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South Coast Cactus & Succulent Society Newsletter

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NEXT MEETING
Jeff Moore :
"Under the Spell of Succulents"
Sunday March 12, at 1:00 pm
(Program starts at 1:30pm)

REFRESHMENTS FOR MARCH
Thanks to those who helped in February:
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Volunteers for March refreshments are:
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Without Carol Causey organizing the kitchen we do not have a list of volunteers for March.
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 cleanup.

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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Our February speaker, Panayoti Kelaidis gave a terrific presentation on rock and crevice gardens. I’m sure everyone enjoyed his expertise and humor. I hope we have an opportunity to have him back in a couple of years or so.

Your Board of Directors (after much discussion) unanimously approved a \$2000 donation to the CSSA 2017 Convention later this year in Tempe. We asked that the funds be used to defray speaker costs. I hope some of you plan on attending the conference.

Our April newsletter will contain detailed guidance on our Show & Sale preparations, but I want to provide some early guidance, because some tasks require advance planning and activity. There are several ways you can participate in this event. You could (1) volunteer to do many of the simple but necessary tasks during the weekend. Heidi will provide the opportunity to volunteer at the March meeting. You can also (2) ask for a table to set up a display. However, since our vendors are required to set up a display, Heidi may have to decline your offer because we have space for only about 12 tables. If you have a few really nice specimens, you can (3) bring them in for our Club Table. You will accrue up to 4 mini-show points for each plant accepted for the Club Table.

At the March meeting I will be asking for Nominating Committee volunteers. It may seem a little early, but I won’t be able to ask in April because there is no meeting, and we want to announce the slate and ask for floor nominations in May, so that a final slate can be published in the June newsletter.



Refreshment Assistants - As some of your know Carol Causey is our Refreshment Committee (of one) Chair. Carol says she doesn’t mind dragging out the coffee makers and managing the tasks associated with regular meetings and potlucks, but would appreciate reliable help in set-up and cleanup. Carol asked me to express her appreciation for members who help without being asked.

Dale La Forest,
President

MEMBERSHIP NEWS
Please welcome new members:
Diane Cottrell from San Pedro
Marilyn Rubin from Torrance

! NOTICES !

SCCSS Show & Sale Postcards

If you asked Anita Caplan for postcards, but haven't got them yet please ask her for them at the next meeting. If you didn't ask Anita for any but would like some, she will probably have extras at the meeting.

SCCSS Show & Sale Helpers

If you can help at the Show & Sale on April 8th and 9th please let Heidi Husnak know at the next meeting.

SCCSS Show & Sale Plants

This year we thought we'd try to have a table at our April Show and Sale to sell plants that were donated by members of the club to increase our revenue. So, if you have plants that are extras, or cuttings that can be planted now, please donate them to our cause. If you can nurse them yourself until the Show and Sale that would be great. But if space is a problem, bring cuttings or plants in to the meetings and give to Maria Capaldo who will pot them or nurse them for the club. If you have a full name for the plant, please be sure that is included.

PRESENTER FOR MARCH : Jeff Moore - Under the Spell of Succulents

Jeff will talk a bit about the making of his book and his logic in putting it together, aiming at both new converts to succulents, yet engaging enough to connect with long-time enthusiasts. Chapters deal with how we engage with succulents – growers, collectors, landscaping, container gardens, and niches such as bonsai, crests, variegation, etc....

The interludes show the major groups or genera- aloes, agaves, cacti, etc.... Long time succulent folks might not learn a lot of new things, but should be entertained by the images and some tales from the nursery.

Jeff will bring his book as well as his newer book on Aloes and Agaves to sell/sign, as well as some nice plant material from his nursery..



Jeff is the manager and owner of Solana Succulents, a specialty retail nursery in Solana Beach, CA for over 20 years. They offer both common colorful succulents as well as collector cacti and succulents. They have everything from tiny 2" plants to boxed landscape specimens. They can also assist with landscape design ideas as well as putting together dish gardens..

South Bay Orchid Society – First Annual Orchid Auction

Friday April 21, 2017, 7-10pm, Preview 6:30pm. At the South Coast Botanic Garden. Outdoor & Indoor Growing Orchids. Blooming Orchids, Species, Hybrids & Rare plants. Quality plants from orchid nurseries & members. Free Entrance, Refreshments, Free Parking. Cash or checks only. Open to the general public. www.southbayorchidsociety.com.

CACTUS OF THE MONTH: Echinocactus *Submitted by Jim Tanner*

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Echinocactus is a genus of cacti in the subfamily Cactoideae. The generic name derives from the Ancient Greek *εχινος* (echinos), meaning "spiny", and cactus. It and Ferocactus are the two genera of barrel cactus.

Members of the genus usually have heavy spination and relatively small flowers. The fruits are copiously woolly, and this is one major distinction between Echinocactus and Ferocactus. Propagation is by seed.

Perhaps the best known species is the golden barrel (*Echinocactus grusonii*) from Mexico, an easy-to-grow and widely cultivated plant. Though common in the houseplant and landscape industry, the golden barrel has become very rare in habitat.



Echinocactus grusonii



Echinocactus horizontalis



Echinocactus texensis



SUCCULENT OF THE MONTH: Agave Submitted by Jim Tanner

The genus Agave is part of the family Agavaceae. There are around 200 species in the genus. Most of these are from Mexico, although they occur in the southern United States and into South America.

Plants are characterized by forming rosettes of fleshy (succulent) leaves which have a sharp point or spine terminally. The leaf margins may be smooth or spiny.

Agave plants have been given the common name “Century Plant” because of their blooming habit. The idea is that the plants live for 100 years, bloom and die. While it is true that Agave are monocarpic, meaning they bloom once and then die, few species, if any, take a full 100 years to do this. When an Agave does bloom, it sends up a large flower stalk out of the center of the plant that grows very quickly. The height of the bloom stalk is often many times higher than the plant. This often catches people by surprise when the Agave they were growing in their garden for years, suddenly and rapidly goes through this transformation. This is often when they try to identify and learn more about their plant.

Because of the fleshy green succulent leaves and the sharp points, many people try to look up cactus or cacti when in fact it is an Agave they are searching for.

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Agave lophantha 'Quadricolor'



Agave titanota



Agave potatorum 'Kichijokan'



Agave victoriae-reginae

MINI-SHOW PLANTS OF THE MONTH (POM) 2017

	Cactus	Succulent
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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MINI-SHOW PLANTS OF THE MONTH (POM) 2018

	Cactus	Succulent
January	Mammillaria - Hooked Spines	Kalanchoe
February	Variegated Cacti	Euphorbia with Caudex
March	Crested / Monstrose	Dudleya
May	Opuntia, Tephrocactus	Tylecodon

MINI-SHOW RESULTS - February 12, 2017

Open Cactus	1st	Gary Duke	<i>Melocactus conoideus</i>
	2nd	Gary Duke	<i>Melocactus matanzanus</i>
	3rd	Gary Duke	<i>Melocactus species</i>
Open Succulent	1st	Jim Gardner	<i>Haworthia viscosa</i>
	2nd	Jim Hanna	<i>Haworthia truncata</i> 'Lime Green'
	3rd	Jim Hanna	<i>Haworthia comptoniana x emelyae major</i>
	3rd	Laurel Woodley	<i>Haworthia magnifica</i> var. <i>splendens</i>
Intermediate Cactus	1st	William Wilk	<i>Melocactus ernestii</i>
	2nd	Jim Wood	<i>Melocactus ernestii longispinus</i>
	2nd	Jim Wood	<i>Melocactus matanzanus</i>
	3rd	Anita Caplan	<i>Melocactus sp.</i>
	3rd	William Wilk	<i>Melocactus azureus</i>
Intermediate Succulent	1st	Mike Short	<i>Haworthia</i> 'Big Band'
	2nd	Dale La Forest	<i>Haworthia subregularis</i>
	2nd	William Wilk	<i>Haworthia limifolia</i>
	3rd	Mike Short	<i>Haworthia cooperi v. venusta</i> (Alexandria)
	3rd	Jim Wood	<i>Haworthia retusa</i>
Novice Cactus	1st	Terri Straub	<i>Melocactus matanzanus</i>
	2nd	Sally Fasteau	<i>Melocactus neomontanus</i>
	2nd	Sally Fasteau	<i>Melocactus violaceus</i>
	3rd	M.A. Bjarkman	<i>Melocactus matanzanus</i>
	3rd	Sally Fasteau	<i>Melocactus conoideus</i>
Novice Succulent	1st	Sally Fasteau	<i>Haworthia limifolia</i>
	2nd	Sally Fasteau	<i>Haworthia</i>
	2nd	Jim Tanner	<i>Haworthia cymbiformis v. ramosa</i>
	3rd	Sally Fasteau	<i>Haworthia</i>

[Click here for photos of the winning plants on our website](#)

SCCSS MINI-SHOW STANDINGS (as of February 12, 2017)

Open Class	Cactus	Succulent	Total
Capaldo, Maria	10	3	13
Duke, Gary	18	10	28
Gardner, Jim		8	8
Hanna, Jim		15	15
Woodley, Laurel		10	10

Novice Class	Cactus	Succulent	Total
Bjarkman, M.A.	2	1	3
Bjerke, Martha		2	2
Fasteau, Sally	18	23	41
Johnson, Bernard	7	6	13
Straub, Terri	7		7
Tanner, Jim		9	9
Unrine, Judy		4	4

Intermediate Class	Cactus	Succulent	Total
Caplan, Anita	6	7	13
DeCrescenzo, Phyllis	9	12	21
LaForest, Dale	13	3	16
Short, Mike	4	13	17
Wilk, William	12	14	26
Wood, Jim	9	4	13

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2017

- MAR. 23-25** **Orange County Cactus & Succulent Society - Spring Show & Sale**
 Thurs. 23rd 6-8pm, Fri. Mar. 24th 9am-7pm---Sat. Mar. 25th 9am-5pm
 1000 S. State College Bl., (Anaheim United Methodist Church) Anaheim, CA. INFO: Call 562-587-3357
- APR. 8-9** **South Coast Cactus & Succulent Society – Annual Show & Sale**
 South Coast Botanic Garden, 26300 Crenshaw Blvd., Palos Verdes, CA.
 INFO: 310-378-1953 <http://www.southcoastcss.org>
- APR. 21** **South Bay Orchid Society – First Annual Orchid Auction**
 Preview 6:30pm, Auction 7-10pm, South Coast Botanic Garden, www.southbayorchidsociety.com
- APR. 28-30** **Huntington Plant Sale.** Members: April 28–29, Friday–Saturday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.
 Public Sale: April 30, Sunday, 1–5 p.m.
 Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA. 626-405-3504
- MAY 6-7** **Sunset Cactus & Succulent Society - Show & Sale**
 Veterans Memorial Center, Garden Room, 4117 Overland Ave., Culver City, CA. INFO: 310-822-1783
- MAY 7** **South Bay Epiphyllum Society - Show & Sale.**
 9am to 4pm. South Coast Botanic Garden. INFO: 310-833-6823
- MAY 12-13** **Gates Cactus & Succulent Society - 35th Show & Sale**
 Fri & Sat 9am-4:30pm. At Landscapes Southern California Style
 450 E. Alessandro Blvd., Riverside, CA INFO: 951 -360-8802
- MAY 20-21** **Long Beach Cactus Club - Plant Show & Sale**
 10am-4pm. Rancho Los Alamitos, 6400 Bixby Hill Road, Long Beach, CA. INFO: 562-631-5876
- MAY 27-28** **Central Coast Cactus & Succulent Society - Annual Show & Sale**
 10am-4pm. Ludwick Center, 864 Santa Rosa, San Luis Obispo, CA.
 INFO: 805-237-2054, <http://www.centralcoastcactus.org>
- JUNE 3-4** **San Diego Cactus & Succulent Society – Summer Show & Sale**
 Balboa Park, Room 101, San Diego, CA. INFO: 858-382-1797
- JUNE 10-11** **Los Angeles Cactus & Succulent Society - Plant Show & Sale**
 June 10th, 9am–4pm June 11th, 9am-3pm
 Sepulveda Garden Center, 16633 Magnolia Blvd., Encino, CA. INFO: <http://www.lgcss-show.com>
- JUNE 30-JULY 2** **CSSA Annual Show & Sale**
 Huntington Botanical Gardens. 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA. INFO: 626-405-3504
 Plant Sale June 30th thru July 2nd 10am to 5pm. Show open July 1st thru July 2nd 10am to 5pm.
- JULY 20-22** **Orange County Cactus & Succulent Society - Summer Show & Sale.**
 Thurs. July 20th 6-8pm, Fri. 21st 9am-7pm, Sat. 22nd 9am-5pm
 1000 S. State College Bl., (Anaheim United Methodist Church) Anaheim, CA. INFO: Call 949-212-8417

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- JULY 26-31 **CSSA Convention**, Tempe, AZ.
- AUG. 12-13 **32nd Annual Intercity Show & Sale**
 9am-5pm Daily. LA County Arboretum, 301 No. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia, CA.
 INFO: Call Tom Glavich 626-798-2430 or Artie Chavez 818-482-8795
- SEP. 2 **Huntington Botanical Gardens - Succulent Symposium**
 All day at the Huntington 626-405-3504
- SEP. 24 **Long Beach Cactus Club - Annual Plant Auction**
 12am-5pm. Rancho Los Alamitos, 6400 Bixby Hill Road, Long Beach, CA 90615, INFO: 562-631-5876
- OCT. 7-8 **Bakersfield Cactus & Succulent Society - Show & Sale**
 Sat 10am-5pm - Sun 11am-3pm. St. Paul's Church, 2216 17th Street, Bakersfield, CA 93304
 Free Admission & Parking, INFO: 661-8318488
- OCT. 28 -29 **Palomar Show & Sale**
 Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 10am-4pm, San Diego Botanic Gardens, 230 Quail Gardens Road, Encinitas, CA.
 INFO: hciservices@gmail.com. 858-382-1797
- NOV. 4-5 **San Gabriel Cactus & Succulent Society - Show & Sale**
 9am-4pm Both Days. LA County Arboretum 310 No. Baldwin, Arcadia, CA.
 Manny Rivera 626-780-6957 Or John Matthews 661-714-1052

JIMI HENDRIX IMMORTALIZED



Dudleya hendrixii

Stephen McCabe and Mark Dodero have named a newly discovered species of *Dudleya* after the rock guitarist and singer.

Those of us who were at the November SCCSS meeting were treated to an excellent presentation on *Dudleya* by Stephen called "Dudleya Conservation: Threats and New Species" in which he mentioned the upcoming publication of the new species.

Dudleya hendrixii, is native to a small region in the coastal plains of Baja California, Mexico, called the Colonet Peninsula, or Punta Colonet in Spanish.

The plant was originally discovered 23 years ago by Mark Dodero, a graduate student at San Diego State University, he was reportedly listening to "Voodoo Child" at the time. Mark showed the plant to Stephen in 2010 while in Baja with the conservation

group "Terra Peninsular".

Stephen, emeritus director of research at the UCSC Arboretum, co-authored the study with Dodero, together they decided to name the plant in Hendrix's honor. Their findings were reported in the journal "Madroño," published by the California Botanical Society.

Stephen is a lifelong fan of Hendrix, when he was 15 he took photos of the legendary musician at the Santa Clara County Folk Rock Festival.

The plant's scientific name translates into "Hendrix's liveforever," the 'livesforever' part of the name refers to the fact that the succulents would arrive in Victorian London alive after being squished into specimen containers and shipped thousands of miles".

Unfortunately *D. hendrixii* is in danger, its small habitat is threatened by cattle, farming, off-road vehicle traffic and urban development. In addition there are plans for a major shipping port on the coast of Punta Colonet. The study's authors are encouraging Mexican officials and conservation organizations to protect the



plant's habitat.

McCabe and Dodero also named the plant after Hendrix for the media attention, hoping to increase support for the conservation work by organizations like the California Native Plant Society and Terra Peninsular.



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