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South Coast Cactus & Succulent Society Newsletter

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NEXT MEETING

Gary Duke: "Landscaping and Micro-Climates for Small Yards"

Sunday June 19, 1:00pm
(Program starts at 1:30pm)

NOTE: It is on the 3rd Sunday, not the 2nd.

REFRESHMENTS FOR JUNE

Thanks to those who helped in May:

Carol Causey **Nancy Mosher**
Carol Knight **Deborah Richards**

Volunteers for June refreshments are:

M.A. Bjarkman **Lou Hagemeir**
Martha Bjerke

If you would like to bring something to our next meeting, please do so – thanks!

Kitchen Volunteers – Please see Carol Causey after the meeting if you are able to help with kitchen cleanup.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In spite of my protestations and reluctance to continue as your President, I have relented and agreed to accept nomination for another year. In fact, our Operational Procedures state that if a candidate can't be found, the incumbent will continue. So unless I leave the Society, I have been hoisted by my own petard. In spite of my failing senses and memory, I will do my best - hoping it's enough. Fortunately for me, your Board of Directors is stable and strong. On the other hand, stability sometimes equates to stagnation. I sense the Society needs fresh ideas and new energy. If you are inclined to help, contact me and I'll find a way to unleash your potential.

About 53 members squeezed into the classroom at the Francis Young hall for the May meeting. I thought this exceeded the Fire Marshals capacity limit, but when I checked we were within the maximum capacity. Never the less at some time in the next few years we will have to make a decision. Open weekend dates in June are very limited, so changing our date won't be easy.

It's election time and the Officer nominees for FY 2016 are myself as President, M.A. Bjarkman for Vice President, Bernard Johnson as Treasurer, and Maria Capaldo as Secretary. Bob and Anita Caplan, and Martha Bjerke are the At-large nominees. Only Martha will be a new member.

The following (appointed) Chairs of the standing committees have agreed to continue;

Gary Duke - Programs; Sally Fasteau - Membership; Jim Hanna - Finance; and Mike Short - Communications. However we will need to find a Show & Sale Committee Chair for next year as Heidi Husnak and Nancy Jengo have declined to continue. William Wilk is taking over for Laurel Woodley as CSSA Liaison and Lou Hagemneier will continue as CGCI Liaison.

It's also time to renew your membership. You can mail your renewal following the instructions on the form attached to this newsletter or bring it to a meeting. Remember, checks are preferred. The Renewal Application form allows us to update your file, and gives you a way to omit specific contact information from the membership Directory. There is no penalty for late renewals.

Dale La Forest,
President

PRESENTER FOR JUNE: Gary Duke: "Landscaping and Micro-Climates for Small Yards"

NOTE: This meeting is the 3rd Sunday – not the 2nd.

Our very own Gary Duke will describe what questions should be considered when developing a plan to landscape your yard – sun angles, focal points, creating micro-climates for your special needs plants as well as how to plan for maintenance with special emphasis for small yards. He will show numerous examples of various yards and gardens to demonstrate his points and broaden our thinking.



Gary Duke has been collecting cacti and succulents since he was 10 years old. He is a retired Air Force officer with a doctoral degree in physics. During his military career, he moved his original and ever expanding collection of less than about 30 plants from Illinois, where he grew up, to Omaha, NE, Dayton, OH (where he started their first C&S Society, which is now defunct), San Pedro, CA, Montgomery, AL and Albuquerque, NM where he had been show chairman. He has also been President of the South Coast Cactus and Succulent Society and the Long Beach Club in the southern California area. He was recently elected to the Board of Directors to the Cactus and Succulent Society of America. Following his military career he worked as a program manager for Boeing for 16 years. He's an avid collector of cacti and also collects Tylecodons and Dudleyas. He has over 1000 different species in his private collection and enjoys propagating them. He frequently gives slide presentations throughout southern California.

CACTUS of the MONTH - *Eriosyce*, *Neochilenia*, and *Neoporteria*

Submitted by *Jim Tanner*

Eriosyce is a genus of cacti native to Chile. There are both globular and columnar types that produce flowers with a spiny and hairy tube. The flowers grow laterally on specially formed areoles.

Almost all of these plants need a deep pot with very good drainage to accommodate a tap root. It is susceptible to over-watering. Occasionally some are grafted to avoid root rot problems. Keep dry in winter. Best suited for airy exposures. They like full sun; and can tolerate light shade. They like warmth (recommended minimum winter temperature: 40°F). But a plant kept perfectly dry can easily survive at winter night-time temperatures below freezing – especially if warmed to near 60 F the next day.

Some if not all are especially prone to rot, therefore, under-pot in a smaller container filled with very porous compost. Meales can also attach themselves to the spines, plant body, and roots.

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Eriosyce esmeraldana



Eriosyce aerocarpa



Eriosyce curvispina



Eriosyce senilis



Neoporteria esmeraldana

Cultivation of *Neoporteria* is relatively easy. They will do well in pots or in the ground in Southern California, and require little or no protection from weather. One challenge in growing this genus, particularly with some of the old *Neochilenia* is to get growth started in the spring without cracking the body. Growing in a very open potting mix and careful watering, particularly if the plant was dry all winter, helps.

In habitat these are often solitary, but in cultivation they often clump. Propagation by removal of the offsets is an easy and reliable method of propagation. Grafted plants will quickly clump, and these heads can be removed and re-rooted. Seed for many species and localities are available from a number of suppliers, and these generally germinate well and grow strongly.

Tom Glavich

Neoporteria and **Neochilenia** are genera from the Central and Northern Coasts of Chile, and the Southern Coast of Peru.

This area has a Mediterranean climate, with rain in the winter, and mostly dry summers. The climate is similar to Southern California. Fogs are more frequent, and can sometimes be the predominant source of water.

The genus *Neochilenia* was never really distinguishable from *Neoporteria*, except for a greater tendency towards tuberous roots. In any case, in recent times both have been incorporated, with several other genera into the genus *Eriosyce*. This is becoming less controversial with time, and in most of our shows, *Neoporteria* and *Neochilenia* are now combined with *Eriosyce*.



Neoporteria nidus

SUCCULENT of the MONTH - Echeveria *Submitted by Jim Tanner*

Echeveria is a large genus of succulents in the Crassulaceae family, native from the mountains of Mexico to northwestern South America.

The genus is named after the 18th century Mexican botanical artist, Atanasio Echeverría y Godoy. Many of the species produce numerous offsets, and are commonly known as 'Hen and chicks', which can also refer to other genera such as *Sempervivum* that are significantly different from *Echeveria*.

Many *Echeveria* species are popular as garden plants. They are drought resistant, although they do better with regular deep

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Echeveria imbricata



Echeveria agavoides

watering and fertilizing. Most will tolerate shade and some frost, although hybrid species tend to be less tolerant. They can be propagated easily by separating offsets, but may also be propagated by leaf cuttings, and by seed if they are not hybrids. *Echeverias* are polycarpic, meaning that they may flower and set seed many times over the course of their lifetimes. Most lose

their lower leaves in winter; as a result, after a few years, the plants lose their attractive, compact appearance and need to be rerooted or propagated. In addition, if not removed, these shed leaves may decay, harboring fungus which can then infect the plant.



Echeveria derenbergii



Echeveria pulvinata



Echeveria 'Blue Curls'

MINI-SHOW PLANTS OF THE MONTH (POM) 2016

	Cactus	Succulent
July	Lobivia, Echinopsis	Pachypodium
August	Thelocactus, Stenocactus	Aizoaceae (other than Lithops)
September	Coryphantha, Escobaria	Adromischus
October	Rebutia, Sulcorebutia	Aeonium
November	Miniature (3" or less)	Miniature (3" or less)
December	HOLIDAY PARTY	

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MINI-SHOW RESULTS - May 8, 2016

Open Cactus	1st	Gary Duke	<i>Gymnocalycium horstii</i>
	2nd	Maria Capaldo	<i>Gymnocalycium euryleurum</i>
	2nd	Maria Capaldo	<i>Gymnocalycium obductum</i>
	3rd	Gary Duke	<i>Gymnocalycium bruchii</i>
	3rd	Gary Duke	<i>Gymnocalycium horstii</i>
Open Succulent	1st	Maria Capaldo	<i>Sansevieria trifasciata</i> 'Lillian True'
	2nd	Dale La Forest	<i>Sansevieria suffruticosa</i> 'Frosty Spears'
	3rd	Maria Capaldo	<i>Sansevieria</i> 'Twisted Sister'
Intermediate Cactus	1st	Jade Neely	<i>Gymnocalycium baldianum</i>
	2nd	Phyllis DeCrescenzo	<i>Gymnocalycium mihanovichii</i>
	3rd	Phyllis DeCrescenzo	<i>Gymnocalycium piricarpum</i>
Intermediate Succulent	1st	Jade Neely	<i>Sansevieria phillipsiae</i>
	2nd	Phyllis DeCrescenzo	<i>Sansevieria parva</i>
	3rd	Jade Neely	<i>Sansevieria</i> 'Baseball Bat'
Novice Cactus	1st	Jim Tanner	<i>Gymnocalycium friedrichii</i>
	2nd	Bernard Johnson	<i>Gymnocalycium baldianum</i>
	3rd	Bernard Johnson	<i>Gymnocalycium pflanzii</i>
Novice Succulent	1st	William Wilk	<i>Sansevieria kirkii</i> 'Coppertone'
	2nd	William Wilk	<i>Sansevieria</i> 'Mikado'
	3rd	M.A. Bjarkman	<i>Sansevieria trifasciata</i> 'Moonshine'
	3rd	Jim Tanner	<i>Sansevieria mutomo</i>

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SCCSS MINI-SHOW STANDINGS (as of May 8, 2016)

Novice			Intermediate			Open		
Name	Cactus	Succulent	Name	Cactus	Succulent	Name	Cactus	Succulent
Roselyn Arbuckle	4		Anita Caplan	6	7	Maria Capaldo	28	22
M.A. Bjarkman	3	2	Phyllis DeCrescenzo	45	29	Gary Duke	32	25
Martha Bjerke		1	Carol Knight		4	Jim Gardner	11	4
Sally Fasteau	11	8	Jade Neely	27	22	Jim Hanna		1
Lupe Hullet	4		Jim Wood	9		Dale LaForest	10	13
Nancy Jengo		1				Hank Warzybok	4	
Bernard Johnson	26	6				Laurel Woodley		6
Mike Short	4	25						
Terri Straub	6							
Jim Tanner	19	8						
Judy Unrine	2	6						
William Wilk	2	30						

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on our website*

CACTUS QUOTES

Loving someone who doesn't love you back is like hugging a cactus. The tighter you hold on, the more it will hurt.

In the middle ages, people took potions for their ailments. In the 19th century they took snake oil. Citizens of today's shiny, technological age are too modern for that. They take antioxidants and extract of cactus instead. (Charles Krauthammer)

"One day, I saw a tiny nopalito (cactus sapling) growing not too far from an old tree. I wanted to dig it up and replant it near our house in Zacatecas. I told my mom that I would protect it from the wind and that I would water it every day so that it could grow nice and tall and strong. My mom frowned at me. "You'd be destroying what makes it special," she said. "It's a nopalito, it is it's struggle that makes it so beautiful...". (José N. Harris)

CSSA SHOW & SALE 2016

The **51st Annual CSSA Show and Sale** will take place at the Huntington from **July 1-3, 2016** and will be in the Botanical Center Complex. The **Sale** begins on Friday morning (July 1) at 10:30 a.m. and will continue to 4:30 p.m. on that day.

On Saturday and Sunday the opening times for sales are the same but on Sunday the closing time is 4:00 p.m. The judged **Show** opens Saturday July 2 and Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and closes at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday and 4:00 p.m. on Sunday. Saturday there is an **Annual Meeting** of CSSA open to all and beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the Danner Conference Room. This is followed by the **Show Dinner** beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Lower Level of the Botanic Center and a **Rare Plant Auction** with proceeds going into the CSSA Research Fund. For those wishing to attend the dinner and auction please send a check for \$25 to Bonnie Ikamura, 8400 Bleriot Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90045. Deadline for payment is Noon on Saturday at the event as the final dinner count must be submitted to the caterer.

All members of the CSSA and its Affiliated Clubs are invited to participate in the Show by entering plants - it is an Open Show with one class. Plants to be entered must arrive at the Botanical Center June 30 (between 1:00 – 6:00 p.m.) or July 1 (9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.) Affiliate Club members are encouraged to bring in their best plants as this is our national show.

Laurel will have the entry slips, Show Schedules and Huntington entry tags at the June meeting. For **free** entry to the Botanical Center all club members must have their **club badge** and the **Annual CSSA Show & Sale Participant tag** issued by HBG otherwise general admission charges will apply. There will be a CSSA table at the entrance to the Huntington where you check-in. For additional information contact Laurel at laurelwood68@yahoo.com.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2016

- May 28-29 **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
- 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. www.lacss-show.com
- June 4-5 **San Diego Cactus and Succulent Society –SUMMER Show and Sale**
Balboa Park, Room 101, San Diego, CA. Info: 858-382-1797
- July 1-3** **CSSA Annual Show and Sale –HUNTINGTON Botanical Gardens**
1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA., 626-405-3504
Plant sales start July 1st thru July 3rd. The show opens July 2nd thru July 3rd
Free admission for CSSA Members and C&S Society members
NOTE to C&S Club members: For free admission to the show you must wear your C&S club name tag AND a special sticker issued by your society's CSSA representative or by contacting the Show Chairperson Barbara Hall at 818-368-6914 or lbcjhall@aol.com
- July 22-23 **Orange County Cactus and Succulent Society Summer Show and Sale.**
Thurs. 21st 6-8pm, Fri. July 22nd 9am-7pm, Sat. 23rd 9-5pm
1000 S. State College Bl., (Anaheim United Methodist Church) Anaheim, CA. Info: 949-212-8417
- Aug. 13-14 **31st 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 Artie Chavez 818-482-8795
- Sept. 3 **Huntington Botanical Gardens Succulent Symposium**
All day at the Huntington 626-405-3504
- Sept. 10 **Long Beach Cactus Club Annual Plant Auction** -12-5pm
Rancho Los Alamitos, 6400 Bixby Hill Road, Long Beach, CA 90615. Info: 562-631-5876
- Oct. 8-9 **Bakersfield Cactus and Succulent Society Show & Sale**
Sat. 10-5---Sun. 11-4 East Hills Mall, Center Court
3100 Mall View Road, Bakersfield, CA 93306 Info: 661-831-8488
- Oct. 22-23 **Palomar Show and Sale** Sat 9-5, Sun 10-4, San Diego Botanic Gardens
230 Quail Gardens Rd, Encinitas, CA. Info: hciservices@gmail.com. Info: 858-382-1797
- Nov. 5-6 **San Gabriel Cactus and Succulent Society Show and Sale** 9am-4pm both days
LA County Arboretum 310 No. Baldwin, Arcadia, CA.
Info: Manny Rivera 626-780-6957 or John Matthews 661-714-1052

MEMBERSHIP NEWS - Submitted by Saly Fasteau

Membership renewals are now being accepted. Please complete the membership form (attached) and return it to us either at a meeting or by mail. Checks or exact change are preferred. If you cannot print the form there will be some available at the meetings.

Please welcome the new members who joined in April.

Joe Ginsberg from San Pedro
Juanita Naranjo from Carson
Virginia Pagan from Rancho Palos Verdes
Melani Parslow from Rancho Palos Verdes
Marie Trostler from Redondo Beach

BOARD OF DIRECTORS FY2015-2016

Officers:

President	Dale La Forest
Vice President	M.A. Bjarkman
Treasurer	Bernard Johnson
Secretary	Maria Capaldo
Parliamentarian	Philip Johnston Ross

Liaisons:	CGCI	Lou Hagemeyer
	CSSA	Laurel Woodley

At Large Members:	Anita Caplan
	Bob Caplan
	Lou Hagemeyer

Standing Committee Chairs:

Show & Sale	Heidi Husnak
	Nancy Jengo
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Membership Form

South Coast Cactus & Succulent Society

Instructions: **Make Check payable to:** **SCCSS**

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

Or: **Submit form and payment at a meeting.** (checks preferred)

Please Read: The membership year begins July 1st and ends June 30th. Please provide the following information to the membership committee. Unless you indicate that you do not wish to include any or all of this information, it will be published in the membership directory. Renewing members may write "SAME" in the spaces where information has not changed.

Date:	<input type="checkbox"/> New Member <small>*Prorated see below</small>	<input type="checkbox"/> Membership Renewal <small>Renewals are not Prorated</small>
Name: <small>One name per form please.</small>	Please Print	
<input type="checkbox"/> Please exclude my address from the Directory	Mailing Address:	
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<small>*New memberships are prorated. Contact Membership Chair for amount due.</small>	Membership Chair: Sally Fasteau 310-544-1313 sallyfasteau@cox.net	Enter amount below
Member's Dues	\$18/year	\$
\$12 Additional fee for hard copy of newsletter to be mailed to the above address. (Free newsletter delivery by email only.)	\$12/year <small>For hard copy of newsletter</small>	\$
	Total	\$
<small>Renewal Dues are not prorated.</small>		

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