



Prickly News

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GENERAL MEETING

Sunday, January 8, 1:30 pm

PROGRAM SPEAKER: Mark Muradian

This program, titled "Peru, Land of the Inca, Land of Cacti" was taken in September of 2010. Starting in Chiclayo, and ending in Cuzco, we travelled by bus to many habitats, sometimes on roads no bus should ever attempt to drive! This program is a video presentation, with all the sounds and motion to help the viewer feel as if they are there. With the optional fly over of the Nazca lines and the mandatory visit to Machu Picchu, this was an exciting trip to be on.



I have been in the cactus hobby close to 30 years and have been making pottery for some 17 years, and am a third-generation family farmer in the central valley, farming some acreage since 1915. I will be bringing pottery to sell at the meeting.



Browningia candellaris



Puya raimondia

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope you all had a joyous Christmas, Hanukkah, or whatever holiday you celebrate at the end of the year. I also wish you all a happy and prosperous New Year; and that all your plants flower, except perhaps those that are monocarpic.

I received many positive comments on the Holiday pot-luck. I especially want to acknowledge, Danny Westall for (again) cooking the ribs; Rose Arbuckle for the table decorations (again); Carol Causey for bringing order out of chaos in the Kitchen (again); and everyone who pitched in before and after. I wish I had a list of who brought in dishes and the name of the dish. Next year we should label each dish with that information.

This year we added sixteen new members, but 34 members decided not to renew. Fortunately most old-timers decided to renew. This past year we finalized our Bylaws, and for that I am thankful. We also established our Plant Rescue Committee under Gina Bush and The SCBG Desert Garden Planning Committee under Gretchen Marlotte. I've got to think of a shorter name.

You can expect more changes in the coming year. Probably the biggest change will be that we are moving some meetings into the hall. The first "Hall" venue will be in February. Making changes requires initiative, work, flexibility, and most of all your involvement. If you have a complaint tell me. If you want to praise or thank someone, consider sending a "Thank You" note, and if you have an idea or suggestion contact anyone on the Board.

Dale La Forest
President SC C&SS

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THE HUNTINGTON

LIBRARY, ART COLLECTIONS, AND BOTANICAL GARDENS

1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, California 91108

**Free Entry to the Huntington
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DESERT FORUM *Saturday, 14 January 2012*

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 9:30 – 10:00 A.M. **Registration**
Leave your sack lunch (with your name written on the bag)
- 9:30 – 12:00 Noon **Desert Garden**
Knowledgeable staff will be stationed throughout
the Desert Garden and Desert Conservatory
Aloes will be flowering
- 12:00 – 1:00 P.M. **Welcome Comments & Lunch – Friends' Hall**
Pick up sack lunch (if you dropped it off at registration)
Light snacks and beverages will be served
Welcome comments – Jim Folsom
CSSA remarks – Laurel Woodley
Note: Visitors have two other lunch options:
- Huntington Café
- Tea Room (reservations suggested: (626-683-8131))
- 1:00 – 3:00 P.M. **Plant Sales**
Desert Nursery opens for sales and browsing at 1:00 P.M.
Cash, checks, and credit cards accepted
- 1:00 – 4:30 P.M. **Free Time**
Attendees are welcome to tour the gardens and galleries

Don't miss:

- “Beautiful Science: Ideas that Changed the World” in Dibner Hall (Library building)
Liu Fang Yuan, the Garden of Flowing Fragrance (Chinese Garden)
“The House that Sam Built” (Maloof) in Boone Gallery
“Ancient Chinese Bronze Mirrors” in the Scott Gallery
“Blue Sky Metropolis” in the Library, West Hall

PLANT OF THE MONTH 2011 WINNERS

The following members received a prize plant at the annual Christmas party for participating in the Plant of the Month judging at our monthly meetings.

Place	Name	Points
1.	Maria Capaldo	114
2.	Gary Duke	80
3.	Anita Caplan	66
4.	Jim Tanner	65
5.	Ted & Jackie Johnson	61
6.	Jim Gardner	53
7.	Carol Causey	40
8.	Jim Hanna	31
9.	Dale La Forest	29
10.	Philip Ross Carmen Shearer	Tie 18

REFRESHMENTS - Help Wanted

Carol Causey, our Refreshment Coordinator, needs your help in volunteering to bring refreshments. She has a list for the whole year on which you can sign up ahead of time and then mark your calendar for your commitment. In November no refreshments were brought. We have a very large club and we all enjoy the goodies during break. So step up to the plate and volunteer.

For January Mary Lopez, Maria Jenkins and Melinda Hines are scheduled to bring refreshments. Anyone else contributing would be a welcome addition.

Many thanks,
Melinda Hines and Carol Causey



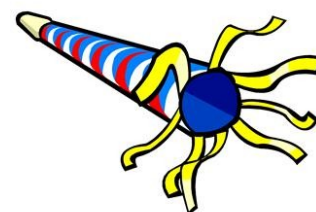
BOARD MEETING NOTICE

There will be a Board meeting after the January general membership meeting to start planning for our April Show/Sale. I hope to start at 3:45 PM and WILL adjourn NLT 4:30. In addition to the current Board of Directors, I would like Jim Hanna 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.

Dale La Forest



Happy New Year!



FYI: Board of Directors for FY2011-2012 are:

President	Dale La Forest	Programs Committee Chair	Gary Duke
Vice President	Judy Unrine	Finance Committee Chair	Judi Woo-Sato
Treasurer	Bernard Johnson	Communication Comm. Chair	OPEN
Secretary	Philip Johnston Ross	Membership Comm. Chair	Lucy Hemingway
At Large Member	Maria Capaldo	Liaison, CGCI	Judy Unrine
At Large Member	Jim Tanner	Liaison, SCBG Foundation	Jim Gardner
At Large Member	Melinda Hines	Liaison, CSSA	Laurel Woodley
Annual Show & Sale Chair	Jim Gardner	Parliamentarian	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	Feroactus
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	

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 - *Dudleya*

Dudleya is a genus of succulent perennials, consisting of about 45 species in southwest North America. Many plants in the *Dudleya* genus were formerly classified as *Echeveria*.

The fleshy and glabrous leaves occur in basal rosettes, in colors generally ranging from green to gray. The inflorescences are on vertical or inclined stems up to a meter high, but usually much shorter, topped by a cyme with alternate leaf-like bracts. Both the petals and sepals of the small flowers are five in number and fused below. Five pistils, also fused below, have 10 stamens arranged around them.

Dudleya species are widespread in their range, typically found in rock outcroppings, cliff faces, or road cuts, where their leaves help them store water in a setting too dry for most types of plants. Most are small and inconspicuous when not in bloom. The genus is named after William Russell Dudley, the first head of the botany department at Stanford University.

In horticulture, *Dudleya* should be planted at an angle. This allows accumulated water to drain from the nestlike center of the plant, thus preventing microbial decay.



Dudleya along the California Central Coast



Dudleya gnoma



Dudleya cymosa



Dudleya brittonii



Dudleya caespitosa



Dudleya lanceolata



www.calphotos.berkeley.edu



Dudleya hassei

Text and photos from Wikipedia unless otherwise noted.

CACTUS OF MONTH - *Eriocyce*

Description and Habitat

Eriocyce is a genus of cacti native to Chile. There are both globular and columnar types that produce flowers with a spiny and hairy tube. The flowers grow laterally on specially formed areoles.

Cultivation

Almost all of these plants need a deep pot with very good drainage to accommodate a tap root. They are susceptible to over-watering. Occasionally some are grafted to avoid root rot problems. Keep dry in winter. Best suited for airy exposures. They like full sun; and can tolerate light shade. They like warmth (recommended minimum winter temperature: 40°F). But a plant kept perfectly dry can easily survive at winter night-time temperatures below freezing – especially if warmed to near 60 F the next day.

Pests & diseases

Some, if not all, are especially prone to rot, therefore, under-pot in a smaller container filled with very porous compost. Mealybugs can also attach themselves to the spines, plant body, and roots.

Species

I have not found a recent list. I believe the total species will exceed 100. Since not everyone agrees with this reclassification, plants that were obtained with tags using the old taxonomy are acceptable.

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www.tuscon-gardener.com



Eriocyce senilis

From: en.Wikipedia.org
Michael Wolf



Eriocyce heinrichiana
Subsp. *intermedia*



Eriocyce laui

www.cactuspro.com/photos/



Eriocyce simulans

www.eriocyce.info/eriocyce/simulans/simulans.htm

www.cactuspro.com/photos/



Eriocyce aurata



Eriocyce occulta

From Bing Cecilia Carrica



The setup for our Holiday Party. This was the only photo I received of the tables beautifully decorated by Rose Arbuckle.

Almost Christmas in Madrid

While you all were enjoying the festivities and food at our annual Christmas party, I was in Madrid Spain visiting my son, his wife and two granddaughters. He was delighted to open the first package – cuttings of many of the succulents from my garden. We enjoyed a trip to a nursery to find the “right” pot and cactus soil to accompany the pot that I had made for him. Then back to his small veranda for planting. The photo shows the results.



Another adventure was to the new El Parque Madrid Rio. Madrid has undertaken a huge project to tunnel underground the M30 Highway which is a ring road. And much of the ground above has been converted into wonderful 1,604 acre park. Vera, 11, skated and Barbara, 6, rode her bike while we walked. There was a wonderful glass greenhouse, Palacio de Cristal de Aganzuela, with four climate zones. Every plant was numbered, but unfortunately the names were not always in the vicinity of the plant even though I searched! My son and I both tried to get a numbered list from the internet with no results.



Would OSHA approve of these toboggan slides?



This site tells about the tunneling of the M30. http://www.roadtraffic-technology.com/projects/m30_madrid/ It was amazing to imagine how this tunneling was completed in 30 months.

This site tells about the Park development. <http://www.esmadrid.com/en/madridrio>

Melinda Hines
Editor, Prickly News



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

JAN 14 DESERT FORUM - HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDEN – SEE FLYER ON PAGE 2

- 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
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