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NEXT MEETING
Tim Harvey: "A Question of Sex"
Sunday October 9, 1:00pm
(Program starts at 1:30pm)

REFRESHMENTS FOR OCTOBER
 Thanks to those who helped in September:
Robert DeCrescenzo Ana MacKenzie
Jim Hanna Nancy Mosher
Jim Gardner

Volunteers for October refreshments are:
Marie Bowers Luda Kuprenas
Lou Hagemeier Maria Lopez

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

Winter Growers are mostly dormant during the hottest summer months. They actually grow best from October - March when days are shorter and usually cooler. Of course there are always exceptions in the plant world, so as I always suggest, look at your plants closely and often.

Here’s a short list of the more common genera. I apologize to cactus collectors, maybe I’ll cover them in the future.

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|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| Adromischus | Aloe | Anacampseros |
| Avonia | Bowiea | Bulbine |
| Conophytum | Cotyledon | Dudleya |
| Fouqueria | Gasteria | Graptopetalum |
| Graptoveria | Haworthia | Kalanchoe |
| Monanthes | Othonna | Pachyphytum |
| Pachyveria | Pelargonium | Peperomia |
| Portulacaria | Sansevieria | Sarcocaulon |
| Sedum | Senecio | Tylecodon |

It’s impossible to provide the same advice for all of these, but if your soil is course and drains fast, you probably can’t over water them. However, many do NOT like water to sit in the center of their growing rosettes/centers. This is especially true if they are variegated forms.

If you can it’s best to water from below. And don’t forget to feed them. Water-soluble fertilizers are all good, but I never use full strength. Maybe I should.

If you like “winter growers” make a copy of this list and see if our vendors have them at our meetings.
 Dale La Forest, President



Presenter for October: Tim Harvey: "A Question of Sex"

"A Questions of Sex" is all about propagation of succulent plants, the ways they go about, or try to prevent it in some instances. It includes a few of the more interesting, as well as vanilla, approaches to reproduction. Different kinds of vegetative propagation and hybridization are also discussed.



Tim Harvey

If you have not heard Tim speak, you might not know that he is originally from England. Tim started growing cacti (almost exclusively) in England over 30 years ago. He moved across the pond in 1992, falling a little short and working at the Ontario Cancer Institute in Toronto for a couple of years. He completed the trip to California when he went to work in the Biotechnology industry. He was also able to relocate his cactus collection, started 20 years earlier, to a more favorable climate. Escaping with his morals intact in 2006, he enrolled as a full-time propagator and pollinator of his favorite plants, as well as becoming Editor of the Cactus and Succulent Journal in 2011. He makes frequent trips to his adopted country Namibia, as well as many appearances at clubs in Southern California, either as a Speaker, or as a Vendor at sales. Never able to walk past a plant in flower without trying to pollinate it, he is also a keen hybridizer, with the pachycauls, Aloe and bulbs in his collection being defenseless subjects for experimentation.

CACTUS of the MONTH - Rebutia and Sulcorebutia

Submitted by Jim Tanner

Rebutia and Sulcorebutia are both genera from the highlands of Bolivia and Northern Argentina. They are similar in appearance, in habitat and culture. Coming from high altitudes, they are both tolerant of cold, and if dry, can be left out in all weather. The populations of Sulcorebutia and Rebutia overlap, but no natural hybrids are known.

There has been debate from the start on whether or not Sulcorebutia and Rebutia are the same genus. Some would combine the two under Rebutia, others would rather split Rebutia into several genera. The issue will ultimately be settled by genetic studies. For the present they are treated as separate genera, and they appear this way in almost all references, catalogs and show schedules.

Both genera cover large altitude ranges, and many species are so variable that collections from nearby populations, or even the same population at different times have been given different names. There are far more names than species.

Both genera are easily grown. They are dormant in winter, and start to grow in late March or April. They flower from April through June, with the peak flowering period varying from year to year depending on the weather. Two flowering cycles are common in cultivation in California. The flowers are almost always numerous, and vary in color from purple and red through orange to yellow.

They do well in normal compost, and grow best with steady fertilization, when in active growth. They are both attractive to spider mites. Damage can be prevented by frequent inspection, and a weekly, forceful wash down with water.

Propagation from offsets is easy. The offsets should be cut off, left to dry for a few days, and then replanted. Very small offsets can be successfully rooted. Seed is easy to germinate, but is short lived.

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Rebutia arenacea



Rebutia muscula



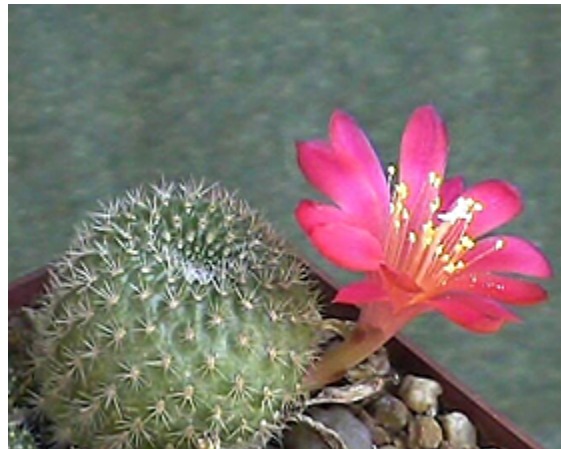
Rebutia flavistyla



Rebutia narvaecensis



Sulcorebutia langeri



Rebutia minuscula



Rebutia donaldiana

SUCCULENT of the MONTH - Aeonium Submitted by Jim Tanner

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Aeoniums originate from northern Africa and islands close by. They produce succulent rosettes of waxy leaves, generally at the end of naked stems. Depending on the plant, and the species, the leaves can have attractive variegations.

Each rosette dies after blooming and setting seed. In some species, since the plants do not produce any offsets or side rosettes, it will die completely after blooming. These species are propagated by seeds.

Most species are fall and spring growers, and should be watered and fed regularly at these periods. Fall is also a good time for rooting cuttings. When the plants are getting older, it is often a good idea to cut and replant the terminal rosettes to prevent legginess. This has the added benefit of preventing the plant from reaching the size at which it will bloom.



Aeonium leucoblepharum



Aeonium 'Zwartkop'



Aeonium sedifolium



Aeonium 'Sunburst'



Aeonium simsii



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2016

- 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

MINI-SHOW RULES - Abridged - 6/12/2016

A Mini-show is scheduled for all meetings except April and December as a way for expert members to show their prized plants and staging skills; and for everyone, especially novices, to learn how to grow and show theirs. Lists of eligible plants are printed in the newsletter and on our Society's website.

There are three entry classes: Novice, Intermediate and Open. New members may enter at any level, but once a level has been entered members may not regress to a less advanced class.

There are two plant categories, Cactus and Succulent. Up to three entries per member may be entered in each category.

Exhibitors must be club members in good standing and present at the meeting. One member's name representing the household must be used unless plants are grown and shown separately. We trust you.

Any container may be used, including plastic. The containers and plants must be free of pests and disease. Only one plant/container is permitted but this includes

rosettes/offsets/pups connected by rhizomes, stolens, and above ground clusters. Dish gardens are an exception if they are the category of the month. Novice and Intermediate exhibitor entries must be grown for a minimum of six months, and one year for open class entries.

Usually our speaker (as an unbiased expert) will be asked to judge, but if the speaker is a Society member, one or two members who are not showing will be asked to judge. Remember, judges may not be experts and usually judge based on how well the plant is grown and staged. The following point system is used.

1st place: 6 2nd place: 4 3rd place: 2

Entries not disqualified receive 1 point.

After the November meeting, point total will be reviewed by the Board. Novice and Intermediate members with more than 64 points or with at least 6 first place awards may be asked to move to the Intermediate or Open class if their entries show them qualified. This is a subjective judgment.

MINI-SHOW RESULTS - September 11, 2016

| | | | |
|-------------------------------|------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| Open Cactus | No Entries | | |
| Open Succulent | 1st | Maria Capaldo | <i>Adromischus cooperi</i> |
| | 2nd | Jim Gardner | <i>Adromischus sphenophyllus</i> |
| | 3rd | Maria Capaldo | <i>Adromischus cristatus</i> |
| | 3rd | Jim Gardner | <i>Adromischus marianae</i> |
| Intermediate Cactus | 1st | Phyllis DeCrescenzo | <i>Coryphantha</i> |
| Intermediate Succulent | 1st | Phyllis DeCrescenzo | <i>Adromischus cristatus</i> |
| | 2nd | Phyllis DeCrescenzo | <i>Adromischus cristatus</i> |
| | 3rd | Phyllis DeCrescenzo | <i>Adromischus cristatus</i> |
| Novice Cactus | No Entries | | |
| Novice Succulent | 1st | Martha Bjerke | <i>Adromischus marianae</i> |
| | 2nd | Sally Fasteau | <i>Adromischus maculatus</i> |
| | 2nd | Sally Fasteau | <i>Adromischus cristatus</i> |
| | 3rd | Jim Tanner | <i>Adromischus herrei</i> |
| | 3rd | William Wilk | <i>Adromischus cristatus</i> |

Click for photos of the winning plants on our website

SCCSS MINI-SHOW STANDINGS (as of September 11, 2016)

| Novice | | | Intermediate | | | Open | | |
|------------------|--------|-----------|---------------------|--------|-----------|----------------|--------|-----------|
| Name | Cactus | Succulent | Name | Cactus | Succulent | Name | Cactus | Succulent |
| Roselyn Arbuckle | 4 | | Anita Caplan | 10 | 13 | Maria Capaldo | 43 | 33 |
| M.A. Bjarkman | 3 | 12 | Phyllis DeCrescenzo | 78 | 74 | Gary Duke | 53 | 29 |
| Martha Bjerke | | 8 | Carol Knight | | 4 | Jim Gardner | 11 | 23 |
| Sally Fasteau | 11 | 21 | Jade Neely | 31 | 32 | Jim Hanna | | 19 |
| Lupe Hullet | 4 | | Jim Wood | 9 | | Dale LaForest | 14 | 18 |
| Nancy Jengo | | 1 | | | | Hank Warzybok | 4 | |
| Bernard Johnson | 36 | 11 | | | | Laurel Woodley | 6 | 21 |
| John Nisewaner | | 1 | | | | | | |
| Mike Short | 17 | 41 | | | | | | |
| Terri Straub | 6 | | | | | | | |
| Jim Tanner | 19 | 12 | | | | | | |
| Judy Unrine | 7 | 9 | | | | | | |
| Christa Wilk | | 3 | | | | | | |
| William Wilk | 2 | 51 | | | | | | |

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MINI-SHOW PLANTS OF THE MONTH (POM) 2016

| | Cactus | Succulent |
|-----------|------------------------|------------------------|
| September | Coryphantha, Escobaria | Adromischus |
| October | Rebutia, Sulcorebutia | Aeonium |
| November | Miniature (3" or less) | Miniature (3" or less) |
| December | HOLIDAY PARTY | |

MINI-SHOW PLANTS OF THE MONTH (POM) 2017

| | Cactus | Succulent |
|-----------|------------------------|--|
| January | Notocactus, Parodia | Aloe |
| February | Melocactus | Haworthia, Astroloba |
| March | Echinocactus | Agave |
| April | SHOW & SALE | |
| May | Mammillaria (clumping) | Euphorbia (African, not from Madagascar) |
| June | Opuntia, Tephrocactus | Cissus, Cyphostemma |
| July | Epiphytic Cactus | Bromeliaceae (other than Tillandsia) |
| August | Ariocarpus | Sedum, Pachyphytum, Sempervivum |
| September | Astrophytum | Adenium & Adenia |
| October | Copiapoa | Lithops, Conophytum |
| November | Crest and Monstrose | Variegated |
| December | HOLIDAY PARTY | |

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CGCI Landscape Awards *Submitted by Lou Hagemeyer, CGCI Liason (unchanged from last month)*

The California Consultants Council (CCC) of California Garden Clubs, Inc. (CGCI) is again offering landscape awards. If you know of a landscape project by one of our club members that you think deserves an award please nominate it. Application forms will be available at SCCSS meetings as well as online, and should be submitted to me, Lou Hagemeyer, I will send them on to Julie West who is the CGCI Chairman of Awards. If you have any questions regarding the awards, applications, etc., I will be happy to assist in any way I can. You can email me at louluo@att.net or contact me at a meeting.

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There are 2 awards that may be submitted by an affiliate club member (that's us):

- Outstanding Private Garden award (for, unsurprisingly, an "outstanding" private garden).
- Landscape Design Commendation award (for good land use).

There are another 2 awards that may only be submitted by a CCC consultant but may be recommended by us:

- Award of Merit in Landscape Architecture (awarded to **landscape architects** by the CCC in recognition of excellence in land use on a commercial, public or residential project)
- Landscape Design Certificate of Appreciation/Recognition/Achievement award (may be given to an individual or group who is neither a Landscape Design Consultant nor a landscape architect).

Membership News *Submitted by Sally Fasteau*

Please welcome new members:

Teresa Kumor from San Pedro

Mary Roberts from Redondo Beach

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