

SOUTH COAST CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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GENERAL MEETING: Sunday, May 9, 1:30 P.M. in the South Coast Botanical Gardens Classroom

BOARD MEETING: Following the general meeting

PROGRAM: WOODY MINNICH will give a slide presentation relating to his very recent travels to a new area of Brazil entitled "Rio Grande do Sul". No, this has not been misspelled; it is Portuguese, not Spanish. Relating to cacti and succulents, this is a largely unexplored region of Brazil so it should be a very exciting presentation. Woody is always a great speaker, so let's give him a warm welcome! As always, he will have plants for sale.

President's Message for May 2010



THANK YOU ALL FOR A WONDERFUL SHOW – AGAIN!

I continue to be *amazed* that even though I'm not in-charge and know every detail of what is expected to happen (grin) . . . our annual show and sale continues to perform wonders. Thanks no doubt to the efforts of our Show Chair, **Jim Gardener** and Vendor Coordinator, **Jim Hanna**, who corrals the vendors year after year – waves his wand – and *magically* the cycle repeats itself. Jim Gardener will report in another article, but I also want to thank everyone who "*made it happen*".

We received ten membership applications and passed out another 40+ to visitors. So our May meeting may be a little crowded. A couple of members have complained that the number of door prizes has diminished because we have had so many guests and new members, but I'm sure you all understand that right now we are growing – fast. Our growing membership is a mixed blessing, because at this pace we will soon out grow our meeting room and be forced to move to the auditorium. Please make an extra effort to introduce yourself to and welcome to our new members, **Carly Furuno, Stevie Beischer, Tom Flaherty, Valerie Banks, Jane Govaerts, Dolores Abad, Elizabeth Ehlers, Russell Reeves, Gina Bush, Ron Haase and Deborah Ammar** . . . all of whom joined our club at the show. As usual, if they come to the May meeting, we'll get a chance to know a little more about them.

We're making progress on the process of joining the California Garden Clubs Inc. (CGCI). I'll mail the Application later this month. I expect our Club will be accepted as a member at the CGCI June meeting. Following that, we will need to approve our new Constitution & By-laws . . . another long process that seems to take forever.

SCC&SS OFFICERS: President: Dale LaForest [redacted], 1st V. Pres.: Hank Warzybok, [redacted]
2nd v. Pres: Gary Duke, ([redacted]) Treas.: Marsha Huebner, [redacted]
Sec: Phillip Ross, [redacted] Show Chr.: Jim Gardner; Sunshine Chr.: Lupe Hulett, ([redacted])
Refreshments: Carol Causey [redacted] Newsletter: Vera Thaxton [redacted]

Annual Show and Sale, 2010

The South Coast Cactus & Succulent Society annual show & sale, held April 9 and 10 was a great success thanks to the enthusiastic participation of our club members. Although we don't have final numbers as I write this, total receipts were down a bit from last year, but still very good. Attendance was vigorous through almost all of Saturday, and again on Sunday afternoon.

The club display was open to members and vendors alike, without any specific theme. The public was invited to vote for their favorite display, and the results were as follows: First place, **Jim Hanna**; second place, **Jim Gardner**; and third place **Peter Walkowiak**.

The show was a great success because of the efforts of a great many people, which I wish to acknowledge. My apologies to anyone I've missed.

Pre-show planning: **Jim & Roberta Hanna** handled the large task of organizing the vendors and the sales area. **Dale LaForest** designed our flyers, and he and **Hank Warzybok** placed ads in the local newspapers, and **Dick Kohlschreiber** made numerous arrangements with the botanic garden, including assuring that the marquee advertised our show. And thanks to **Laurel Woodley** who arranged the beautiful display window in patio area outside the auditorium.

Initial setup on Friday: **Jim Hanna, Jim Gardner, Dale LaForest, Gary Duke, Maria Capaldo** and many others. It's amazing how quickly this can be done when many help.

Kitchen: **Laura Lewis** and **Rose Arbuckle** were in charge of the kitchen on Saturday and Sunday, respectively, with **Laurel Woodley, Luda Kuprenas, Rita Mason** and **Maria Capaldo** working on individual meals. **Laurel Woodley** brought in bagels, and **Bob Lewis** and **Dale LaForest** purchased the large meat items and many members brought potluck dishes. Special thanks to **Carol Causey** who had a 38th Anniversary cake made for the event.

Hospitality & Information Table was manned by **Bob Lewis, Jim Tanner, Irene Brenner, Dale La Forest, Philip Ross, Lucy Hemingway** and **Laurel Woodley** who all took turns thru the weekend. We signed up ten new members and passed out over forty Membership Applications. **Luda Kuprenas** even made a wall telling visitors about our Club.

The Club Table was set up and arranged by **Lupe Hulett**. And many thanks to members who brought in their plants for display. Remember, these plants will add points to your Mini-show totals.

Checkout: As usual **Roberta Hanna** ran the cash register, aided by a small army of helpers pulling tags, etc: **Maria Capaldo, Mary Lopez, Nanette Fazio, Barbara Stengel, Jim Tanner, Jackie Johnson, Carol Loehman, Carol Knight, Don LaForest, Bridget Williams, Neva Drages, Phil Ross** and **Maria Jenkins**. **Maria Capaldo** also served as Line Control and Saturday morning. **Evelyn Stevens** worked all of both days on the credit card machine.

Photographer: **Laurel Woodley** once again photographed many of us as we worked. Soon the photos will appear on our website. I noticed other members taking photos and perhaps they too will find their way to the website.

Cleanup: **David Okihara, Dale LaForest, Jim & Roberta Hanna**, as well as many others assisted in cleanup at the end of the show.

Vendors: The following vendors were essential to the success of our show: Sunrise Cactus, **Dean Hart, Bill Hagblom, Lupe Hulett, Erika Van Auker, Skyview Succulents, Tom Glavich, Rainbow Gardens Nursery, Chuck Everson and Jerry Williams, South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation, Dick Kohlschreiber, Gary Duke, Hank Warzybok, Jim Gardner, Desert Creations, Artie Chavez and Steve Frieze, Karen Ohlinder, Peter Walkowiak and Jim Hanna**.

At the end of the day, Sunday, I went home and collapsed with exhaustion. A show of this size, complexity and caliber is an enormous undertaking. I felt happy about how the show had run, and so pleased that so many members of our club had joined in and made this show the success that it was. Thank you all for your hard work and good cheer!

Respectfully submitted, **Jim Gardner**, Show Chair

PLANT OF THE MONTH RULES -- revised Jan 2010

also include

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 of the correct genera.

**Southcoast Cactus and Succulent Society
Mini Show Final Results
As of April 11, 2010**

Novice Class	Cactus	Succulents	Open Class	Cactus	Succulents
Caplan	8	8	Capaldo	25	10
Causey		3	Duke	8	2
Fazio		3	Gardner	19	21
Hulett		3	Hanna		13
Kohlschreiber		1	Dale La Forest		10
Kuprenas	3	2	Woodley	2	11
Don La Forest		3			
B. Lewis	19	26			
L. Lewis	2	1			
Ross	7	9			
Tanner	3	8			
Thaxton	2	2			
Unrine		3			

also include

**Mini-show Plants for the Month for 2010
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NOTE: See the Newsletter for articles listing at least a few of the possible entries, Hybrids and cultivars are allowed, but the parents must be listed on the entry slip.

Month	CACTI	SUCCULENT
May	Rebutia & Sulcorebutia	Agave
Jun	Copiapoa	Adenium & Plumeria
Jul	Opuntia	Pachypodium
Aug	Miniatures (under 3").....	Miniatures (under 3")
Sep	Melocactus.....	Caudiciform Euphorbia
Oct	Echinocactus & Stenocactus.....	Pelargonium & Sarcocaulon

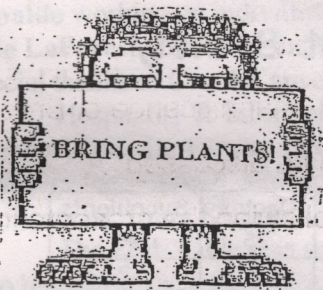
*4/11/10
also include
15' waterfall
Jesse Johnson
dragon fruit*

Refreshments for May are Luda Kuprenas and Maria Capaldo.

INFORMATION UPDATE: People entering the garden gates—for lectures, show and sale, etc.—must pay admission to the garden; then any other event on the grounds is free.

CURRENT ADMISSION IS: adults-----\$8 Children (5-12)--\$3
Seniors (62 +)—6 4 and under---Free
and students Thank you!

Carol Howden, South Coast Botanic Garden Foundation



Do you have a plant that is praiseworthy? lacking a name? not growing?
Bring it to our meeting and we will discuss it.

UCI Arboretum presents its annual
Spring Perennial Sale

Saturday, May 1 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sunday, May 2 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Featuring unique and beautiful perennials
from our Nursery

Expert advice on selection and care

Visit our Perennial garden for ideas for your home

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