



Newsletter May 2011

PROGRAM:

Gary Duke, yes, one our own club members, thinks that anyone interested in cacti ought to be able to determine what genus a cactus plant is in just by examining it and looking for a few telltale signs. What do you look for? Come and find out. What kind of growth characteristics and flowers will a plant have? Knowing its genus will give you a clue. Gary gave this tutorial a couple of years ago and has been asked to present it again. (I hear he has hand-outs too). Gary has been growing cacti since he was about 10 years old and he won't tell us his age now, but let it suffice that he has lots of experience. If you don't like cacti, well he has lots of pictures of pretty cactus flowers as well. Come and learn!

President's Message for May 2011

Thank you all for a wonderful show – again!

I continue to be **AMAZED** that even though I'm not in-charge and don't know every detail (grin) . . . our annual show and sale continues to be a wonder and draw praise from everyone – visitors, members and vendors. Thanks - no doubt - to the efforts of our Show Chair, **Jim Gardner** who waves his wand – and magically the cycle repeats itself and our Vendor Coordinator, **Jim Hanna**, who corrals the vendors year after year. Jim Gardner will report in another article, but I also wanted to express my gratitude to everyone who *made it happen*.

I know I said this last year, but our growing membership is a mixed blessing, because we will soon out grow our meeting room and be forced to move to the hall. And due to other organizations meeting there, we can't use it in May and December – at least on our normal meeting date. Very soon I will need to review next years contract and will discuss these issues with the Board.

Whether you are a long time member or newbie, I encourage you to strike up a conversation with members you don't know at meetings. Let's be the "friendliest" Club in town. To encourage conversations, consider coming a little early - say 1:00 pm. That will give you time to get a seat, visit the kitchen for a snack or drink, look at the Mini-show plants, and perhaps even buy a plant or two.

Just to update you on what is happening with our 501 (c)3 application to California Garden Clubs Inc.

NEWSLETTER NAME ? There is still a wee bit of time to submit an entry to me by **MAY 3** so we can get it on the ballot for voting at the **May 8** meeting. There will be a nice plant for the member who submits the name getting the most votes. You can email or phone me.
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(CGCI).. It has been a year since we applied for membership in the CGCI. I expect to send off the Application for 501(c)3 status in a few months, but the application requires a copy of our Bylaws to be attached and we are still finalizing a major revision. So if you are a new member and wonder why we haven't provided you a copy; now you know why.

The Desert Garden Planning Committee has met twice since last we met. Gretchen Marlotte is the Chair and from my perspective is providing the leadership needed for success. I am very pleased with the progress.

Finally Nanette Fazio, Treasurer will almost certainly be moving to Boulder CO, probably in May. We are looking for an honest <G> member to fill that position in time to be put on the June ballot. If you are interested call, or better yet, email me and I'll tell you more. And everyone don't forget to pay your dues. There is still plenty of time, but if you expect to pay at the May or June meeting, please staple your check to the Renewal form or better yet, put them in an envelope. Thanks.

Good growing and Happy Mother's Day for those who aren't planning on attending the May meeting.

Dale La Forest
President

Annual Show and Sale 2011



Photography:
Laurel Woodley and
Melinda Hines

Annual Show and Sale, 2011

The South coast Cactus & Succulent Society's annual show & sale held April 9 & 10 was a great success thanks to the enthusiastic and cheerful support of our club members. Despite the fact that 8 vendors called to cancel during the last week before the sale, gross receipts were up more than \$4000 over last year. I attribute much of this to greatly improved advertising, an improved floor plan which made shopping and the overall experience much more pleasant for our visitors, and two checkout lines which made checkout virtually painless. Overall, I feel that the show ran more smoothly than ever before.

The success of the show was due to the hard work of a great number of people which I wish to acknowledge. My apologies to anyone I've missed.

Pre-show planning: **Jim & Roberta Hanna** handled the frustrating task of organizing the vendors and assigning table space. In addition, Roberta spent a lot of time with me in telephone conversations about cash registers and job descriptions for the tag-pullers and cashiers, and in general helping us through the transition of taking charge of our sales process. **Danielle Linden** did an outstanding job of getting out the mailers and placing our advertisements for maximum impact for least cost. Her efforts really paid off in increased attendance. **Dale LaForest and Carol Causey** set up a very attractive and educational showcase display on the patio, which also advertised our show & sale.

Friday setup: Setup was made easy by the large turnout of helpers, many of which hadn't signed up; they just showed up to help. They were: **Dale LaForest, Phil Ross, Melinda Hines, Maria Capaldo, Chris Lieber, Anita Caplan, Lupe Hulet, Maria Jenkins, Mary Lopez, Yolanda Kleve, Judy Woo Sato and Roberta Hanna**. In addition, **Roberta Hanna** and **Nanette Fazio** unboxed the cash registers, programmed in the tax computations and ran the tutorial on the use of the registers. This was complicated by the realization that one of the registers was defective and had to be exchanged for another.

Kitchen: This year the kitchen coordinator was Carol Causey who accomplished the entire setup ahead of time and had the kitchen ready for a rapid startup Saturday morning. She also stayed nearby most of the time to make sure that things ran well. **Dick Kohlschreiber, Rita Mason, Snow Dunn, Luda Kuprenas, Cleo Hutchinson, Margie Angulo, Carmen Shearer and Rose Arbuckle** all helped with meals and snacks. **Bob Lewis and Dale LaForest** brought in the ham and chicken.

Hospitality and club information table: **Lucy Hemingway** coordinated and **Bob Lewis Judy Unrine, Ana MacKensie, Irene Brenner and Boots** greeted the public and potential new members.

Our very handsome club table was overseen by **Lupe Hulett**.

Cashiers: This is the first year that we have run our own cash registers, and the first year we've been able to run two lines, one for cash and checks, the other for credit cards. While **Roberta Hanna** hovered, **Judi Woo Sato, Mary Jenkins, Carol Knight, Yolanda Kleve, Gary Duke, June Trehearne, Maria Capaldo and Jade Neely** manned the registers. **Evelyn Stevens** worked the entire time on the credit card reader.

Nanette Fazio, treasurer, got a workout learning our financial system and writing seemingly endless checks to put on the show.

Tag Pullers; **Phil Ross, Jim Tanner, Melinda Hines Ana MacKenzie, Anita Caplan Bob Caplan Carol Knight Rita Mason, Danielle Linden and Margie Angulo** worked hard as tag pullers.

Line Control: This was a new position this year. **Maria Capaldo** tactfully directed customers to the appropriate line, either cash or check, or credit card on Saturday morning when traffic was heavy.

Lucy Hemingway brought in the member badges.

The club display was open to members and vendors alike. This year we decided to allow displayers to identify their table(s). **Jim Gardner, Carol Knight, Peter Warkowiak, Dale LaForest, Jackie Johnson, Maria Capaldo, Jim Hanna, Ralph Massey and Mr. Meng** had tables. Public voting chose **Jackie Johnson**, for first place, **Jim Gardner**, second, and **Jim Hanna**, third.

Laurel Woodley, as always, was on hand to photograph plants, people and events.

Cleanup: At the end of the show comes cleanup. In addition to our paid cleanup person, **Jim Gardner, Louis Valencia, Dale LaForest and David Okihara** hung around to cleanup our considerable mess.

Looking back, I have to say that putting on a show is a lot of work. But it's all worth it because of the spirit of the club. The spirit and can-do attitude of the club was everywhere. People volunteered readily for all of the jobs. On the very few occasions during the show when schedules didn't work perfectly, someone always filled in with a smile.

I already look forward to next year's show, and have already thought of at least two things we can do better, to make it run even more smoothly.

Sincerely, Jim Gardner. Show Chair



Club Table



Happy Mother's Day

2011 Mini Show Plant List

MONTH	Cactus Genera	Succulent Genera
JANUARY	Mammillaria	Aloes
FEBRUARY	Rebutia	Sansevieria
MARCH	Parodia/Notocactus	Agave
APRIL	PLANT SHOW AND SALE	
MAY	Astrophytum	Euphorbia All
JUNE	Gymnocalycium	Pachypodium
JULY	LECTURE	LECTURE
AUGUST	Miniatures	Miniatures
SEPTEMBER	Discocactus/Melocactus	Haworthia/Gasteria
OCTOBER	Crested All	Variegated All
NOVEMBER	Opuntia	Crassula
DECEMBER	PARTY	PARTY

Astrophytum



Astrophytum ornatum



Astrophytum asterias 'Super Kabuto'

Euphorbia



Euphorbia resinifera



Euphorbia caput-medusa
("Medusa's Head")



Astrophytum myriostigma



Euphorbia ferox



Euphorbia pulcherrima



Astrophytum capricorne

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2011 ANNUAL SHOW AWARD WINNERS



1st Place - Jackie Johnson



2nd Place - Jim Gardner



3rd Place - Jim Hanna

South Coast Cactus and Succulent Society Mini Show Final Results As of April 10, 2011

Novice Class	Cactus	Succulents	Open Class	Cactus	Succulents
Arbuckle	2		Capaldo	27	15
Angulo	6	1	Causey	11	13
Becdach	2		Duke	21	3
Caplan	11	7	Hanna	3	14
Fazio	18		Kohlschreiber	2	2
Hines	2		Gardner	4	13
Hemingway	1	13	Dale La Forest	3	8
Johnson	6	16	Woodley	3	8
Kuprenas	4	1			
Neely	5				
Ross	4	5			
Shearer	3				
Tanner	9	18			
Unrine	3				
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 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

May 2011

Congratulations to the new editor of the CSSA Journal, Tim Harvey. His first issue has been delivered to members around the world. He is another in a long line of accomplished succulent enthusiasts to share his expertise and enthusiasm with readers of that excellent publication.

The CSSA will be holding the annual Show and Sale at the Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens in San Marion, CA on July 1, 2 and 3. We hope to see many of our local Society friends there as well as out-of-towners who are able to stop by the best C&S sale anywhere.

Buck Hemenway

Newsletter Distribution

Melinda will start sending the "Virtual Newsletter" starting with the May and June issues and also mail a hard copy. She will be sending it to **all members** who have email addresses about May 1 and June 1. **She would appreciate you sending her an email if you do NOT receive the email containing the newsletter.** Her email address is mel.mindy@verizon.net

She will continue to send the email version to all members who provide us an email address in July, but will only mail hard copies to members who have paid the additional \$6.00.

MEMBERSHIP

A hearty WELCOME to our two new members!!

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Costa Verde District (CGCI) General Meeting - June 1, 2011

Dale La Forest

The CVD will host a General meeting for ALL club members on June 1, 10:00 am at the SCBG hall. South Coast Cactus & Succulent Society members are encouraged to attend. Reservations are required in order to plan for the luncheon. The price of luncheon is \$12.00. Make check out to Costa Verde District and send your check to Gudrun Kimmel before May 27 and send to Gudy at 22704 Elm Ave., Torrance, CA 90505

Menu: Catered Chinese salad with rolls, coffee and a cold drink. Dessert will be a cake provided by your district director as a "Thank You" to all board and other members that attend the district meetings.

Entertainment: Cali Rose comedian/singer.

Meeting Business: vote on Bylaw changes, treasurer report and authorization of bill payment, installation of new officers, congratulation to winners of awards, and reports by Club Presidents of coming club events.

I hope to see many of you there.



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

- May 7 & 8 **SUNSET CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE**
VETERANS MEMORIAL CENTER, GARDEN ROOM
4117 OVERLAND AVE., CULVER CITY, CA. INFO. 310-822-1783
- MAY 1 **SOUTH BAY EPIPHYLLUM SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE---9am to 4pm**
SOUTH COAST BOTANICAL GARDENS
INFORMATION CALL-310-833-6823
- MAY 15 **HUNTINGTON PLANT SALE 10 TO 5 HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL**
GARDENS, 1151 OXFORD ROAD, SAN MARINO, CA. 626-405-2160
- MAY 15 **EPIPHYLLUM SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE**
LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARBORETUM, ARCADIA, CA 310-670-8148
- MAY 14-15 **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
- MAY 20-21 **GATES CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY 31ST**
SALE 9-4:30 FRI & SAT SHOW 21ST 9-4:30 pm
JURUPA MOUNTAINS CULTURAL CENTER, 7621 GRANITE HILL DRIVE
GLEN AVON, CA INFO. 951-360-8802
- JUNE 4- 5 **SAN DIEGO CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY –SUMMER SHOW AND SALE**
BALBOA PARK, ROOM 101, SAN DIEGO, CA. INFO. 858-382-1797
- JUNE 11-12 **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
- 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 1ST THRU JULY 3RD
THE SHOW OPENS ON THE JULY 2ND THRU JULY 3RD FREE TO THE PUBLIC
- JULY 29-30 **ORANGE COUNTY CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SUMMER SHOW AND**
SALE. FRIDAY JULY 29TH Noon until 7pm, SATURDAY JULY 30TH 9am to 5pm
1000 S. State College Bl., (Anaheim United Methodist Church) Anaheim, CA
CONTACT VINCE BASTA 714-267-4329
- AUG. 13-14 **26th 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



Due\$ Renewal Time

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". If you joined the Club in 2010 or earlier, please use this form when you renew your dues.

If you joined the Club in 2011, the dues you paid when you joined will be prorated at \$1/month. For example if a couple joined in February 2011 – paying \$12, all \$12 will apply to the principle member through Jan 2012., so dues would only be owed for the Feb-Jun period (5 months = \$5). Prorating applies only to the principle member, so in this example if the second adult wanted to remain a member, an additional \$6 would be required for 2012.

If you forget the month you joined, please contact Lucy Hemingway.

The Board decided NOT to prorate dues paid in 2010.

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



South Coast Cactus & Succulent Society Membership Dues Renewal

Annual Membership Dues are payable starting with the April Show date or 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.

PLEASE PRINT

Name (of Principle member)		
Additional members		
Mailing Address		
Street, Unit #		
City, State, Zip code		
Email		
Alternate Email		
Home phone		
Cellphone		
		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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