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South Coast Cactus & Succulent Society Newsletter

May 2018

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NEXT MEETING

Brian Gold:
"Name that Plant & Name that Flower"

Sunday May 13, at 1:00 pm
(Program starts at 1:30pm)

REFRESHMENTS FOR MAY

Thanks to those who helped in April.
Volunteers for May refreshments are:

None

If you would like to bring something to the meeting please do so - thanks!

Volunteers: Please report to the kitchen after the meeting if you are able to help with cleanup.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Many thanks to our **Show & Sale** Committee Co-chairs, Heidi Husnak and Nancy Jengo, who ran a great event. Thanks to all the members who volunteered to make the Show and Sale so successful.

We had a great turn out. Anita Caplan did another great job with publicizing the event. Jim and Roberta Hanna coordinated the vendors who brought a large variety of plants. We had a good group helping in the kitchen and, as usual, delicious food for the volunteers and vendors. It was gratifying to see so many newer members becoming involved. So, thank you all!

I would also personally like to thank those who contributed to the **Society's sale table**: Dale La Forest, Lynda Johnson, M.A. Bjarkman, Nancy and Bob Mosher, Laurel Woodley and Phyllis De Crescenzo. In addition to bringing plants, Martha Bjerke and Bill Wilk worked hard with me pricing the plants and preparing them for the show. A report of the show will be presented when completed.

Jim Gardner and Bob Caplan have completed their task as the **Nominating Committee** for officers for the upcoming year. The slate of officers will be announced at the May meeting so that we can vote for the officers at our June meeting. We will ask for nominations from the floor at both meetings.

Please welcome all the **new members** that joined at our Show and Sale. Members are encouraged to bring plants to the meeting for identification, problem solving or just to brag. All such plants go to the bragging table and we can share information and admire beautiful plants.

Brian Gold will be presenting a fun program at our **upcoming meeting** which will be held in the auditorium, weather permitting. On Mother's Day the band plays in the garden. However, if there is inclement weather, we will be in the classroom, while the band takes over the auditorium.

Hope to see you there.

Maria E. Capaldo, President



PRESENTER FOR MAY:

Brian Gold - "Name that Plant & Name that Flower"

Brian will give out blank answer sheets and pens for those who want to participate. He is going to show up to 50 images for 20 seconds each and the audience can blurt out random questions during that time to help them identify each image. Directly after the 15 minute quiz, the correct answers will be revealed during a review of the images.

Prizes will be awarded for the top three scores at the speakers discretion. Should there be a tie, a speed-round consisting of 10 images for 6 seconds each will then be offered.

Please come out to the South Coast Botanical meeting! It will be like no other lecture ever presented before!!

Brian Gold has been a member of the Sunset Club since the mid 70's and his collection of succulents represents six decades of growing. At the age of 13, with his father, Lee, they purchased their first succulent plants locally and collected plants from the local deserts including two "field trips" to Baja California driving a VW camper to Cabo San Lucas. Today, 40 years later, Brian still has several of those original plants. Brian continues to show his plants competitively at the Sunset Club and CSSA annual shows.



In previous years, Brian shot rock concert photos for the Grateful Dead, Santana, Sting, Stevie Ray Vaughan, Bonnie Raitt, Little Feat, Etta James and others. Now he enjoys shooting extreme close-up photography of his succulents when in flower and landscape travel photography.

When not working in the garden, he consults on Peri-Operative Services and Operating Room efficiency. He and his wife of 30-plus years, Teresa, reside in Westchester and have lived there for over 20 years. They enjoy globe-trotting after Total Solar eclipses seeing 9 so far.

Their son, Jason, is also a longtime Sunset member but because he now lives in Berlin, Germany he can't make all the meetings. Their daughters, Jessica and Erin are both married and live in Santa Monica. Their grandchildren, Jade, three years old, and Connor eight years old, have their own succulents in Poppi Brian's garden.



CACTUS OF THE MONTH: *Coryphantha*, *Escobaria*, *Acharagma* Submitted by Jim Tanner

Coryphantha (from Greek, "flowering on the top"), or beehive cactus, is a genus of small to middle-sized, globose or columnar cacti. The genus is native to arid parts of Central America, Mexico, through Arizona, New Mexico, and western Texas and north into southwestern, central, and southeastern Montana. With its two subgenera, 57 species and 20 subspecies, it is one of the largest genera of cactus.

There are four characteristics that distinguish Coryphantha from other cacti.

1. Their bodies do not have ribs, just tubercles.
2. The flowers form at the top of the plant (the apex or growing end of the stem).
3. The tip (podarium) of each flowering tubercle has three parts, the spiny areole, the groove and the axil. Without the groove it is not a Coryphantha.



Coryphantha ramillosa

4. The seed coat (or testa) has a net-like pattern (reticulate). More than many other cacti, the *Coryphantha* change in their appearance over their lifespan. The presence or absence of a central spine is not indicative of the genus, even in fully adult plants.

E*scobaria* is a small North American genus from southwestern USA down to northern Mexico. It is closely related to *Coryphantha* and somewhat more distantly to *Mammillaria*.

Escobaria have small, funnel-shaped flowers in the spring and summer. The flowers are generally yellow, pink or brownish. In general *Escobaria* are very rot prone. They should be underpotted, be in a container with excellent drainage, and be watered carefully. All of them can take some frost.

A*charagma* is a genus of two small cacti species from Coahuila and Nuevo Leon in northern Mexico.

These plants have globose bodies less than 3 inches in diameter and no more than 3 inches high. They may be somewhat cylindrical in shape and typically grow as individuals, but may put off several offsets from the bottom.

These plants have tubercles and flower from the top, which is similar to both *Escobaria* and *Coryphantha*, however, they do not have a groove from the areole to the axis. In fact, the name *Acharagma* means in Greek "no groove" [a (no) - charagma (groove)]. The flowers are at the stem tips, and range from cream to pink and yellow. The spines are quite thick and can obscure much of the stem and are less than an inch in length. The fruits are smooth little pods that are green to purple colored.

The genus is of relatively recent creation, the species originally being described as part of *Escobaria*, although recognized as a separate section by Nigel Taylor in 1983, and raised to a genus by Charles Glass in 1998.

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Escobaria tuberculosa



Escobaria zilziana



Acharagma huasteca



Dudleya brittonii

SUCCULENT OF THE MONTH: *Dudleya*, *Cotyledon* Submitted by *Jim Tanner*

D*udleya* is a genus of succulent perennials, consisting of about 45 species in southwest North America and northern Mexico. Only a handful are common in cultivation and many are on the endangered species list. A few can only be found on some of the islands off the California coast.

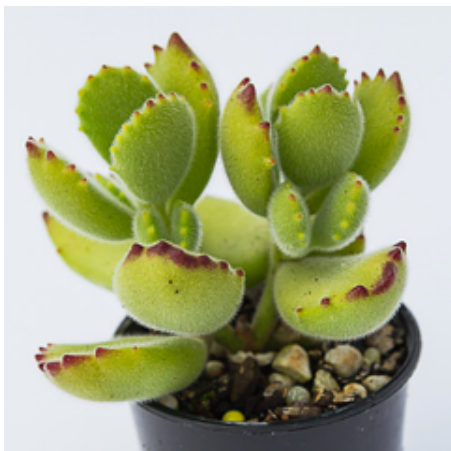
At one time *Dudleyas* were included in the *Echeveria* genus, and one can certainly see why as some species are a bit hard to tell from *Echeverias*. All *Dudleyas* are rosette-forming succulents, like the *Echeverias*, and many are similarly colored.

Most Dudleyas are silvery grey, have very delicate leaves that are either flattened or tubular and tend to form stems over time. Most of the flat, thick-leaved forms grow as solitary rosettes while the tubular-leaved species form dense, suckering colonies. The flowers differ somewhat from Echeveria flowers and that is probably the primary reason they are in their own genus now. Dudleya flowers arise from somewhere near the bottom of the rosettes normally (rarely from the rosette center as most Echeveria flowers do). Also, Dudleya flowers are characteristically covered with leaves that are spread out along the peduncle up to the flower, another non-Echeveria-like trait. Most Dudleyas flower in late winter to early spring, and flower colors range from white, to yellow to bright red. In horticulture, Dudleya should be planted at an angle. This prevents the buildup of water in the leaves, which may lead to the leaves rotting.



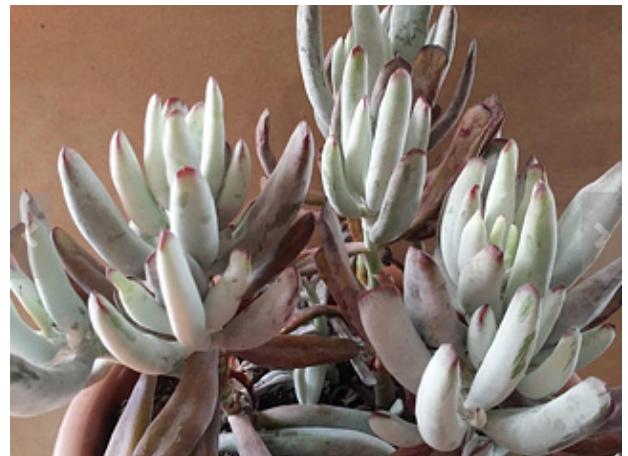
Dudleya virens

The species in the genus **Cotyledon** range from South Africa to Arabia. Many of the species that used to be included have



Cotyledon tomentosa Ladismithiensis

been moved to the genus *tylecodon*. The remaining species have a very varied appearance, are generally small succulent shrubs. They can be used in landscaping in climates that are mostly frostless, and are interesting plants in raised beds or containers.



Cotyledon 'White sprite'

Most *Cotyledon* are easily grown from cuttings.

SCCSS MINI-SHOW STANDINGS (as of April 7-8, 2018)

Open Class	Cactus	Succulent	Total
Capaldo, Maria	22	14	36
DeCrescenzo, Phyllis	14	13	27
Duke, Gary	22	6	28
Gardner, Jim	4	23	27
Hanna, Jim	4	12	16
Wilk, William	9	12	21
Woodley, Laurel	2	7	9

Intermediate Class	Cactus	Succulent	Total
Caplan, Anita	10	16	26
Fasteau, Sally	22	12	34
Johnson, Bernard	16	9	25
LaForest, Dale	8	18	26
Neely, Jade	3		3
Short, Mike	8	7	15

Novice Class	Cactus	Succulent	Total
Bjarkman, M.A.	4	2	6
Bjerke, Martha		4	4
Hodgson, David		6	6
Johnson, Ted	3	16	19
Massey	4		4
Nettles, Coni	4	14	18
Nisewaner, John		7	7
Scott, Eric	6	3	9
Stenson, Dean		1	1
Straub, Terri	22	10	32

NOTE: Includes the points from the Show & Sale

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MINI-SHOW PLANTS OF THE MONTH (POM) 2018

	Cactus	Succulent
May	Coryphantha, Escobaria, Acharagma	Dudleya, Cotyledon
June	Gymnocalycium	Pachypodium
July	Lobivia / Echinopsis	Sansevieria
August	Ferocactus, Leuchtenbergia	Stapeliads (Stapelia, Huernia, Orbea, etc.)
September	Discocactus, Uebelmania	Kalanchoe
October	Miniature (3in or less)	Miniature (3in or less)
November	North American Columnar (Saguaro, Cereus, etc.)	Senecio
December	HOLIDAY PARTY	HOLIDAY PARTY

MINI-SHOW PLANTS OF THE MONTH (POM) 2019

	Cactus	Succulent
January	Mammillaria single headed	Lithops, Conophytum
February	Stenocactus, Echinofossulocactus	Euphorbia from Madagascar
March	Thelocactus	Aeonium, Greenovia
April	SHOW & SALE	SHOW & SALE
May	Cactus Dish Garden	Succulent Dish Garden
June	Rebutia, Aylosteria, Sulcorebutia, Weingartia	Echeveria
July	Matucana, Oroya	Mesembs, NO Lithops or Conophytum
August	Epithelantha, Frailea, Aztekium	Dyckia, Hechtia, Puya
September	Variegated cactus	Variegated Succulent
October	Turbincarpus	Adromischus
November	South American columnar cactus (Espostoa, Oreocereus, Cleistocactus, etc.)	Pelargonium, Sarcocaulon. Tylecodon
December	HOLIDAY PARTY	HOLIDAY PARTY

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2018

- May 5-6** **Sunset Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale**
 Veterans Memorial Center, Garden Room, 4117 Overland Ave., Culver City, CA. Info. 310-822-1783
- May 6** **South Bay Epiphyllum Society Show & Sale**
 9am To 4pm, South Coast Botanical Gardens, Info. 310-833-6823
- May 11-12** **Gates Cactus & Succulent Society 43rd Show & Sale**
 Fri & Sat 9-4:30 PM, Information On Location Call 909-910-9195
- May 19-20** **Long Beach Cactus Club Plant Show & Sale**
 10-4 Pm Rancho Los Alamitos, 6400 Bixby Hill Road, Long Beach, CA, Info. 562-631-5876
- May 26-27** **Central Coast Cactus & Succulent Society Annual Show & Sale**
 (10-4PM), Ludwick Center, 864 Santa Rosa, San Luis Obispo, CA
 Info. 805-237-2054, www.centralcoastcactus.org
- June 2-3** **San Diego Cactus & Succulent Society-- Summer Show & Sale**
 Balboa Park, Room 101, San Diego, CA Info. 858-382-1797
- June 9-10** **Los Angeles Cactus & Succulent Society Plant Show & Sale**
 June 9th 9-4--10th 9-3, Sepulveda Garden Center, 16633 Magnolia Blvd., Encino, CA.
 Info. www.lacactus.com
- Jun 29-Jul 1** **CSSA Annual Show & Sale**
 Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA.

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- Plants Sales Start June 29th Thru July 1st 10am To 5pm
 Show Opens June 30th Thur July 1st 10am-5pm Info. 626-405-3504
- July 19-21 Orange County Cactus & Succulent Society Summer Show & Sale**
 Thurs. 19th 6-9pm, Fri. July 20th 9am-7pm, Sat. 21st 9-5pm
 1000 S. State College Bl., (Anaheim United Methodist Church) Anaheim, CA. Info Call 949-212-8417
- Aug. 11-12 33rd Annual Intercity Show & Sale**
 At the LA County Arboretum, 9am-5pm Daily. 301 No. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia, CA.
 Info. Call Tom Glavich 626-798-2430 Or John Martinez 805-390-2139
- Sept. 1 Huntington Botanical Gardens Succulent Symposium**
 All Day At The Huntington 626-405-3504
- Sept 15 Long Beach Cactus Club Annual Plant Auction**
 12-5PM, Rancho Los Alamitos, 6400 Bixby Hill Road, Long Beach, CA 90615 Info. 562-631-5876
- Oct. 13-14 Bakersfield Cactus & Succulent Society**
 Show & Sale Sat. 10-5---Sun. 11-3 St. Paul's Church, 2216 17th Street, Bakersfield, CA 93304
 Free Admission & Parking, Info 661-8318488
- Oct. 27-28 Palomar Cactus & Succulent Society Fall Show And Sale**
 Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3, San Diego Botanic Gardens, 230 Quail Gardens Road, Encinitas, CA
 Info britamiller1@gmail.com
- Nov. 10-11 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

MEMBERSHIP NEWS - Submitted by Sally Fasteau

Please welcome new member(s)

Shoaib Abbas from Compton	Warren Koga from Pasadena
Jane Allen from Riverside	Henry Martinez from Los Angeles
Amelia Angulo from Downey	Maria Reis from Torrance
Henry Angulo from Downey	Carla Reyes Cuadros from Torrance
Lucy Chapa from Rancho Palos Verdes	Kate Sover from Rancho Palos Verdes
Lyn Clemons from Redondo Beach	Suzane Sover from Rancho Palos Verdes
Vanessa DeLuca from Rancho Palos Verdes	Charles Spencer from Sherman Oaks
Winston Hewitt from Rancho Palos Verdes	Brandy Williams from Los Angeles
Anne-Marie Kent from Palos Verdes	

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Show and Sale Co-Chair	Nancy Jengo

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