALE
SOUTH COAST BONTANICAL GARDENS, 26300 CRENSHAW BLVD.,
PALOS VERDES, CA INFO: 310-832-2262
- APR 20 & 21** GREEN SCENE PLANT SALE—AT THE FULLERTON ARBORETUM
1900 ASSOCIATED ROAD, FULLERTON, CA 92831
- APR 27TH** SOUTH BAY EPIPHYLLUM SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE---9am to 4pm
SOUTH COAST BOTANICAL GARDENS
INFORMATION CALL-310-833-6823
- APR 28th** HUNTINGTON PLANT SALE 10 TO 5 HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS
1151 OXFORD ROAD, SAN MARINO, CA. 626-405-2160
- May 4 & 5** SUNSET CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE
VETERANS MEMORIAL CENTER, GARDEN ROOM
4117 OVERLAND AVE., CULVER CITY, CA. INFO. 310-822-1783
- MAY 17 & 1** GATES CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY
32ND SHOW AND SALE FRI & SAT 9-4:30 pm
JURUPA MOUNTAINS CULTURAL CENTER, 7621 GRANITE HILL DRIVE
GLEN AVON, CA INFO. 951-360-8802
- MAY 25 &** CENTRAL COAST CASTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY
ANNUAL SHOW & SALE (10-4PM), LUDWICK CENTER, 864 SANTA ROSA
SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA – INFO. 805-237-2054, www.centralcoastcactus.org
- JUNE 1 & 2** SAN DIEGO CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY –SUMMER SHOW AND SALE
BALBOA PARK, ROOM 101, SAN DIEGO, CA. INFO: 858-382-1797
- JUNE 8 & 9** LOS ANGELES CACTUS and SUCCULENT SOCIETY
PLANT SHOW AND SALE 8TH 9-5, 9TH 9-3:30
SEPULVEDA GARDEN CENTER, 16633 MAGNOLIA BLVD.
ENCINO, CA INFO. E-MAIL LACSS.Contact@gmail.com
- JUNE 15-** **CSSA 35TH BIENNIAL CONVENTION, AUSTIN, TX- www.CSSA2013.COM**
- JUNE 28-30** **CSSA ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE –HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS**
1151 OXFORD ROAD, SAN MARINO, CA.
626-405-2160 or 2277 PLANTS SALES START JUNE 28TH THRU JUNE 30TH
THE SHOW OPENS ON THE JUNE 29TH THRU JUNE 30TH FREE TO THE PUBLIC
- JULY 26-28** ORANGE COUNTY CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SUMMER SHOW AND SALE. FRI. JULY 26TH 9am-5pm, SAT JULY 27TH 9am-5pm, SUN 28TH 12-4pm
1000 S. State College Bl., (Anaheim United Methodist Church) Anaheim, CA
INFORMATION CALL 949-212-8417
- AUG. 17 & 18** 28th 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 7TH** HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS SUCCULENT SYMPOSIUM
ALL DAY AT THE HUNTINGTON
- SEPT. 22ND** LONG BEACH CACTUS CLUB ANNUAL PLANT AUCTION
RANCHO LOS ALAMITOS, 6400 BIXBY HILL ROAD, LONG BEACH, CA 90615
INFO: 310-922-6090
- NOV. 2 & 3** SAN GABRIEL CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY 9am-4pm both days
SHOW AND SALE---LA COUNTY ARBORETUM ADDRESS ABOVE.

Tillandsia in Cuba



Costa Verde District Programs

2012-2013

CVD Meets at:

South Coast Botanic Garden 26300 Crenshaw Blvd.
Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA 90274-2515

CVD Board Meetings

9:30 am

January 23, 2013

May 22, 2013

December 5, 2012

Holiday Potluck Luncheon

WHAT A DIFFERENCE A SAGUARO MAKES!



California Cell Phone Towers

OUCH!



Boy, do I have a bad case of athlete's foot fungus. That red, inflamed toe HURTS! Any homeopathic remedies for treatment out there?



Arizona Cell Phone Towers!



Jim Tanner supplied the photos. He found the 'Ouch' and the Arizona Cell Phone Towers photos on Jan Emming's Facebook page.

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