



Prickly News

February 2012

GENERAL MEETING

Sunday, February 12, 1:30 pm
In the HALL

PROGRAM SPEAKER:

Brian Kemble, a renown cactologist from San Francisco, will give a presentation titled "A Feast of Ferocacti." Brian has made several trips to Baja Mexico and will not only describe the Ferocacti that grow there, but also many of the Agaves and Dudleyas (All of these families have some species that are native to California). Lets give this out of town, renown horticulturalist a warm welcome to Southern California.

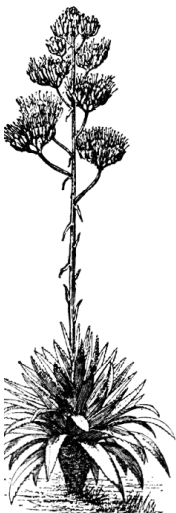
REFRESHMENTS FOR FEBRUARY

Volunteers for February refreshments are: **Bernadette Hertel, David Okihara, Ana Mackenzie and Jade Neely.** Anyone else contributing would be a welcome addition.

Many thanks,
Carol Causey

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In February we will have our first regular meeting in the hall. David Okihara has volunteered to set up chairs and tables. If you're willing to help - show up at noon. In addition to the chairs, we will need about ten tables for Club activities. Several members expressed their desire to have a table during the meeting. I'm pretty sure we can accommodate them, but it's not clear how or where to put those tables. After the meeting, all tables and chairs will need to be put away, unless someone from the Foundation tells me differently. Since this is the first time we are meeting in the hall, I'm going to be flexible on what will eventually become routine. We should plan on covering tables that will hold plants, including those 'For Sale'. I will bring signs for the following tables;

- Two tables for the Officers. I would like Officers to sit up front.
- One table for Brag plants
- Four tables for Mini-show.
- One table for Sign-In. We may have to rethink where we put our name tags/racks if this table isn't against a wall.
- One table for Flyers and other literature
- One table for "Free Plants"

All I can say is, "WOW". I was stunned when we filled or replaced four leadership positions at the January meeting.

First, Jim Hanna agreed to take over the Financial Committee from Judi Woo-Sato. Judi just doesn't have the time. On the other hand, Jim won't be doing much more than he has been doing since he joined the Club in 1983, which is inviting vendors to our annual Show & Sale. He will become a member of the Board of Directors.

Then we made it official that Neva Drages would be our CGCI Liaison, backed up by Judy Unrine. This makes Neva a Board member. In the future we can expect suggestions from her on how we can take advantage of our CGCI membership to your benefit. I also hope Neva will be able to meet with me at the quarterly CGCI Costa Verde District Board meetings.

Then - out of the blue - Carol Knight volunteered to see if she could get the motor started our "Trips & Tours" function. I was surprised when so many of you raised your hands to express an interest. Carol will be a member of the Programs Committee.

And just as we adjourned, Anita Caplan volunteered to try her hand as Publicist. After an email exchange, I'm pretty sure Anita knows more about this subject than most, including yours truly.

Dale La Forest
President SC C&SS

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

Novice Class	Cactus	Succulents	Open Class	Cactus	Succulents
Caplan	6	12	Capaldo	12	
Bernard Johnson	2		Causey		7
Neely	9	3	Duke	7	11
Ross	3		Gardner	3	
Shearer		5	Woodley		3
Tanner	1				



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BOARD MEETING NOTICE

There will be a Board meeting after the February general membership meeting to continue Show/Sale planning. I WILL adjourn NLT 4:30. If you have Agenda items, please let me know ASAP. Normally new items will be placed at the bottom of the Agenda, but can be expedited if time is an issue.

Time permitting, I would like you to share your ideas about how we can improve our club in the coming year.

Dale La Forest

January POM First Place Winners

Open - Cactus Maria Capaldo <i>Neoporteria multicolor</i>	Open - Succulent Gary Duke <i>Dudleya brittonii</i>
Novice - Cactus Anita Caplan <i>Eripsyce senilis</i>	Novice - Succulent Anita Caplan <i>Dudleya hassei</i>

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Do you have any Cactus and Succulent related stories or cultivation tips that you would like to share? We are not looking for a *magnum opus* (Dale's words), but you will given credit.

Do you have a special succulent or cactus that you would like to share with a photo?

Do you have plants available to give away or sell? Members may include an announcement in the newsletter once or twice a year We will not have business ads.

Do you know of any garden tours? Also contact Carol Knight.

Send any of the above information to Melinda Hines, mel.mindy@verizon.net, Telephone: 310-540-6951.

This is your newsletter. Your comments and suggestions are always welcome.

Melinda Hines
Newsletter Editor



Echeveria nodulosa
Painted Echeveria
<http://www.monrovia.com>

FYI: Board of Directors for FY2011-2012 are:

President
Vice President
Treasurer
Secretary
At Large Member
At Large Member
At Large Member
Annual Show & Sale Chair

Dale La Forest
Judy Unrine
Bernard Johnson
Philip Johnston Ross
Maria Capaldo
Jim Tanner
Melinda Hines
Jim Gardner

Programs Committee Chair
Finance Committee Chair
Communication Committee Chair
Membership Comm. Chair
Liaison, CGCI
Liaison, SCBG Foundation
Liaison, CSSA
Parliamentarian

Gary Duke
Jim Hanna
OPEN
Lucy Hemingway
Neva Drages
Jim Gardner
Laurel Woodley
Philip Johnston Ross

2012 PLANT OF THE MONTH (POM)

	SUCCULENTS	CACTUS
January	Dudleya	Eriosyce
February	Echevarias	Turbinicarpus 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	



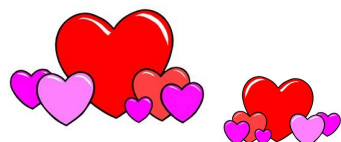
Echeveria pulidonis

www.http://commons.wikimedia.org
Photo by KENPEI



Turbinicarpus valdezianus

www.kaktusreheri.com



Happy Valentine's Day



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 MONTH - Echeveria

See article on Propagating Echeverias by Dick Kohlschreiber, June 2011 SC C&SS Newsletter

Echeveria is a large genus of succulents in the Crasulaceae family, native from Mexico to northwestern South America. The genus is named after the 18th century Mexican botanical artist Atanasio Echeverría y Godoy. Many of the species produce numerous offsets, and are commonly known as 'Hen and chicks', which can also refer to other genera such as *Sempervivum* that are significantly different from *Echeveria*.



Flowers of *Echeveria* 'Blue Curl'

Many *Echeveria* species are popular as garden plants. They are drought-resistant, although they do better with regular deep watering and fertilizing. Most will tolerate shade and some frost, although hybrid species tend to be less tolerant. They can be propagated easily by separating offsets, but may also be propagated by leaf cuttings, and by seed if they are not hybrids. *Echeverias*

are polycarpic, meaning that they may flower and set seed many times over the course of their lifetimes.

Most lose their lower leaves in winter; as a result, after a few years, the plants lose their attractive, compact appearance and need to be re-rooted or propagated. In addition, if not removed, these shed leaves may decay, harboring fungus which can then infect the plant.



Echeveria elegans



Echeveria elegans



Echeveria setosa
Mexican Fire Cracker

All *Echeveria* content from:
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Echeveria>

CACTUS OF MONTH - Turbinicarpus to and include Aztekium, and Geohintonia

Turbinicarpus is a genus of very small to medium-sized cacti, which inhabit the north-eastern regions of Mexico, in particular the states of San Luis Potosí, Guanajuato, Querétaro, Nuevo León, Hidalgo, Coahuila, Tamaulipas and Zacatecas.

Ecology

These succulent plants grow mostly on limestone soil (never on volcanic soil), at altitudes between 300 and 3300 meters sea level. *Turbinicarpus* are usually confined to specific habitats, generally hostile for the majority of plants, mostly in very drained rocky areas, composed of limestone, sandstone, schist (neutral or alkaline), or in very acidic and humiferous underwood, or in gypsum veins, sometimes so pure that is almost white. In particular, *Turbinicarpus sensu stricto* are adapted to extreme niches: more than 80% of the species grow in rock cracks or among the pebbles beneath them, where enough dust accumulated to enable root development. It would seem almost impossible that plants so small could survive in such an environment, however in those species that inhabit dry and exposed areas, the root is very thick, becoming a taproot and acting like an anchor on the slopes but, more important, as a water storage for the dry periods, capable of significantly retracting into the ground so that the stem is less exposed to the sun; the spines are often changed to adopt a very papery structure, capable of absorbing good quantities of water. Furthermore, the general look is extremely mimetic, thanks to the epidermis colour and the interlacing spines, guaranteeing a certain protection from eventual herbivores.



Turbinicarpus knuthianus

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Turbinicarpus>



Aztekium ritteri
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aztekium_ritteri



Geohintonia Mexicana
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Geohintonia>
Photo by Christer Johansson

SOUTH COAST CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY

announces its 40th annual

2012 SHOW and SALE

SAT & SUN APRIL 7th & 8th, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

South Coast Botanic Garden - 26300 Crenshaw Blvd. PV Peninsula



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NOTE: entry fee to the South Coast Botanic Garden

CASH only

Adults: \$8 Seniors (62+) & Students: \$6
Children (5 - 12): \$3 Children (under 4): Free
No additional charge to enter show/sale

For More Information

visit www.southcoastcss.org

President - Dale La Forest
(310) 618-9886

Show Chair - Jim Gardner
(310) 378-1953

Vendor Coordinator - Jim Hanna
(562) 920-3046

Visa, Mastercard, & Discover accepted for plant sales:

CASH ONLY TO ENTER GARDEN



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

- FEB 11** SAN DIEGO CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY-WINTER SHOW & SALE
BALBOA PARK, ROOM 101, SAN DIEGO, CA INFO. www.sdcss.net
- MAR 23 & 24** ORANGE COUNTY CACTUS & SUCCULENT SPRING SHOW AND SALE 9am-5pm
1000 S. State College Bl., (Anaheim United Methodist Church) Anaheim, CA
CONTACT VINCE BASTA 714-267-4329
- APR 7 & 8** SOUTH COAST CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW & SALE
AT SOUTH COAST BOTANIC GARDEN
26300 CRENSHAW BL., PALOS VERDES, CA INFO. 310-832-2262
- APR 14 & 15** GREEN SCENE PLANT SALE—AT THE FULLERTON ARBORETUM
1900 ASSOCIATED ROAD, FULLERTON, CA 92831
- May 5 & 6** SUNSET CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE
VETERANS MEMORIAL CENTER, GARDEN ROOM
4117 OVERLAND AVE., CULVER CITY, CA. INFO. 310-822-1783
- MAY 6** SOUTH BAY EPIPHYLLUM SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE---9am to 4pm
SOUTH COAST BOTANIC GARDEN
INFORMATION CALL-310-833-6823
- MAY 13** HUNTINGTON PLANT SALE 10 TO 5 HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL
GARDENS, 1151 OXFORD ROAD, SAN MARINO, CA. 626-405-2160
- MAY 18-19** GATES CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY 31ST ANNUAL 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 26-27** 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
- JUNE 2 & 3** SAN DIEGO CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY – SUMMER SHOW AND SALE
BALBOA PARK, ROOM 101, SAN DIEGO, CA. INFO. 858-382-1797
- JUNE 9-10** 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. E-MAIL LACSS.Contact@gmail.com
- JUNE 29-JULY 1** CSSA ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE –HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS
1151 OXFORD ROAD, SAN MARINO, CA.
626-405-2160 or 2277 PLANTS SALES START JUNE 29TH THRU JULY 1ST
THE SHOW OPENS ON THE JUNE 30TH THRU JULY 1ST FREE TO THE PUBLIC
- JULY 27-28** ORANGE COUNTY CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SUMMER SHOW AND SALE
FRIDAY JULY 27TH Noon until 7pm, SATURDAY JULY 28TH 9am to 5pm
1000 S. State College Bl., (Anaheim United Methodist Church) Anaheim, CA
CONTACT VINCE BASTA 714-267-4329
- 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 VINCE BASTA 714-267-4329

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FRIDAY SETUP

Description: Arrive Friday, April 8 at 1:00pm to set up tables and chairs in auditorium and class rooms.

Prerequisites: Able to cheerfully muscle many tables and chairs to the satisfaction of Jim Hanna.

KITCHEN COORDINATOR(s)

Description: Arrive several days before the show to check the Club Closet. Items that we need to have by show time include:

- Table cloth for kitchen table (a new requirement).
- Cups, both hot and cold. No Styrofoam. We are permitted to use up old ones, but no new ones.
- Plates, small and large. No Styrofoam. We are permitted to use up old ones, but no new ones.
- Plastic ware, serving spoons, forks and eating utensils.
- Foil and plastic wrap.
- Napkins.
- Plastic storage dishes for leftovers for Sunday lunch.
- Dish soap, dishrags or sponges and towels.
- Coffee, both decaf and regular, and tea bags.

The coordinator should also be present (or find a substitute) for the four meals to be sure the servers have supplies they need, and help them during peak work times.

The coordinator should also be sure the refrigerator is cleaned out and ready for use.

Late Friday pm, or very early Saturday am set out the above equipment for use and put on the table cloths.

Prerequisites: Prior experience working in our kitchen would be very helpful.

FOOD SERVER

Description: Breakfast and luncheon jobs are different. Both meals are for the benefit of both club members and the vendors.

Breakfast: The server arrives at 7:30 bringing an assortment of rolls, donuts, bagels and cream cheese, etc for breakfast, sufficient to feed around 40 people. Also, buy chips, cookies, etc for mid-morning snacks. Don't forget to get receipts to turn in to the club treasurer for reimbursement.

Upon arrival, the server needs to make coffee, both regular and decaf, and hot water for tea.

Breakfast continues informally to around 10:00am

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Lunch: Preparation for lunch begins around 11:00am.

- The large meat dishes will be brought in late morning on Saturday only. They will need to be sliced and stored for use as appropriate.
- Members will bring in casseroles, salads and desserts. These will need to be refrigerated stored, heated as appropriate.
- Food should be set out on the counter for serving by 11:30am.
- Make sure there's coffee, tea, etc.
- Lunch should be cleaned up by around 2:00pm. Snacks can be left out to be cleaned up later.

CASHIER

Description: This job is vital to the success of our show and sale. It involves taking the total sales added up by the tag-pullers, entering that into the cash register, adding sales tax (calculated by cash register) to derive the total bill. The cashier working the cash/checks line will take checks or cash and make change. The cashier working the credit card line will give the total bill to Evelyn Stevens, who will be running the credit card machine. At the end of the day, give Jim Hanna a total of sales.

Prerequisites: Previous experience with a cash register would be very desirable. In addition, all cashiers need to be trained by Roberta Hanna, who has agreed to do this for us. I need at least 6 cashiers to cover the whole sale.

TAG-PULLER

Description;

- Pull all the tags in the purchaser's box(es), being careful to pull only the tags with prices on them, **not the tag with the name of the plant.**
- Count the tags
- Count the number of plants. These two numbers must be equal. If not, go back and find the mistake.
- Check the purchaser's box for pots and other non-tag items.
- Books, plant tools, T-shirts, etc sold by Rainbow Gardens must be paid for at the Rainbow Garden stand.
- When the cashier is free, bring the collected tags and purchaser to the cashier, and tell the cashier of any non-tag sales.
- Don't interrupt the cashier while he/she is entering a sale as this will cause errors and slow things down. Wait until the cashier is done with the last transaction.
- Also, don't just leave the tags; wait until the cashier is open, then hand over the tags and point out the customer to the cashier.

Particularly on Saturday AM the volume of purchases is great, so as result, we need a large number of tag-pullers.

Prerequisite: Willing to do meticulous and picky work.

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LINE CONTROL

Description: On Saturday AM, when volume is large, and we will have two checkout lines, one for cash or checks, and the other for credit cards. We need someone to control the lines. This will involve asking each customer as they join the lines, which mode of payment they will use, and direct them into the appropriate line. The job also involves general trouble-shooting, such as preventing cutting in line, managing carts, and helping people put plants in our holding areas and retrieve them again.

Prerequisite: Needs to be a cheerful, helpful soul, who can give clear direction to the customers.

PUBLICITY/MULTIMEDIA

Description: This person will send announcements of our upcoming show and sale to as many periodicals, newspapers, etc as possible. The definition of this job will need further discussion.

Prerequisites: Must be computer literate.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Description: The Photographer takes pictures of the entire event, people, plants, sales area etc. The camera must be digital and notes taken so that the persons and plants can be identified after the show.

Prerequisite: Have camera and can use it.

HOSPITALITY/CLUB TABLE

Description:

Coordinator: The coordinator needs to arrive early Saturday AM and set up the club hospitality table. The supplies are located in the Club Cabinets in the north (B) classroom. Jim Gardner will provide the ballots.

Staff: Sits/stands around the club hospitality table, “meets & greets” and answers questions, provides information about the club and other events around the region. Staff also provides a “Visitor Roster” for those who wish to be notified by email of next year’s show & sale. The hospitality table also functions as gate-keeper to the show area. Members and visitors must be asked not to take purchased plants with them into the show area, but rather park them in the nearby plant holding area. In addition, on Saturday the visitors should be directed to vote on our rather wacky ballot. The purpose of this exercise is to get the public to really focus on the plants.

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DECORATIONS

Display Window: The display window in the patio area needs to be decorated to advertise our show four weeks before show time. Live plants can be used, as well as signage about the show. Experience shows that plants do very well for a month in the show case, as they will not overheat or burn. The key to the show case can be obtained from Carol Howden in the foundation office. She should be contacted ahead of time so that the previous exhibit can be removed from the show case. The display should be removed shortly after the show.

Club Show Table: The club table needs to set up with table cloth and plant tags by late Friday afternoon, so club members can bring in their plants.

CLEANUP

Description: Take down tables and displays, put away tables and chairs. Clean and sweep the auditorium and classrooms. Job starts at 4:00pm, and continues until we're done, usually about 2 hours.

Requirement: Willing to work.

ROVER/SECURITY

Description: This person needs to be someone who can notice where help is needed and jump in to help. Also, this person needs to watch for misbehavior, e.g. sneaking plants out the back, changing labels on plants.

SHOW TABLE EXHIBITOR

Description: Any member or vendor may request a table to show their plants. The exhibitor must provide a table cloth, labels for the plants, and may put his/her name on the show table. Plants should be attractively displayed, and free of pests. It is desirable to have the display set up by around 5:00pm Friday, as Saturday AM is always hectic getting ready for the public. Plants must be removed between 4:00 and 5:00pm Sunday to make the room ready for the cleanup crew.