



Prickly News

South Coast Cactus & Succulent Society Newsletter - May 2012

GENERAL MEETING

Sunday, May 13, 1:30 pm

We will meet in the classroom

PROGRAM SPEAKER:

Guillermo Rivera from Bradenton, FL will give a presentation titled "Crossing the Andes: Cactus from Northern Argentina and Chile." Guillermo operates **South America Nature Tours** which plans and schedules plant, bird and nature photography tours of South America and Africa. You can find some of his outstanding photography at : www.southamericanaturetours.com. Several of our previous speakers have presented talks based on his tours – now come and hear one from the originator himself. Lets give Guillermo a warm welcome.

Membership Renewal Dues

Last year our fiscal year changed to July 1st to June 31st (from January to December.) That means we are collecting dues by June 31, 2012. Please bring a check to the May or June meeting made payable to the South Coast C&SS.

Dues are \$12 per individual plus \$6 for each additional family member at the same address. If you would like to receive a hard copy of the newsletter, please add an additional \$6 to the amount. (Email copy of the newsletter is included with your membership.)

If you cannot attend a meeting before June 31st, please mail a check to our treasurer:
Bernard Johnson
629 18th Street
Manhattan Beach CA 90266

President's Message

Thank you all who worked at the Show & Sale!

I'll leave the particulars to our Show Chair, but I would to personally acknowledge and thank Bernard Johnson and his wife Maria Capaldo for the over-time they spent keeping track of the numerous fiscal responsibilities. Maria also volunteered to write 'Thank You' letters when I excused myself due to poor penmanship. And once again Jim and Roberta Hanna made the sale possible by coordinating the vendor participation. Finally, I would like to express my gratitude to Jim Gardener for orchestrating the event. We should all remember that these jobs require a lot of time and effort before, during, and after the show.

We are nearing the end of our fiscal year and so **it's dues renewal time**. The renewal information is printed to the left on this page. I hope you all chose to renew, we have some wonderful programs scheduled later this year. If you have ideas about how we can improve our club, contact me; in-person, telephone, email, or snail mail will all work, but talking works best, although email is easier to save and act upon.

We will also be electing Officers and appointing Committee Chairs in June. Hank Warzybok is our Nominating Committee and I will be contacting all Committee Chairs, who I hope will chose to continue in their posts. If you are a committee member filling a permanent position, you should expect the Committee Chair to contact you about continuing.

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

Dale La Forest

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GROW! A Garden Festival May 4-6, 2012

GROW! your Los Angeles County Arboretum experience through a celebration of gardening featuring favorites from past LA Garden Shows plus much more!

Visit www.arboretum.org and click on "Garden Festival." for complete information on the many activities.

Annual Show and Sale, 2012

The South coast Cactus & Succulent Society's annual show & sale held April 7 & 8 was a great success thanks to the enthusiastic and cheerful support of our club members. Despite the fact that the show fell on Easter weekend, and we did not have as good publicity in the Daily Breeze as they have discontinued their Garden Section, I feel we still had good attendance. Gross receipts are less than last year, as we had expected. I await final numbers. As we found last year, our new floor plan enhances the overall experience for our visitors, and the double checkout lines on Saturday AM made checkout easy for all. Overall, I feel that the show ran very smoothly with very few minor glitches.

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. **Bernard Johnson** and **Evelyn Stevens** from the San Gabriel club helped with making the transition to owning our credit card reader, a necessity for tax purposes. The new machine performed without a glitch. **Dale La Forest** created our handsome flyer, and **Melinda Hines** assisted me in setting up our window display at the Garden. **Anita Caplan** placed many ads in local papers, and I oversaw the mailing of about 1600 postcards to a selected list of cactus and succulent lovers.

Friday setup: Setup was made easy by the large number of volunteers, including **Jim Hanna**, **Carol Knight**, **Dale La Forest**, **Jim Gardner**, **Carol Causey**, **Bernard Johnson**, **Maria Capaldo**, **Dick Kohlschreiber** and many others. **Roberta Hanna** and **Bernard** and **Maria** reprogrammed the cash registers, and **Roberta** ran the tutorial on the use of the registers. **Ana McKensie** created the best signage our show has ever had.

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. **Carmen Shearer** and **Anita Caplan** did meals Saturday, and **Snow Dunn** and **Rita Mason** organized Sunday. **Bob Lewis** and **Dale La Forest** brought in the ham and chicken. Many people brought in side dishes, and I heard many raves about the food.

Hospitality and club information table: **Bob Lewis** coordinated the hospitality table. He was assisted by **Irene Brenner** and **Jackie Johnson** on Saturday and **Akemi Knight** on Sunday.

Our very handsome and very full club table was overseen by **Lupe Hulett**. Thanks to all who brought in plants.

Cashiers: As last year, we ran two lines of cashiers to expedite sales. **Nancy Jengo**, **Carol Knight**, **Maria Jenkins**, **June Treherne**, **Jade Nealy** and **Sally Fasteau** ran the cash registers and others filled in where needed. **Evelyn Stevens** and **Bernard Johnson** worked our new and very own credit card reader.

Bernard Johnson, our new treasurer, got a workout learning our financial system counting tags and writing seemingly endless checks to put on the show. He also had to learn how to report vendors' income to the IRS and issue 1099's.

Tag Pullers; **Martha Bjerke**, **Ana Mackenzie**, **Rose Arbuckle**, **Phil Ross**, **Jim Tanner**, **Lorraine Kasse**, **Melinda Hines**, **Anita** and **Bob Caplan** and **Carol Knight** worked hard as tag pullers.

Line Control: As last 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, and displayers were encouraged to identify their tables. **Jim Gardner**, **Rad Quesada**, **Peter Walkowiak**, **Dale La Forest**, **Jackie Johnson**, **Laurel Woodley**, **Jim Hanna** and **Hank Warzybok** had tables. Public voting chose **Jackie Johnson**, for first place, **Peter Walkowiak**, second, and **Jim Gardner**, third. **Rad Quesada** put on a unique and zany display utilizing unusual and beautiful ceramics.

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**, **Maria Capaldo**, **Bernard Johnson**, **Melinda Hines** and **Dale La Forest** hung around to cleanup our considerable mess.

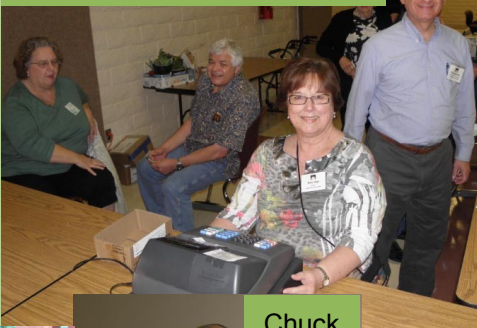
I feel our show and sale was a great success. I'd like to thank everyone for their great spirit and energy. I'd especially like to thank **Dale La Forest** for his support and his worrying, and **Bernard Johnson** for taking on a difficult task and doing it well. Together we created a great show for the public. I met several people who were very enthusiastic and impressed. And we had a good time doing it. I'm already looking forward to next year's show.

MORE PLANT PHOTOS FROM THE SHOW BY LAUREL WOODLEY: Go to our Website: <http://www.southcoastcss.org/>, On the left hand side click on "Follow the CSSA on Facebook." You do not have to Log In to Facebook. Click on "Photos" and you then click on our Show and Sale Poster. Laurel has done a fantastic job of posting the plant photos along with their botanical names.

Anita & Carmen



Evelyn, Bernard, Rose & Philip



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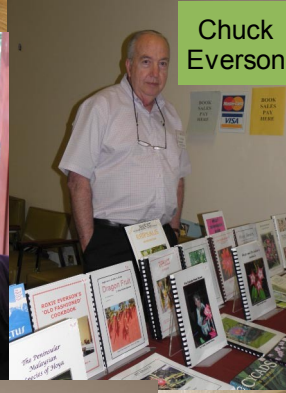
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40th Birthday
SCC&SS!



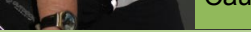
Maria & Peter



Chuck
Everson



Carol
Causey



Martha
&
Maria



Photography by
Laural Woodley



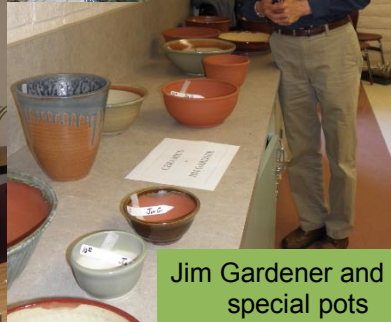
Jade
Neely



Jeralyn and her
haul of plants



Jim Gardener and his
special pots



Mammillaria herrerae



Don and Dick discussing
an Epi flower



Bob
and
Lucy



Jim
and
Dale



Sally Fasteau



Thelocactus bicolor

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

Novice Class	Cactus	Succulents	Open Class	Cactus	Succulents
Caplan	8	18	Capaldo	18	9
DeCrescenzo	6	8	Causey	3	10
Dunn		1	Duke	26	14
Hines	7	1	Gardner	12	3
Bernard Johnson	2		Hanna	3	17
Jackie Johnson	6	17	Kohlschreiber	2	8
Knight		2	LaForest	5	2
Neely	15	6	Warzybok		3
Ross	14	3	Woodley		5
Shearer		5			
Tanner	1	3			
Veits		3			
Williams	3				

These include the results for April 2012 of plants on the Club Table. There is a 3 point maximum for each entrant, no matter how many plants they brought. These points were added to the Cactus column, since they (Cactus & Succulent) are combined for each person at the end of the year.

Jim Tanner

Show and Sale Potluck Recipe from Carol Knight

Curried Couscous (from Barefoot Contessa)

Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 cups couscous
- 1 tbl unsalted butter
- 1 1/2 cups boiling water
- 1/4 cup plain yogurt
- 1/4 cup good olive oil
- 1 tsp vinegar
- 1 tsp curry powder
- 1/4 tsp turmeric
- 1 1/2 tsp kosher salt
- 1 tsp pepper
- 1/2 cup small dice carrots
- 1/2 cup minced fresh flat-leaf parsley
- 1/2 cup dried currants (or raisins)
- 1/4 cup blanched, sliced almonds
- 2 scallions thinly sliced (white and green parts)
- 1/4 cup small dice red onion
- 2 zucchini small dice (I added this one)

Place the couscous in a medium bowl. Melt the butter in the boiling water and pour over couscous. Cover tightly and allow the couscous to soak for 5 minutes. Fluff with fork.

Whisk together the yogurt, olive oil, vinegar, curry, turmeric, salt and pepper. Pour over couscous and mix well with fork. Add remaining ingredients and mix well. Season to taste. Best served at room temperature.

Enjoy

Carol Knight

MEMBERSHIP

A hearty **WELCOME** to our new member!

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FYI: Board of Directors for FY2011:

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	Melinda Hines
Show & Sale Chair	Jim Gardner
Programs Committee Chair	Gary Duke
Finance Committee Chair	Jim Hanna
Communication Committee Chair	Vacant
Membership Comm. Chair	Lucy Hemingway
Liaison, CGCI	Neva Drages
Liaison, CSSA	Laurel Woodley
Parliamentarian	Philip Johnston Ross



Happy Mother's Day

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	

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.



**Honor Our Veterans this
Memorial Day**

Succulent of the Month May 2012

Haworthia & Astroloba

Haworthia are native to South Africa, and grow in a winter-rainfall, Mediterranean environment not very different from Southern California. Most are easily grown, preferring some shade and growing mostly in the winter and spring. Many will grow year round, if given sufficient water. They are in flower now, and some species will remain in flower into the summer. However, the flowers are small and generally off-white and not particularly notable. Haworthias are grown for their beautiful leaf shapes and colors.

Haworthia in general are tolerant of almost any potting mix, and success has been reported with everything from straight pumice to potting soil-pumice or perlite mixes, to plain potting soil, and even garden soil. They like light fertilization when growing, any balanced fertilizer will do. An application of time release fertilizer in late winter will improve growth from late winter and early spring rains. Healthy Haworthia generally have stiff thick white roots. When repotting, it's important to inspect the roots for mealy bugs, and for old, dried brown or hollow roots, which are often the source of infection or rot. These should be removed back to healthy tissue.

According to the Bayer & Hammer reference; the Haworthia genus is divided into three subgenera, and these further divided into 8 sections. One of these, Section Retusae, contains the many of the best known plants including, ***H. retusa***, ***H. comptoniana***, ***H. magnifica***, and ***H. reticulata***. These are all characterized by thick fat leaves, with intricate patterns, usually in a lighter green than the main leaf color.

Section Arachnoideae includes ***H. cooperi***: a wonderful species with windowed tips that vary in shape from points to rounds and ***H. lockwoodi***. In the summer the leaf ends dry almost half way, and curve inward to protect the growing tip. A spectacular plant.

Section Fenestratae includes ***H. maughanii*** which looks like a spiral clump of stems sliced clean with a knife and ***H. truncata*** whose leaves grow in rows

Section Coarctatae includes ***H. reinwardtii*** and ***H. coarctata*** which both grow in clumps of offsetting long triangular leafed stems

Section Margaritiferae contains ***H. marginata*** with stiff leaves, similar to a small Agave.

Astroloba

It should come as no surprise that the genus *Astroloba* is closely related to *Haworthias* since they also inhabit South Africa and look similar to the columnar *Haworthia*, but are separated by the fact that their flower is regular shaped instead to have the characteristic 2-tipped corolla of the *Haworthias*. There is no evidence that the two genera have natural hybrids.

Cultivation is similar to *Haworthia*, although perhaps slightly drier. Many *Astroloba* are slow to grow and to offset. They take very little frost, and need a good drain-

age. They are also notorious for some species habits of dropping leaves from segments of the stem, seriously damaging their look.

There are only a few species and little taxonomy work has been done recently. The valid species in Pilbeam's old book include: ***aspera***, ***bicarinata***, ***congesta***, ***deltoida***, ***dodsoniana***, ***foliolosa***, ***herrei***, ***pentagona***, and ***spiralis***.

References

- Bayer & Hammer, *Haworthia revisited*, 1999
- Pilbeam, *Haworthia and Astroloba*, 1983

Dale La Forest, 2009

* Based on an article by Tom Glavich



Haworthia retusa



Haworthia truncata



Haworthia limifolia



Haworthia attenuata



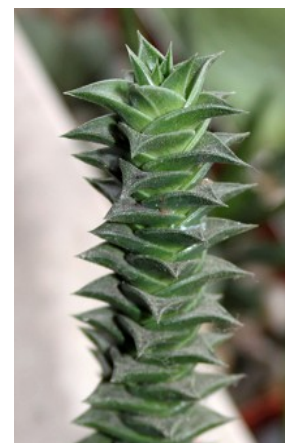
Haworthia reinwardtii



Astroloba bicarinata



Astroloba deltoidea



A. spiralis v. foliolosa

Cactus of the Month May 2012 - Ferocactus

Ferocactus is medium sized genus, with about 40 members and centered in Mexico, with a few species native to California and the Southwest, and a few to Guatemala.

With age, Ferocactus generally get to be very large plants, particularly when grown in the ground. Fortunately, they are fairly slow growers and when grown in pots, they will stay at a comfortable size for many years. Although there are only about 40 species, many of them are fairly variable, with widely varying spine lengths, shapes, textures and colors, depending on the specific locality.

Ferocactus are easily grown, and most are perfectly happy outdoors without protection year round in Southern California. A normal well draining potting mix will do well. They need sun to bring out the colors and textures of the spines.

Ferocactus are easily raised from seed. Planting is most successful when done in April or May. The seedlings grow slowly at first, but soon take off. There are several advantages to growing Ferocactus from seed. The first is that the selection of type localities and spine variations is far greater than you will ever see at a plant show or sale. The second and most important is that you get to grow the plant through it's awkward juvenile growth. During the second year Ferocactus spines grow completely out of proportion to the Ferocactus body. A Ferocactus that will eventually be a foot in diameter, and 4 feet tall with 3 or four inch spines, will have as a seedling a body less than an inch in diameter, with spines an inch or more long.

Favorite Species

Ferocactus chrysacanthus from Baja California has dense golden spines, and becomes a spectacular species when about 8 inches in diameter. It will grow to 3 feet, eventually.

Ferocactus emoryi, from Arizona and Sonora, and shown above has long red spines that can vary from straight to hooked.

Ferocactus latispinus, from central Mexico, has flat reddish spines, with distinct grooves running cross-wise, particularly on the bottom. A variety, **Ferocactus latispinus v spiralis** has the spines forming a spiral pattern up the stem. A spectacular plant when it gets to be about 18 inches tall.

Ferocactus wislizenii, another Baja species has flat spines. It grows more in the winter than the summer

Tom Glavich January 2002



Ferocactus chrysacanthus



Ferocactus emoryi



Ferocactus wislizenii



Ferocactus latispinus

The POM articles and photos for Haworthia & Astroloba and Ferocactus were researched and supplied by Jim Tanner.



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

**THIS WEEKEND
APR 28 & 29**

HUNTINGTON PLANT SALE 10 TO 5 HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL **NOTE DATE CHANGE**
SATURDAY APR 28 MEMBERS ONLY; SUNDAY APR 29—GENERAL PUBLIC
GARDENS, 1151 OXFORD ROAD, SAN MARINO, CA. 626-405-2160

May 4-6

LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARBORETUM - **GROW! A Garden Festival hosted by the LA County
Arboretum.** 301 North Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia, CA 91007-2697
For information visit www.arboretum.org and click on "Garden Festival."

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 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 CASTUS & 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