



Prickly News

South Coast Cactus & Succulent Society Newsletter - June 2013

GENERAL MEETING

Sunday, June 9, 1:30 pm

We will meet in Classroom B

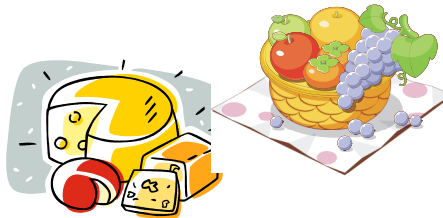
Tom Glavich will present a very interesting slide presentation titled "Gasterias." Tom is an excellent grower of Gasterias as well as most other succulents and cacti. He frequently writes articles for the CSSA Journal on cultivation. Come and learn how to grow these South African beauties. Tom will also bring some of his unique plants for sale as well.

REFRESHMENTS FOR JUNE

Volunteers for June refreshments are:
Maria Capaldo, Gary Duke, Dale La Forest, Barbara Stengel, Danny Westall

The May snacks were provided by:
Anita Caplin, Carol Causey, Carol Knight, Julie Moore, Laurel Woodley

Many thanks!
Carol Causey



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President's Message June 2013

It's election time. As Chair (and only member) of our Nominating Committee, Lupe Hewlett had a relatively easy task. Unless Lupe surprises us at the June meeting, the officer nominees for FY 2013 are myself as President, Maria Capaldo for Vice President, Bernard Johnson as Treasurer, and Philip Johnston Ross as Secretary. Judy Unrine decided that she needed to simplify her life a little and chose not to run as VP. Replacing Jim Tanner and Nancy Jengo as at large members will be Mike Short, and Bob Caplan.

I continue to be grateful that the Chairs of the Standing Committees, Coordinators, and Liaison members have agreed to continue. And while continuing service results in experienced people, the amount of time and energy it takes to keep things running smoothly is not insignificant. So . . . I want to thank and acknowledge the time and effort all our Officers, Chairs, and Coordinators have spent this past year. On behalf of the Club and myself, thank you all.

It's also Dues time. Dues become delinquent upon adjournment of the June meeting. If you plan on paying at the meeting, checks are preferred. If you plan on paying with cash, please put the money in an envelope with the renewal form. There is no penalty for late renewals, but everyone who doesn't renew will be called to confirm or determine your status.

The June meeting marks the end of our fiscal year and (perhaps) the start of my seventh term as President. It must be clear to you all that I enjoy the task. I am proud of our accomplishments, but none of them could have been realized without the efforts of other dedicated club members. Although our club continues to grow, with 115 members before the June meeting, I am concerned that we are not doing enough to make the club relevant enough for newer members. If you have any ideas that you think will improve our club, send them to me or any Board member. A little history might be useful here. We tried to entice members to come to the Desert Garden and help Gretchen Marlotte by pulling weeds. And Carol Knight arranged a great tour, but she had to fill the bus with people from other Garden Clubs in the area. How do you feel about scheduling "Discussion Groups" where a small number of members would meet to discuss and learn about various botanical subjects?

Dale La Forest

**South Coast Cactus and Succulent Society
Mini Show Final Results
As of May 12, 2013**

Novice Class	Cactus	Succulents	Open Class	Cactus	Succulents
Bjerke		2	Capaldo	13	11
Caplan	7	6	Causey	8	6
DeCrescenzo	15	6	Duke	43	26
Dunn		1	Gardner	2	22
Hines	4	7	Hanna		10
Jengo		1	Kohlschreiber	2	
Jenkins	2	1	La Forest	3	4
Bernard Johnson		4	Williams	3	
Jackie Johnson	9	8	Woodley		11
Kelly		1			
Knight		15			
Neely	30	17			
Shearer		1			
Tanner	6	9			
Unrine	3	4			
Veits	4	4			

**May Mini Show
FIRST PLACE
WINNERS**

CACTUS

OPEN

Gary Duke
*Turbinicarpus
pseudomacrochele*

NOVICE

Jade Neely
*Turbinicarpus
ysabelae*

SUCCULENT

OPEN

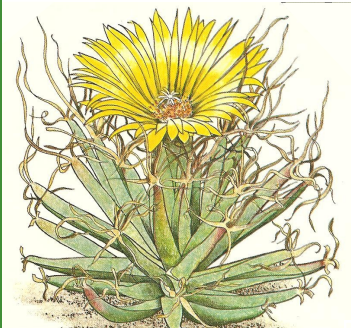
Gary Duke
Tylecodon dinteri

NOVICE

Jim Tanner
*Tylecodon
sinus-alexandri*

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	Turbinicarpus / Leuchtenbergia	Tylecodon
June	Parodia / Notocactus	Pachypodium
July	Lobivia/ Echinopsis/ Trichocereus	Senecio
August	Astrophytum	Variegated (All)
September	Opuntia - Flat Pad Varieties	Adenium
October	Cereus / Columnar Cactus	Sedum
November	Discocactus / Melocactus	Lithops
December	HOLIDAY PARTY	



Leuchtenbergia principis

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.

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.

Pachypodium Succulent of the Month - June 2013

Pachypodiums are members of the Apocynaceae or Periwinkle family, and are most closely related to Adenium, and more distantly to Oleander and Plumeria. Pachypodium are native to only Southern Africa and Madagascar. There are more Madagascan species than there are African, due to the geography of the island of Madagascar, with isolated regions that encourage the development of endemic populations of plants, animals and insects. New species are still being discovered as botanists explore the more remote and isolated areas of Madagascar.



Pachypodium geayi

The Madagascan species are easy to grow, with the sole difficulty being their sensitivity to cold and wet. If they are protected, either by being brought indoors during the winter, or protected from rain and cold in a cold frame, or even a garage, they will survive and grow quickly. African species are generally easier,

and are more tolerant of cold and wet.

Propagation of either the Madagascan or African species is easy from seed. Seeds are simply placed on good wet potting soil, and germination generally occurs within a week. Seeds should be sown in the spring to mid summer, however the seeds are generally not long lived, (about a year is as long as they should be kept) and good results can be obtained nearly any time of year except mid winter. Protection from direct sun is necessary until the first few leaf pairs have formed, and then gradual movement into strong light, with an increase in feeding and water will bring quick and strong growth.

All of the Pachypodiums are worth growing, and since there are not really that many species, and seeds and seedling plants are relatively cheap, a complete collection is within the resources of many.

Tom Glavich

The Plant of the Month articles and photos were researched and provided by Jim Tanner.



Pachypodium brevicaule



Pachypodium baroni



Leuchtenbergia principis

Parodia / Notocactus Cactus of the Month - June 2013



Parodia buiningii

The genus Notocactus is now synonymous with Parodia, and in modern references, all Notocacti have been moved into Parodia. The number of species has also been greatly reduced. The original distinguishing characteristic was the red stigmas in the flowers of Notocactus, and the yellow stigma in those of Parodia. The distinguishing characteristic between the two genera evolved over time, eventually becoming a minor difference in the attachment of the seed to ovary. Parodia has swept up several other genera, and is likely to grow and swallow a few more as botanical and genetic studies continue.

Nonetheless, the two are separate in many seed catalogs, in older reference books, in our shows, and in most of our collections.

Notocactus are South American Cacti, with the center of the genus in Brazil and Argentina, but with members throughout the Eastern side of the Andes. All are easy to grow, growing freely in the spring through the fall, and going more or less dormant in the fall. Some will flower in mid winter, and given their native environment, most do better given a little water year around. If watering Notocactus in the winter, avoid fertilization or weak growth may result. Some of the more tropical species need protection from colder weather to prevent scarring, but most will take normal Southern California winters without protection.

All the species are easy to grow from seed. Seed is available for nearly all the species and from many localities. Fresh seed germinates readily and can grow to a show quality plant in just a few years. Vegetative propagation of the clustering types is easy as well. Cuttings taken during the late spring and early summer root readily and show new growth before the season is over.

References:

E. Anderson, The Cactus Family
J. Pilbeam, Cactus for the Connoisseur
Innes & C. Glass Cacti

Tom Glavich



Parodia schumanniana



Parodia scopa



Parodia tenuicylindrica



Parodia mammulosa



Parodia magnifica

**CACTUS AND SUCCULENT
CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2013** *(updated 2/19/2013)*

- 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 www.iacss-show.com
- JUNE 15-20** **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.

Debra Lee Baldwin Presents Succulents Simplified

Saturday, June 22, 1:30pm - 3:00pm

Francis Young Hall - Lecture included with paid Garden admission.

The South Coast Botanic Garden is proud to be the first Los Angeles-area venue to host Debra Lee Baldwin on tour with her new book, Succulents Simplified. Debra will share what's new and exciting with these architectural, geometric and stylish "plants that drink responsibly" and explain how a few photogenic Southern California gardens launched a worldwide phenomenon.



California Garden Clubs, Inc (CGCI)

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

June 12, 10:00 a.m.
at the South Coast Botanical Garden



Potluck
Officer Installation
and
Awards

All SCC&SS members are also members of
CGCI

Board of Directors for FY2013:

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

**WELCOME
to the
New Members Who Joined in April**

Margaret & Michael Brennan	Nicolas M. Milos
Cathy and Dennis Gardner	Stella Sapigao
Mimi Hong	



Dues Renewal Time:

Dues for FY 2013 may be paid beginning in April and become delinquent after June 30, 2013. There is no penalty for delinquent dues, but our Membership Committee will contact you if we don't receive them by the June meeting. Please let us know if you have decided not to renew and we will discontinue the reminder notices.

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

Instructions:

Make Check out to: SCCSS

**Mail Form and Check to: Bernard Johnson, SCCSS
 629 18th Street
 Manhattan Beach, CA 90266**

Or bring your form and check to the May or June meeting.

PLEASE PRINT

Name (of Principle member)	
Note: Additional members must reside at the same address.	
Additional member's (full name)	
Additional member's (full name)	
Mailing Address, Unit #	
City, State, Zip code	
Email for newsletter	
Alternate Email	
Home Phone	
Mobile Phone	

		Enter amount below
Principle Member's Dues	\$12/year	\$
Additional Family Member's	\$6/year ea.	\$
Additional fee for hard copy of newsletter to be mailed to the above address. (Free newsletter delivery by email only.)	@ \$6/year	\$
	Total	\$
		Renewal Dues are not prorated.