



Prickly News

October 2011

GENERAL MEETING

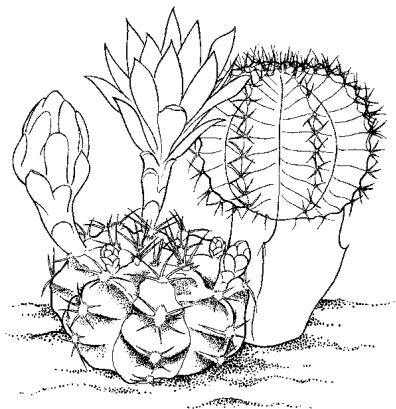
Sunday, October 9, 1:30 pm

PROGRAM:

Joe Stead of Orange Coast Community College will give a hands-on presentation on "Propagation." Joe is an excellent presenter and exceptionally knowledgeable as he manages all the college's greenhouses and teaches the students how to propagate plants to become nurserymen/women. Write down your questions and be sure to get a seat up front so you can see. There will be no slides, but you will get to see Joe in hands-on action. He may even bring a few extra plants from the college's greenhouses to sell.

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OCTOBER BOARD MEETING

There will be a Board meeting after the general meeting. I hope to discuss and finalize the Bylaws and Budget. As usual we will adjourn NLT 4:30 PM.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we head into the holiday season, it's time to get your plants ready for cooler, wetter weather. Most of us live in Zone 10 (Coastal) where temperatures seldom drop below freezing or Zone 9 (inland a few miles), where freezing temperatures are expected every winter. For most succulent plants, you should stop feeding and cut back on water. If you have tropical plants that don't like temperatures under 55 F and have to be brought indoors, you also should start getting them used to less light unless you use gro-lights indoors. If you have plants sitting in watering trays that could get filled by rain, you might want to remove the trays. BUT the best advice is to know your plants and watch them for signs of stress, like yellowing leaves and dry leaf tips.

The Club really needs your involvement if it is to continue to grow and be the kind of organization of which you want to be a member. **If you're interested in doing any Committee work, contact me to discuss how we can use your talents. If you volunteer, I promise we won't hang you out to dry.**

With the resignation of Danielle Linden we need a Communications Chair & Publicist. The Publicist's job is to send email meeting and event notices to the Calendar Section editors of local newspapers. I think Danielle has a list of whom she contacted, but I don't know how much time was involved doing this. Danielle also created our Show Flyer, but now that it exists as a computer file, changing a few words and dates on a document once a year should not be difficult. As Communications Committee Chair, Danielle made sure that there weren't conflicts in the Newspaper notices, Club's Newsletter or on our website. As Chair of the Communications Committee, she was also a member of Board of Directors for the Club. We will miss her involvement.

We also need a California Garden Club Inc. (CGCI) Liaison. This is a Board of Director's position. Judy Unrine is the incumbent, but she also holds the Vice President's position. We don't have a detailed job description for this Liaison role, but I would like someone to monitor the CGCI Newsletter (which is sent by email) for opportunities and activities in which our Club members might like to participate, and bring them to the Board. I would also like the Liaison to meet me at quarterly Costa Verde District meetings at the SCBG, but this would be voluntary.

We are also looking for someone to take on Philip Johnston Ross's role as Parliamentarian (a Board position) since he is also the Club Secretary. This person should be familiar with Parliamentary rules and our Club's Bylaws. Basically, the Parliamentarian advises the President and/or Board Chair on correct procedures.

As I write this article (Sept 15), I am still waiting for the SCBG Foundation to notify me about our request to move our 2011 meetings to the hall.

Board approval of our revised Bylaws is progressing. I have hopes to bring it to a General Membership meeting for approval before the end of the year.

2011 Mini Show Plant List

MONTH	Cactus Genera	Succulent Genera
OCTOBER	Crested All	Variegated All
NOVEMBER	Opuntia	Crassula
DECEMBER	PARTY	PARTY



Crested Saguaro



Mirtilocactus geometrizzans

South Coast Cactus and Succulent Society Mini Show Final Results As of September 11, 2011

Novice Class	Cactus	Succulents	Open Class	Cactus	Succulents
Arbuckle	2		Capaldo	65	40
Angulo	12	2	Causey	13	21
Beckdach	2		Duke	40	13
Caplan	26	19	Hanna	3	14
Fazio	20		Kohlschreiber	2	2
Hines	2		Gardner	4	36
Hemingway	1	13	Dale La Forest	8	20
Hutchison	4		Woodley	3	9
Bernard Johnson		2			
Ted Johnson	12	34			
Kuprenas	4	1			
Neely	5				
Ross	5	9			
Shearer	3	5			
Tanner	17	35			
Unrine	3	1			
Veits		14			
Williams	3				



Haworthia truncata X maughanii



Agave americana mediopicta



Haworthia faciata

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.

September POM First Place Winners

Open - Cactus Maria Capaldo <i>Discocactus</i> <i>chrysallophyta</i>	Open - Succulent Dale La Forest <i>Haworthia scabra</i> var 'Starkiana'
Novice - Cactus NONE	Novice - Succulent Nancy Veits <i>Haworthia reinwardtii</i>

CACTUS AND SUCCULENT CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2011

NOV. 5-6	SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CACTUS AND-SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE LA COUNTY ARBORETUM 301 N. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia, CA
Fri Nov. 11 Noon to 7:00 Sat Nov 12 9am to 5pm	ORANGE COUNTY CACTUS & SUCCULENT WINTER SHOW AND SALE 1000 S. State College Bl., (Anaheim United Methodist Church) Anaheim, CA 9:00 AM—5:00 PM CONTACT VINCE BASTA 714-267-4329

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER DISTRIBUTION

Earlier this year the Board decided we should print our roster and distribute it at our July meeting, but there was some confusion about when to pay dues that resulted in a several weeks delay in finalizing the roster. We hope this does not occur next year. In the meantime we started distributing the newsletter by e-mail and that went surprisingly well. So, after discussing this with some Board members . . . we decided to distribute the Roster by e-mail. We've left it in an editable Microsoft WORD document format so you can edit it if you wish.

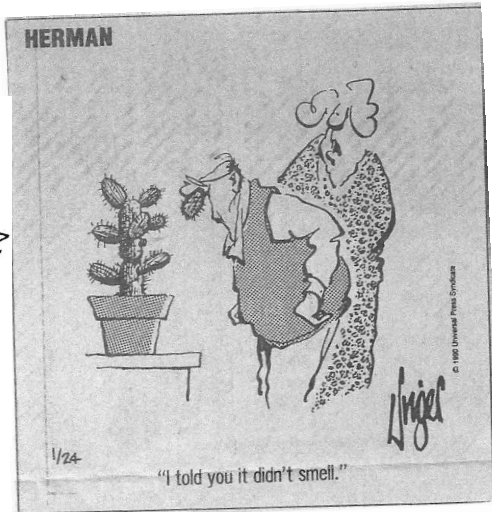
A roster will be mailed to members who have requested a mailed Newsletter. In the future, a printed copy will be given to new members at a meeting or sent by e-mail.

As usual with this kind of personal information, if you see an error, or suddenly remember the date you joined, please contact me.

Lucy Hemingway
Membership Committee Chair.

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	Open
Membership Comm. Chair	Lucy Hemingway
Liaison, CGCI	Judy Unrine
Liaison, SCBG Foundation	Jim Gardner
Liaison, CSSA	Laurel Woodley
Parliamentarian	Philip Johnston Ross



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Happy Halloween

High Times at Dale's Pot Party

By Dale La Forest

On August 28, I hosted a Sansevieria repotting party. Attending were Bob Lewis, Jim Tanner, Phyllis De-Crescenzo, Maria Capaldo, Jim Gardner, and Judy Unrine. Everyone got their hands dirty depotting and repotting about three-dozen sansevierias that were in 4-12" pots. It was a messy affair with dirt everywhere. After two and a half hours, my plants had been reduced in volume by a third, with another third going to the participants, and the remaining foliage into a trash container. There was a lot of chatter as I tried to tell everyone what I knew about Sansevierias - a mixture of facts and gossip about the personalities of the world sansevieria community. It will take some time to evaluate what's left of the collection as I sort through the stack of discarded tags and compare them to what's left and on my computer list. Thank you, all who attended. This was a task I had long postponed.



Judy Unrine, Bob Lewis, Maria Capaldo and Dale LaForest



Rootbound *Sansevieria* ready for splitting



Sansevieria fischeri ready to be re-potted



Bob Lewis and Maria Capaldo - "What's next?"



Jim Gardner's *Sansevieria pinguicula* gifted to Dale



Maria Capaldo and Jim Tanner sorting cuttings



Jim Tanner with a cutting ready to pot and Dale's plant shelves