

# SOUTH COAST CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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GENERAL MEETING: Sunday, June 13, 1:30 P.M. in the South Coast Botanical Gardens Classroom.

PROGRAM: BUCK HEMENWAY and his wife, YVONNE, are enthusiastic growers of succulents and have turned their one-time-hobby into the Prickly Palace Nursery which supplies cacti and succulents to the retail nursery trade. They have traveled to South Africa twice; most recently visiting THE RICHTERSVELD which is a magical place where succulents proliferate in extreme conditions. Rainfall in that area averages just over two inches a year and the plants of the region are extremely diversified and recognizable to all succulent growers. JOIN US IN REVIEWING THEIR FIVE WONDERFUL DAYS IN RICHTERSVELD!!!

## President' Message for June 2010

It's hard to believe the year is almost half gone. I've been busy with the Constitution and By-laws revision that is in part necessitated by joining the California Garden Clubs, Inc. But because we are becoming so large - 111 members at last count - I feel we need to put more emphasis on involving members in Club functions that aren't apparent to many members. The Board of Directors and Committees are being re-aligned to facilitate this. In the near future we will be asking you to identify one or two committees in which you might be interested in helping.

I also want to reduce the amount of time I have been devoting to "business" at the general membership meetings. I think most members come to the meetings to be entertained, educated, and engage in chatting with friends. And we do like to talk - perhaps you've noticed how hard it is to quiet the group when the Mini-show judging is over. <grin> I expect the number of attendees to be on the high side because June 13<sup>th</sup> isn't a holiday, so plan on coming early to get some coffee, buy a few plants, and check out the plants on the Mini-show counter. As usual if you plan on entering a plant come extra early to have time to fill out the entry slips. As usual, I try very hard to start on time.

If you're new to the Club and haven't yet brought a plant to the Mini-show. I encourage you to do so this month. The cactus genus is *Copiapoa* and the succulent genus is *Adenium & Plumeria*. All we ask is that you make sure your plant is "bug free" and made to look nice. In the novice class only the plant is judged, so plastic pots are acceptable - weeds and mealybugs are NOT. If you consider yourself somewhat of an expert because all this is NOT new to you, you are free to enter the Open class, but beware - the judge will evaluate more than just the plant and there are several top notch stagers among us. And you will have to continue to show in the Open class for the rest of the year.

New members may also want to bring in a plant for the Brag Table. Usually these are plants that are flowering or doing something unusual; but we encourage you to bring in plants that might need help or need to be identified. Some of call them NoIDs (no ID).  
Dale

SCC&SS OFFICERS: President: Dale LaForest  
2<sup>nd</sup> v. Presl: Gary Duke, ; Treas.: Marsha Huebner,  
Sec: Phillip Ross, Show Chr.: Jim Gardner; Sunshine Chr.: Lupe Hulett,  
Refreshments: Carol Causey, Newsletter: Vera Thaxton

*Readers need  
bring sweeter*

PLANT OF THE MONTH RULES -- revised Jan 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 1<sup>st</sup> place and up to two 2<sup>nd</sup> and two 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 May 9, 2010**

Novice Class	Cactus	Succulents	Open Class	Cactus	Succulents
Caplan	10	16	Capaldo	36	14
Causey		3	Duke	8	2
Fazio		3	Gardner	19	30
Hulett		3	Hanna		13
Johnson		6	Dale La Forest		10
Kohlschreiber		1	Woodley	2	15
Kuprenas	3	2			
Don La Forest		3			
B. Lewis	40	36			
L. Lewis	2	1			
Ross	7	10			
Tanner	3	11			
Thaxton	2	2			
Urine		3			

**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
Jun	Copiapoa .....	Adenium & Plumeria
Jul	Opuntia .....	Pachypodium
Aug	Miniatures (under 3").....	Miniatures (under 3")
Sep	Melocactus.....	Caudiciform Euphorbia
Oct	Echinocactus & Stenocactus .....	Pelargonium & Sarcocaulon