



# Prickly News

July 2011

## GENERAL MEETING

Sunday, July 10, 1:30 pm

Large Lecture Hall

## PROGRAM:



Paul Ortega, a renown southern California landscape designer, will give a presentation titled "Desert Accent Plants for the Southern California Garden." Paul has been an employee at The Living Desert in Palm Springs as well as program coordinator for the

Living Desert University. He developed the landscape design agency that today is Desert Garden Center, LLC. In addition to heading the company, Paul teaches at Living Desert University and is a guest speaker though out southern California on topics related to his interest and passion for desert plants. He is a co-founder and current chairman of the Desert Horticultural Society of the Coachella Valley and a member of the Architectural Advisory Committee for the City of Palm Springs. Additionally, Paul is an associate member of the Association of Professional Landscape Designers and belongs to the California Native Plant Society. Paul is a native Californian and has been a resident of Palm Springs since 2001. Come and see how to landscape your yard with water conserving plants.

**Remember we will be meeting in the large lecture hall with members from the South Coast Botanic Garden.**

After the presentation Tanya Finney, SCBG superintendent give a short tour of the desert area here at the Botanic Garden. (see Presidents Message.)

**HAPPY 4TH OF JULY**



## NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION:

### Will This Be Your Last . . .

edition of the Newsletter? . Dale sent an email to those not current with their dues, so you should know if you have paid. This month we are sending the Prickly News to all members on the old roster just in case you have forgotten to pay your dues. But this will be the last time. Fill in the application form on Page 7 and send it with your check to Bernard Johnson, Treasurer or bring your payment to the July meeting.

### At Long Last - A Name for Our Newsletter!

As you can see from the above, we finally have a name for our Newsletter! An informal run-off ballot between seven entries was held at the June meeting and **Prickly News** was the winner. Thanks to all of you who participated in the voting. Anita Caplan submitted the name and won the variegated *Euphorbia mili*.



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## President's Message for July 2011

Just a brief comment on the June presentation by Dexter Friede of Grow More Inc. on his company's fertilizers and soil amendments. If you're like me, I was overwhelmed by the variety of products. Dexter's presentation made me realize I not only need to know more about this subject, but try harder to implement what I learn. On the other hand perhaps some of you were bored by the seemingly endless explanation of their products. I apologize for the stampede to obtain his free samples. I thought we would be more orderly in the process. Perhaps in the future, we should use the "raffle tickets".

BTW: I haven't heard from anyone whether they like the raffle ticket system or not. It sure is easier for me than the numbered disks.

**Remember - the July meeting is a Special Event. There will be no regular business, no mini-show, no door prizes, etc.** Instead we have invited Paul Ortega. (See Program article for details). After Paul's presentation Tanya Finney, SCBG superintendent will tell us about what's happening at the Garden and lead us out to the Desert Garden area (a easy 5 minute walk) where she will show and tell us about planned changes to the Desert Garden area. I encourage you to wear Nametags which (available in the kitchen), so non-club visitors will be able to recognize you and perhaps ask questions. A couple of our members will have plants for sale at the back of the hall before and after the presentation. A Club Information Table will be set up to answer questions from non-members.

Thank all of you who renewed your dues last month. By now Lucy or someone from the Membership Committee will have finalized the roster. I expect some members will have dropped out, but we are gaining a few new members every month, so I expect our total membership won't change much. The

total membership number is how we compute our CGCI dues. Time permitting; the Membership Committee (Lucy) is redoing all the Name Plates/tags. They may be ready in July, but more likely in August.

Elections at the June meeting confirmed the slate offered by the Nominating Committee Chair, Hank Warzybok. New officers included Judy Unrine as vice president and Bernard Johnson as Treasurer, along with incumbents Philip Johnson Ross as Secretary and myself as President. I believe this is the first time we have actually used a Nominating Committee and I want to acknowledge and thank Hank for volunteering for what (for some) is a difficult task. Our election process is still not all that I could hope for. I would like a little more ceremony for the installation and perhaps a tangible Thank You gift for a job well done for out going officers - maybe next year.

Jim Gardener's Open House was wonderful. Jim's collection is amazing and he was a perfect host. I hope more members will offer to host future open houses like this. Thank you Irene Brenner for coordinating this event and thank you Jim for all you do on behalf of our Club.

At the Board meeting following the June meeting the Board selected three At Large members (see Board members list below). A couple of members are serving in dual capacities, so we continue to look for replacements in the CGCI and SCBG Foundation Liaison positions and also a replacement for Gary Duke our Programs Chair. Filling vacant positions is a fact of life for all organizations. I hope that if you have the time and interest, you volunteer to fill these positions. I'm sure the incumbents will mentor you. Contact any Board member if you are interested.

There will be a **Board meeting after the July program**. We'll meet in any available space, probably a Classroom. Approving the Bylaws and next year's budget will be the only agenda items.

### 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
Programs Committee Chair	vacant
Finance Committee Chair	Judi Woo-Sato
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 Johnston Ross

## June POM First Place Winners

### Open - Cactus

Maria Capaldo  
*Gymnocalycium  
Gibbosum*

### Open - Succulent

Jim Gardner  
*Pachypodium  
rosulatum stenanthum*

### Novice - Cactus

Anita Caplan  
*Gymnocalycium*

### Novice - Succulent

Anita Caplan  
*Pachypodium*

## REFRESHMENTS

Many thanks to Jackie Johnson, Philip Johnston Ross, Ann MacKenzie, and Hank Warzybok for bringing refreshments to the June meeting. And also we appreciate the great job Danny Westall does in keeping the coffee brewing and the supplies in order, especially when Carol Causey is absent.



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

- JULY 1-3** CSSA ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE –HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS  
1151 OXFORD ROAD, SAN MARINO, CA.  
626-405-2160 or 2277 PLANTS SALES START JULY 1<sup>ST</sup> THRU JULY 3<sup>RD</sup>  
THE SHOW OPENS ON THE JULY 2<sup>ND</sup> THRU JULY 3<sup>RD</sup> FREE TO THE PUBLIC
- 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
- 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



## SCC&SS OFFICERS

President:	Dale LaForest	310-618-9886
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Judy Unrine	310-378-0227
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Gary Duke	714-377-0064
Treasurer	Bernard Johnson	310-546-6206
Secretary	Philip Johnston Ross	310-378-5748
Show Chair	Jim Gardner	310-378-1953
Sunshine Chair	Lupe Hulett	310-832-2262
Refreshments:	Carol Causey	310-675-5843
Newsletter	Melinda Hines	310-540-6951
	mel.mindy@verizon.net	

## Garden Tour at the Gardner's



All who attended really enjoyed the tour of Jim and Jan's Garden! What perfection! Everywhere one looked there was something to feast your eyes on. I couldn't get over the orange dragonflies flitting around that complemented the color scheme. Even the large butterflies that visited were orange (Monarchs?). His greenhouse is amazing as is the growing area. It would be difficult to count the exact number of plants or the number of species in his collection.

The fishpond is designed so that raccoons cannot make a feast of the many goldfish by having straight sides and being deep enough that they cannot "wade" in it. Yes, we city folk have a bit of country here with many critters including raccoons, opossum, skunks, squirrels (even in Redondo).

Many thanks to Jim and Jan for opening their home and to Irene Brenner helping to arrange the tour.

Melinda Hines





Agave zebra



Agave 'Blue Flame'



Jim's growing area even has great pots!



Irene Brenner, Carmen Shearer and Martha Bach



Jim Gardner showing Hank Warzybok, Bob Lewis & Jim Tanner his growing Area



Melinda Hines

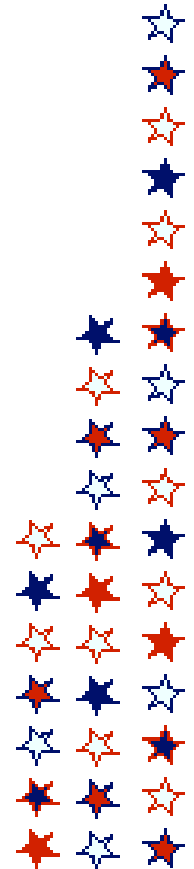
## 2011 Mini Show Plant List

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



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

Novice Class	Cactus	Succulents	Open Class	Cactus	Succulents
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.

## LAST CALL FOR DUES RENEWAL:

Most members haven't been required to pay dues since last October because we changed our fiscal year to start July 1. It's now time to "pay the piper".

### **Everyone must use this form.**

We want to make sure our roster is up to date. The dues are now \$12.00 for an individual, \$6.00 for each individual family member. If you want the Newsletter delivered by US Postal Service, there is an additional cost of \$6.00 per year to cover printing and postage.

If you have questions about this, feel free to call or email me:

Dale La Forest at (310) 618-9886 or

[dlaforest@socal.rr.com](mailto:dlaforest@socal.rr.com)



## 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 18<sup>th</sup> St., Manhattan Beach, CA 90266. Or bring to him at the July meeting.**

### PLEASE PRINT

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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