



# NEWSLETTER

GENERAL MEETING: Sunday, October 10, 1:30 P.M., South Coast Botanical Gardens Classroom  
PROGRAM: KELLY GRIFFIN will be speaking on his favorite topic, HYBRIDIZING SUCCULENTS.

His presentation will describe what goes into making selections and crossing plants to make new and interesting combinations within the context of cultivation. Kelly has spent many years in the field studying plants. He is curator of Xerophytes at Ranch Soledad Nurseries in Rancho Santa Fe, CA. He plans to bring several flats of plants to sell, so bring your pocketbooks and billfolds! Gary Duke



## OCTOBER BOARD MEETING for Officers, Chairs & Liaisons

There will be another Board meeting after the general meeting. We will continue to work through the agenda provided at the August meeting. Even if you can't attend this meeting, I want and will value your comments. If you want me to resend the agenda or any of the other documents provided in August, contact me. Again we will adjourn NLT 4:30 PM. Members who aren't Officers, Chairs or Liaisons are welcome to attend, voice their comments but in a non-voting capacity.

## President's Message for October



Thank the Officers, Chairs, Liaisons and members who stayed for the September Board meeting; their participation was and will be essential in the transformation our Club is going through. A 19<sup>th</sup> century Englishman named Henry Martyn Robert must be turning over in his grave after I ran roughshod over the wonderful Rules he wrote in 1876. Briefly, here's what your Board approved. If you want more background, feel free to call me and start attending Board meetings. We approved the organization chart included in this Newsletter. Our fiscal year and terms of office will start July 1. We'll elect officers May, install in June, and they'll take over July 1, 2011. Except for the Treasurer, all current Officers have agreed to stay 6 months.

**Really Good News** . . . Melinda Hines has agreed to be Newsletter Editor next year.

I now have two important positions to fill. We need a Finance Chair and before the end of the year, and a Treasurer. The Finance Chair requires only a modicum of financial knowledge, and a willingness to prepare an annual budget and financial report with the help of the Board. I think Marsha Huebner will agree with me that the Treasurer, in addition to be trustworthy mostly needs to collect income, deposit it, write checks; and keep a record of those activities. And pay Sales taxes once a year. I'm sure Marsha will be willing to provide guidance in this matter.

Last month I attended the 2-day CGCI Fall Board meeting in Palm Springs where about 130 CGCI members (mostly holding State and District positions) met to report and discuss current activities. I attended 3 sessions of the Board of Directors lasting in total six hours. I was amazed that over 25 Committees, Teams and Chairs had reports and not all existing CGCI elements reported. Some were focused on the internal workings of the organization but most involved activities involved in community, regional and statewide projects. I came to the conclusion that we are extremely fortunate to have our Club activities entirely supported by one annual sale. Most clubs seem to raise funds internally through various methods from their members.

I learned a lot by attending a Leadership workshop and you all will benefit or suffer – depending on your point of view from the many notes and ideas I scribbled down.





27<sup>th</sup> Annual Succulent Plants Symposium—in Retrospect  
By Vera Thaxton

Last year, smoke from the deadly Station Fire hung over the Huntington as people gathered for the Annual Succulent Symposium. In contrast, a record 175 participants were greeted September 4 of this year with blue sky and people-friendly temperature; a great way to begin a memorable day! For South Coast Cactus and Succulent Society, it was a noteworthy event in that no less than seven members were present: MARIA COPALDO, JIM HANNA, DICK KOHLSCHREIBER, DALE LA FOREST, VERA THAXTON, EUNICE THOMPSON, and LAUREL WOODLEY. Hopefully, even more of the membership will participate next year!

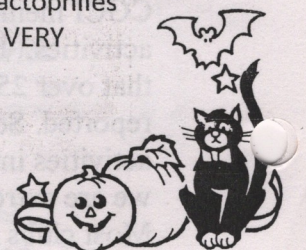
Following a welcome by JIM FOLSOM, Director of the Gardens, the various speakers presented illustrated studies relating to a variety of environments in the world. DAN MAHR, of Sun Prairie, WI, introduced the group to Bonaire, an island in the Netherlands Antilles known primarily for fantastic scuba diving. This is a very small island formed by volcanic action that is completely lacking sandy beaches, but provides a home for 380 species of plants. A fair amount of agriculture, cows, and the cutting or wood for charcoal have affected the amount of vegetation. Melocactus, aloe, a columnar forest, and several kinds of opuntia are present. Flamingoes, parakeets, and iguanas are some of the wildlife found in the area.

Whereas Dan's presentation was entitled "Stranded on a Desert Island, SULA VANDERPLUNK, of Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden, concentrated her remarks on the west coast of Baja: "Where the Chaparral Meets the Desert." Although largely uninhabited now, except for a number of cactus and succulents including ferocactus, fouqueria, columnaris, dudleya, echinocereus, and agave, this area is targeted for urban expansion associated with the construction of an international airport in the vicinity of San Quintin. The Mexican government is considering establishment of a protected area in order to avoid loss of valuable species.

JOHN LAVRONOS, known for organizing field trips to areas of highly concentrated cacti and succulents as well as outstanding photography and keen sense of humor, entitled his presentation: Arabia Felix". It related primarily to Yemen ; its spectacular architecture and land masses, beautiful flowers , euphorbias, and stapelias..

AMMY KORN and MATT RANDOLPH of Pasadena presented "Gateway to the Desert Garden" which related to changes to be made in the development of the Huntington's prized cactus and succulent gardens. One of the concerns to be addressed was that of accessibility.

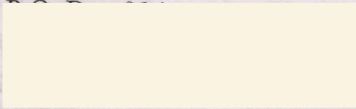
The presentations were all educational and very enjoyable, the food was delicious, visits to the Desert Garden were enlightening, the conversations were lively, the nursery made purchases of cactus and succulents easy, and the afternoon refreshments were WELCOMED!! In other words, for cactophiles and succulent enthusiasts of all stripes, the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Succulent Symposium constituted a VERY enjoyable and well-spent day!!!





**MEMBERSHIP:** A hearty WELCOME to the four new members that joined the Club at the September meeting! Should you meet them October 10, say 'hello' and help them get acquainted.

Mackenzie, Ana and Robert



Fasteau, Sally



Nettles, Coni and James



Woo-Sato, Judi



### OCTOBER REFRESHMENTS

Carol Wright, Nanette Fazio, and Snow Dunn have signed up to provide refreshments. I am still looking for a volunteer to manage this sign-up list AND help us get our act together for the December Holiday Party. I can assure you, this is NOT a difficult or demanding position, but I know our members enjoy having refreshments at our meetings.

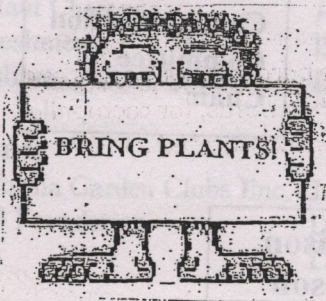


### CACTUS AND SUCCULENT CALENDAR OF UP COMING EVENTS FOR 2010

Nov. 4-5 Landscape Design Study Program, Course 1, South Coast Botanical Gardens (310) 544-1948.

Nov. 6-7 SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE, L.A. County Arboretum.

Dec. 3-5 ORANGE COUNTY CACTUS AND SUCCULENT WINTER SHOW AND SALE, Fullerton Arboretum, 1900 Associated Road, Fullerton. Contact Vince Basta (714) 267-4320



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

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



## HELP WANTED

We are always looking for members who are willing to help.

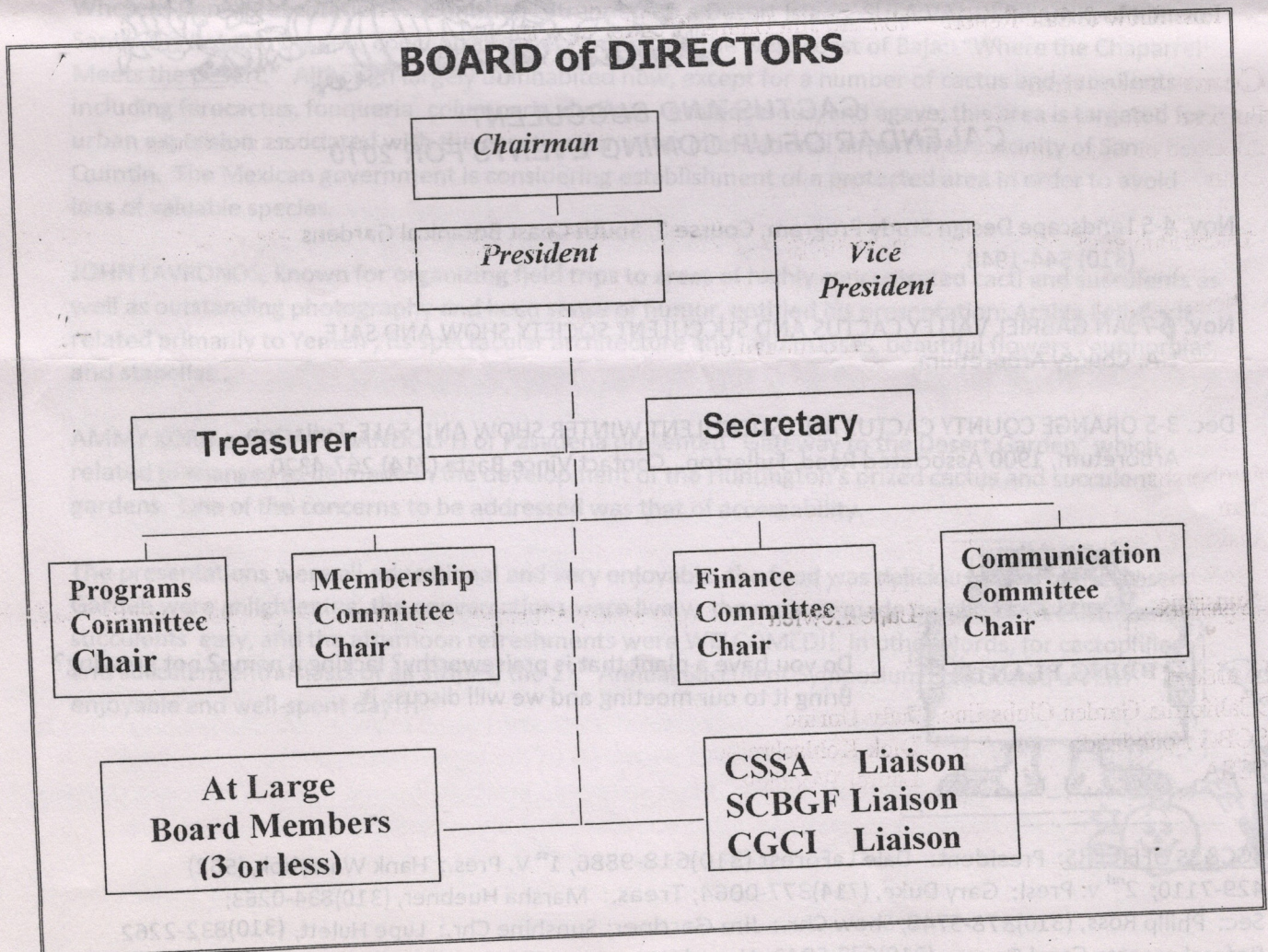
If you are interested in becoming Treasurer (an elected position) or or any other function, please call Dale La Forest at (310) 618-9886 or email him **"THAT'S NOT MY JOB"**



This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have.

Author Unknown

### South Coast Cactus & Succulent Society ORGANIZATION CHART





# Committee Functions & Members

## Programs

Purpose- Educate & entertain members.

Chair	Gary Duke
Speakers	Ed Curlee
Free Plants	Jim Hanna
Mini-show	Jim Tanner
Articles	Jim Tanner / Dale La Forest
Score Keeper	Jim Tanner
Annual Show	Jim Gardner

(There are several Coordinator positions and all Committees have Show/Sale responsibilities)

Annual Plant Contest	tba
Tours	tbd

## Finance

Purpose: Generate funds for Club activities and outreach programs. Pay bills. Possible ways to raise funds include: plant auction, tee-shirts & mugs with Club name, sell ads on ewnletter and Website.

Chair	vacant (Hank Warzybok?)
Bank Account	Marsha Huebner, Treasurer
Budget	tba
Fund Raising	tba
Show sales	Jim Hanna

### Reports

Annual Financial Report	tba
Post Show & Sale Report	tba and Jim Hanna (Vendor report)

## Communication

Purpose. Inform members and the community of Club activities and events. Keep members and others informed of Club activities and information about Club.

Chair	Danielle Linden
Photographer	Judy Unrine & Lucy Hemingway
Event Publicity	Danielle Linden
Reproduction	Jim Hanna (as a contractor)
Newsletter	Vera Thaxton - Melinda Hines
Website	David Quadhamer

## Membership

Purpose. Welcome new members. Recruit new members. "sunshine" for ill members. Maintain Membership roster, Membership Pamphlet (Yearbook?), Membership Application. and Name cards.

Chair	Lucy Hemingway
Assistant Chair	Judy Unrine
Refreshments	Danny Westall
Sunshine	Lupe Hewlett

## Liaison

CCalifornia Garden Clubs Inc.	Judy Unrine
SCBG Foundation	Dick Kohlschreiber
CSSA	Laurel Woodley



*ericworld*  
*ericgrows*

*Kelly*  
*Driffin*

*"hygrading"*

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.

*agave gentiana java*

▶ 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 September 12, 2010**

Novice Class	Cactus	Succulents	Open Class	Cactus	Succulents
Angulo	4	10	Capaldo	40	23
Caplan	10	16	Duke	24	16
Causey		7	Gardner	19	30
Fazio	16	9	Hanna		30
Hulett		3	Dale La Forest		11
Johnson		10	Woodley	14	23
Kohlschreiber		1			
Kuprenas	3	3			
Don La Forest		3			
B. Lewis	55	44			
L. Lewis	2	1			
Luhnnow		11			
Ross	7	10			
Tanner	17	11			
Thaxton	2	2			
Unrine		3			

*also put in  
dried*

*agave  
manipulated  
blue flower*

*agave  
manipulated*

*also  
brunastriata  
beautiful*

**Mini-show Plants for the Month for 2010**

**SOUTH COAST CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY**

*agave blanket  
the*

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
Oct	Echinocactus & Stenocactus .....	Pelargonium & Sarcocaulon
Nov	Parodia .....	Gasteria

*-grusonii*  
*crispatus*

*also agave*

