



# Prickly News

South Coast Cactus & Succulent Society Newsletter - May 2013

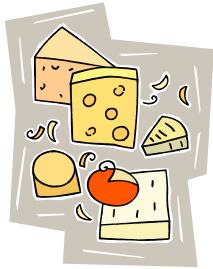
## GENERAL MEETING

Sunday, May 12, 1:30 pm

We will meet in the Classroom

Nels Christianson, from the Sunset Club in Santa Monica will present a slide show titled "Argentina with the CSSA." Nels went on the CSSA tour last year and has numerous interesting pictures of plants and stories to tell. Come and listen to him tell about this fascinating trip. Lets welcome a neighboring California cactus and succulent club member.

## REFRESHMENTS



We all enjoyed the yummy food at the Show and Sale's Potluck! Thanks to all the great cooks!

I don't have a list for May refreshments - so if you remember signing up for May or you want to be sure we won't go hungry, please bring a treat.

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## President's Message May 2013

WOW . . . another successful show & sale. I'll leave the particulars to Jim Gardner, our esteemed Show Chair, but I would like to personally acknowledge and thank - Bernard Johnson for keeping track of the money (real and virtual); Anita Caplan for waving her magic wand to cause articles about our show to appear in (I think) all the local newspapers; and the members who brought in those delicious potluck dishes . . . hmmm good. Maybe we should change our name to the South Coast Cookin' Stuff Society - we wouldn't even have to change the acronym. And then there are Jim & Roberta Hanna who invite and coordinate the vendors who are so essential to making the event a monetary success. Did you miss the Book Sales this year? I did. 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. Their hard work means all of us can reap the benefits of having great speakers, lots of free plants, and reimburse members for various expenses during the year. But the show doesn't quite cover all of our expenses. So . . .

As we near the end of our fiscal year, **it's time to pay the piper and send or bring your renewal form and dues to Bernard Johnson, Treasurer** before the June meeting is adjourned. The renewal form is attached to this newsletter. I hope you all chose to renew, we have some wonderful programs scheduled later this year. For most of us the form only needs our name, but if your contact information has changed or you're adding a family member, please enter the necessary information.

We will be electing Officers in June. Lupe Hewlett is the Chair (and sole member) of our Nominating Committee and may be calling you - even if you're not currently an officer or at-large Board member. And I will be contacting all Committee Chairs, who I hope will choose to continue in their posts. If you are a member of a committee filling permanent position, you should expect the Committee Chair to contact you about continuing.



Happy Mother's Day

Dale La Forest

## Annual Show and Sale, 2013

The South coast Cactus & Succulent Society's annual show & sale held April 13 & 14 was a smashing success thanks to the enthusiastic and cheerful support of our club members. For most of Saturday the lines at checkout never stopped. Gross receipts are higher than ever before; in excess of \$26000! This, in spite of the withdrawal of five vendors on short notice, including Hank Warzybock, who suffered a terrible fall two days before the show. The show and sale ran very smoothly with no significant glitches that I'm aware of.

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 Hanna** handled the frustrating task of organizing the vendors and assigning table space. **Bernard Johnson** updated our cash registers and managed our credit card reader smoothly during the show. **Sally Fasteau** performed a last minute rescue of the reader on Friday evening when she discovered that the bank's server was not functioning properly. By Saturday morning all was well. **Melinda Hines** assisted me in setting up our window display at the Garden.

**Anita Caplan** deserves special applause as she successfully placed ads in local newspapers, including one on the front page of the Peninsula News, the Peninsula Daily News, and Long Beach Press Telegraph on the day of the show. She also pioneered sending an invitation card to recent new home buyers in the South Bay area that brought in many new visitors; and she created our handsome flyer.

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, Melinda Hines, Gary Duke, Laurel Woodley** and many others. **Ana Mackenzie** created the best signage our show has ever had, even better than her efforts last year.

Kitchen: This year **Carol Causey** was once again the kitchen coordinator and kept things running smoothly. **Carmen Shearer, Danny Westhall, Carol Knight and Snow Dunn** helped in the kitchen, and **Bob Lewis and Dale La Forest** brought in the ham and chicken. Many people brought in side dishes, and the result was enjoyed by all.

Hospitality and club information table: **Bob Lewis** coordinated the hospitality table. He was assisted by **Irene Brenner** and **Sally Fasteau**, who also brought in the member badges.

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 Neely, Maria Capaldo** and **Gina Bush** ran the cash registers and handled the heavy traffic, especially on Saturday.



Club Member Display Table



Dale La Forest and Irene Brenner  
at the Hospitality Table



Rainbow Gardens  
Sales Area  
*Disocactus flagelliformis*

**Bernard Johnson**, oversaw operation of our credit card reader with **Mike Short**, **Maria Capaldo** and **Nancy Jengo** as operators.

Tag Pullers; **Jim Tanner**, **Melinda Hines**, **Phyllis De Crescenzo**, **Ana McKenzie**, **Mary Lopez**, **Gina Bush**, **Nancy Jengo**, **Luda Kuprenas**, **Mike Short** and **Jackie Bouvier**, worked hard as tag pullers.

Line Control: As last year, **Maria Capaldo** tactfully directed customers to the appropriate line; either cash, check or credit card on Saturday morning when traffic was heavy.

The individual display area was open to members and vendors alike, and displayers were encouraged to identify their tables. **Jim Gardner**, **Peter Walkowiak**, **Dale La Forest**, **Jackie Johnson**, **Jim Hanna**, **Laurel Woodley**, **Maria Capaldo** and **Bernard Johnson** had tables. Public voting chose **Peter Walkowiak**, for first place, **Jackie Johnson**, second, and **Jim Gardner**, third.

**Laurel Woodley**, as always, was on hand to photograph plants, people and events. (Credit goes to Laurel for all but a couple of photos in this article)

Cleanup: At the end of the show comes cleanup. In addition to our paid cleanup person, **Jim Gardner**, **Maria Capaldo**, **Bernard Johnson**, **David Okihara**, **Jim Hanna**, **Dale La Forest** and many others 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 all of you for working cheerfully to make our show such a great success. Together we created a great show.



1st Place Peter Walkowiak



2nd Place Jackie Johnson



3rd Place Jim Gardner



Sally Fasteau, Michael Short and Nancy Jengo at the Cashier and Credit Card Table



Melinda Hines, Carmen Shearer and Danny Westall in the Kitchen



Be sure to take a look at Laurel Woodley's beautiful photos on Facebook. Just click on the link. You need **not** be a member of Facebook to view the sites.

The site below has photos of individual plants along with the plant name that were displayed by club members

<http://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.10151539711264658.1073741828.93723239657&type=3>

Photos of the individual display tables are at this site

<http://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.10151539667864658.1073741827.93723239657&type=3>



Jackie Johnson's Display Table



It gets this big!



Gary Duke's Sales Area



Maria Capaldo's Agaves



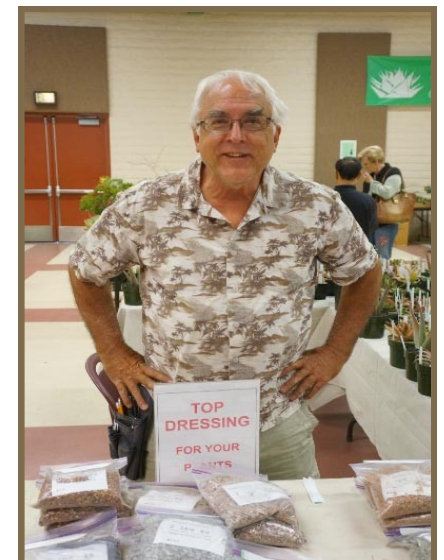
Jim Gardner's Popular Pots



Inacia Matheus, Peter Walkowiak



Gregg DeChirico - CSSA President



John Matthews Sales Area

**Southcoast Cactus and Succulent Society  
Mini Show Final Results  
As of April 14, 2013**

<b>Novice Class</b>	<b>Cactus</b>	<b>Succulents</b>	<b>Open Class</b>	<b>Cactus</b>	<b>Succulents</b>
Bjerke		2	Capaldo	9	11
Caplan	6	6	Causey	8	6
DeCrescenzo	15	6	Duke	32	14
Dunn		1	Gardner		20
Hines	4	7	Hanna		10
Jengo		1	Kohlschreiber	1	
Jenkins	2	1	La Forest	3	3
Bernard Johnson		4	Williams	3	
Jackie Johnson	9	8	Woodley		11
Kelly		1			
Knight		15			
Neely	20	17			
Shearer		1			
Tanner	6	3			
Unrine	3	4			
Veits	4	4			

**2013 PLANTS OF THE MONTH (POM)**

	<b>CACTI</b>	<b>SUCCULENTS</b>
January	Mammillaria - Hooked Spines	Kalanchoe
February	Variegated Cacti	Euphorbia with Caudex
March	Crested / Monstrose	Gasteria
April	PLANT SHOW AND SALE	
<b>May</b>	<b>Turbincarpus / Leuchtenbergia</b>	<b>Tylecodon</b>
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	

**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 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.

## Tylecodon Succulent of the Month - May 2013

Tylecodon are genera in the Crassulaceae Family. These are winter growers, and generally look their best from late fall through early spring.

Tylecodon is a relatively new genus first published in 1978. In books published before this date, most plants that we know today as Tylecodon will appear as Cotyledon. In habitat, Tylecodon are generally deciduous, losing their leaves in summer while Cotyledon tend to be evergreen.

Cultivation of this genera is easy. They are winter growers, dormant in the summer. During dormancy, Tylecodon prefer little or no water. Many of the smaller species are under-shrubs, and do best with a little shade in the summer.

Tom Glavich December 2002

### References

H. Jacobsen, A Handbook of Succulent Plants

Sajeva and M. Costanzo, Succulents, The Illustrated Dictionary

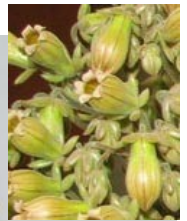
The POM articles and photos were researched and provided by Jim Tanner.



<http://www.ispot.org.za>



*Tylecodon reticulata*



*Tylecodon pearsonii*



*Tylecodon sinusu alexandri*



*Tylecodon decipiens*



*Tylecodon schaeferanus*



*Tylecodon pygmaeus*

<http://www.ispot.org.za/node/156681>

## Turbinicarpus Cactus of the Month - May 2013

Turbinicarpus is a small (but growing) genus of small plants from Northeastern and Central Mexico. It is one of several closely related genera, Neolloydia, and Gymnocactus, and Strombocactus being the ones most frequently mentioned. In many books, some of the plants listed below will appear as either Neolloydia or Gymnocactus. The exact relation of these genera is still being worked out and the disagreements between botanists are substantial. New species have been discovered and named in the past decade; seeds and plants of these are just becoming available.



*T. subterraneus*

All of the Turbinicarpus species are worth growing. They are all small, most full sized in collections at an inch or two. A few will clump readily, and make impressive show specimens, as shown below, but still remain manageable. A collection of all the species and varieties could easily fit on a table top.

In habitat, Turbinicarpus usually grow under nurse plants, generally shrubs that offer some protection from the worst of the mid day sun. Turbinicarpus have large tuberous roots, which are their primary food and water storage source in times of drought. Over much of their habitat, rain falls during the summer, and growth is most rapid during this period. They can take lots of heat.

Turbinicarpus are fairly easy to grow, if attention is paid to their life cycle. They are dormant in winter, from November through mid March. As they begin growth, watering has to start slowly. If too much water and fertilizer is given at once, it's possible to burst the skin of the plant. Once growth is going (April and after) water freely. During very hot weather in the summer, the plants sometimes go dormant again for a short period. Attention has to be paid to watering again.

If a head splits, all is not lost. The entire head can be removed, and the top of the tuberous root left half an inch above the soil. It will usually start two or three new heads. Removing a head is also a great way for vegetative propagation. Turbinicarpus can be raised from seed. They are slow for the first year, but reasonable size plants can be grown in a year or two, and flowers the size of the plant will appear by the second year. Producing clumps as shown above will take quite a bit longer.

Tom Glavich July 2005



*Turbinicarpus booleanus*



*T. graminispinus*



*Turbinicarpus beguinii*



*Turbinicarpus alonsoi*



*Turbinicarpus alonsoi*

## Leuchtenbergia principis Cactus of the Month - May 2013

Leuchtenbergia principis (agave cactus or prism cactus), the sole species of the genus *Leuchtenbergia*, is a species of cactus. It is native to north-central Mexico (San Luis Potosi, Chihuahua). The genus is named after Maximilian Eugen Joseph (1817-1852), Duke of Leuchtenberg and amateur botanist.



It is very slow-growing but can eventually grow up to 70 cm high, with a cylindrical stem which becomes bare and corky at the base with

age. It has long, slender, grayish-green tubercles 6–12 cm long, with purplish-red blotches at their tips. The tubercles are topped with papery spines, making the plant resemble an agave; old, basal tubercles dry up and fall off. After four years or so, yellow, funnel-shaped flowers 5–6 cm diameter may be borne at the tubercle tips. The fruit is smooth and green, 3 cm long and 2 cm broad. It has a large, tuberous taproot.

Article from <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Leuchtenbergia>



*POOR, POOR, HANK HE FELL ON A CACTUS*

Thanks to all who signed my cards. I got a laugh from some of the comments.

I'm really lucky to be writing this card.

Maybe I'll give a lecture on ladder climbing.

Hank

UCI Arboretum presents its annual  
**Spring Perennial Sale**  
May 4 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
May 5 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Unique selection of easy to grow perennials from our Arboretum nursery

Expert advice on selection and care

Admission \$2.00 Free parking  
For more information call (949) 824-5833

**CSSA CORNER**  
submitted by Buck Hemenway

The 35th Biennial Convention of the Cactus & Succulent Society of America will be held in Austin TX, from June 15 - 20, 2013. All members of the Society are invited to join in the gathering which will feature world renowned authors and experts in the field of Cacti & Succulents. The web site for the Convention is located at <http://cssa2013.com>.

*Palos Verdes  
Woman's Club*  
*57th Annual Garden Tour*  
*Springtime Splendor*

Saturday, May 11, 2013  
10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Featuring 5 Peninsula Gardens  
and a Catered Box Lunch  
For Info: [www.pvwomensclub.org](http://www.pvwomensclub.org)  
310-541-1237 / 310-373-2558



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

- MAY 5** SOUTH BAY EPIPHYLLUM SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE---9am to 4pm  
SOUTH COAST BOTANIC GARDEN  
INFORMATION CALL-310-833-6823
- May 4 & 5** SUNSET CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE  
VETERANS MEMORIAL CENTER, GARDEN ROOM  
4117 OVERLAND AVE., CULVER CITY, CA. INFO. 310-822-1783
- MAY 17 & 18** GATES CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY  
32<sup>ND</sup> 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 19** EPIPHYLLUM SOCIETY of AMERICA ANNUAL SHOW & SALE  
SUNDAY 9-4pm AT LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARBORETUM  
301 N. BALDWIN AVE., ARCADIA, CA—PRESALE ONLY SAT. 18<sup>TH</sup> 9-4PM
- MAY 25 & 26** 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](http://www.centralcoastcactus.org)
- 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 8<sup>TH</sup> 9-5, 9<sup>TH</sup> 9-3:30  
SEPULVEDA GARDEN CENTER, 16633 MAGNOLIA BLVD.  
ENCINO, CA INFO. E-MAIL [www.lacss-show.com](http://www.lacss-show.com)
- JUNE 15-20** **CSSA 35<sup>TH</sup> BIENNIAL CONVENTION, AUSTIN, TX- [www.CSSA2013.COM](http://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 28<sup>TH</sup> THRU JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup>  
THE SHOW OPENS ON THE JUNE 29<sup>TH</sup> THRU JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup> FREE TO THE PUBLIC
- JULY 26-28** **ORANGE COUNTY CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SUMMER SHOW AND SALE**  
FRI. JULY 26<sup>TH</sup> 9am-5pm, SAT JULY 27<sup>TH</sup> 9am-5pm, SUN 28<sup>TH</sup> 12-4pm  
1000 S. State College Bl., (Anaheim United Methodist Church) Anaheim, CA  
INFORMATION CALL 949-212-8417
- AUG. 17 & 18** **28<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 7<sup>TH</sup>** **HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS SUCCULENT SYMPOSIUM**  
ALL DAY AT THE HUNTINGTON
- SEPT. 22<sup>ND</sup>** **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.

**Board of Directors for FY2013:**

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



## 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

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