

Prickly News

South Coast Cactus & Succulent Society Newsletter

June 2018

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NEXT MEETING

Rob Roy MacGregor:
"Alternative Ways to Propagate Cacti and Succulents"

Sunday June 10, at 1:00 pm
(Program starts at 1:30pm)

REFRESHMENTS FOR JUNE

Thanks to those who helped in May.

Maria Capaldo **Laurel Woodley**
Ana MacKenzie **Cliff Wong**

Volunteers for June refreshments are:

Unknown

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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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It's time to renew our memberships.
See "MEMBERSHIP NEWS" on page 7.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In lieu of a traditional message, I would like to honor one of our members, Carol Causey. Because of illness she will be moving out of the area to live with family in Georgia.

Carol has been a member of the club since 1974 (the club was only two years old). At that time, she was Carol Kennedy and was already an avid collector. It was through the club that she met and later married Bob Causey who was a founding member of the club.

Carol amassed a huge collection of plants and with Bob added rocks, pots, and garden design. Bob created a yard with plant tables and a special cover house for their plants. Carol's main interests were Hoyas, Rhipsalis, Epiphyllums and Sansevierias. I can remember the amazing Sansevieria tables Carol displayed at every Society Show.

Carol has held every club office except Treasurer: Secretary of the Society from 1976 to 1981, President from 1983-1985 and 1999-2006, Vice-President from 1987-1989, show co-chair in 1986 and 1989, and editor of the newsletter for many years. For the past eleven years Carol has been the indefatigable Refreshments Coordinator for our meetings and for our Holiday Party and annual Show.

Carol is a lifetime member and we hope she will continue to keep up with us through the newsletter.

Carol has given so much of herself to the Society. On behalf of the club, thank you, Carol, for your tireless service. We wish you well.
Maria E. Capaldo, President





Carol Causey July 4, 1984



Bob and Carol

PRESENTER FOR JUNE: Rob Roy MacGregor
“Alternative Ways to Propagate Cacti and Succulents”

Rob's talk will be a discussion of methods used to save damaged plants, in addition to methods that intentionally inflict damage to promote offsetting. The discussed methods include: bisection, decapitation, and hot nailing. Rob will also incorporate a hands-on demonstration of each of the previously listed methods. The goal of this discussion is to demonstrate the additional benefits of these procedures beyond forced offsetting.

Rob Roy MacGregor started this hobby later in life after he and his family bought their house in Riverside. With the ample space their new backyard provided, he began creating a cactus landscape. He gathered plants from local box stores and building supply yards. In order to acquire more plants, in various varieties, he began volunteering his time at Jurupa Mountain cactus gardens. It was there that he met his mentor who aided in his cactus education by insisting he learn the correct scientific names and spelling of plants. On top of helping learn the naming of plants he encouraged Rob to make observations on the plants and how they grow. In doing so Rob was led down the path of propagation. By then, Rob had joined a few cactus clubs further exposing him to plants and expanding his collection to new heights. Today, he has 5 small structures filled with plants in addition to his front and backyard landscapes designed with his cacti and succulents.



CACTUS OF THE MONTH: *Gymnocalycium*

G*ymnocalycium* are among the most popular of cacti, from the novice through the advanced grower. They are easy to grow; flower readily; come in a large number of distinguishable species; look great in flower, in bud, and even when dormant. A well grown plant will often flower several times during the year.

Gymnocalycium is an old genus, first named in 1845. The genus is named for the naked (spineless) calyx (the

Submitted by Jim Tanner

outermost covering of the bud and lower flower). Most *Gymnocalycium* are also readily identified by their 'chins' beneath the areoles.

The heart of the genus *Gymnocalycium* is Argentina, although the genus stretches into Southeastern Bolivia, Western Paraguay, Uruguay, and into the Southernmost part of Brazil. For the most part *Gymnocalycium* are grassland plants, growing and shaded in the grass of the

Pampa and Chaco (dry forest) that covers much of Argentina. As a result, most like some protection from full afternoon sun, but need bright light during the day.

Gymnocalycium cultivation is easy. They need a dry rest during the winter; they can take Southern California climate without winter heat, as long as they are dry. They should be fed regularly with a



Gymnocalycium mihanovichii

weak general purpose fertilizer when growing. They are tolerant of any well drained soil, but constant wet will cause the roots to rot. Fortunately, they are easy to re-root, with roots generally re-growing in a just few months.

Gymnocalycium are easy to grow from seed, started in a well drained, damp potting mix in a plastic bag

covered pot. Germination is fairly rapid, but growth during the first year is slow compared to most Mammillaria and many other genera. Vegetative propagation is also easy. Offsets from clumps can be removed, left to dry for a few days and potted. They generally root within a few weeks.

All the species and all the varieties and forms of Gymnocalycium are worth growing.



Gymnocalycium baldianum



Gymnocalycium horstii

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SUCCULENT OF THE MONTH: *Pachypodium*

Submitted by Jim Tanner

Pachypodium are members of the Apocynaceae or Periwinkle family, and are most closely related to Adenium, and more distantly to Oleander and Plumeria. Pachypodium are native to only Southern Africa and Madagascar. There are more Madagascan species than there are African, due to the geography of the island of Madagascar, with isolated regions that encourage the development of populations of plants, animals and insects unique and isolated from others of the same genus. New species are still being discovered as botanists explore the more remote and isolated regions of Madagascar.

The Madagascan species are easy to grow, with the sole difficulty being their sensitivity to cold and wet. If they are protected, either by being brought indoors during the winter, or protected from rain and cold in a cold frame, or even a garage, they will survive and grow quickly. African species are



Pachypodium namaquanum



Pachypodium bispinosum



Pachypodium baronii var. *windsorii*



Pachypodium brevicaule

generally easier, and are more tolerant of cold and wet.

The standard method of propagation of both the Madagascan or African species is from seed. Seeds are simply placed on good wet potting soil, and germination generally occurs within a week. Seeds should be sown in the spring to mid summer, however the seeds are generally not long lived, (germination drops off in the second or third year) and good results can be obtained nearly any time of year except mid winter. Protection from direct sun is necessary until the first few leaf pairs have formed, and then gradual movement into strong light, with an increase

in feeding and water will bring quick and strong growth. Pinching of growing tips in young seedlings encourages the formation of side branches, a more interesting trunk and quicker growth.

All Pachypodiums are worth growing, and since there are not really that many species, and seedling plants are relatively cheap, a complete collection is within the resources of most. Tom Glavich

MINI-SHOW PLANTS OF THE MONTH (POM) 2018

	Cactus	Succulent
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, Aylostera, Sulcorebutia, Weingartia	Echeveria
July	Matucana, Oroya	Mesembs, NO Lithops or Conophytum
August	Epithelantha, Frailea, Aztekium	Dyckia, Hechtia, Puya
September	Variegated cactus	Variegated Succulent
October	Turbiniacarpus	Adromischus
November	South American columnar cactus (Espostoa, Oreocereus, Cleistocactus, etc.)	Pelargonium, Sarcocaulon. Tylecodon
December	HOLIDAY PARTY	HOLIDAY PARTY

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MINI-SHOW RESULTS - May 13, 2018

Open Cactus	1st	Gary Duke	<i>Acharagma roseana</i>
	2nd	Gary Duke	<i>Coryphantha runyonii</i>
	2nd	Gary Duke	<i>Coryphantha pycnanantha</i>
	3rd	Phyllis DeCrescenzo	<i>Coryphantha andreae</i>
	3rd	Phyllis DeCrescenzo	<i>Coryphantha andreae</i>
Open Succulent	1st	Maria Capaldo	<i>Dudleya species</i>
	1st	Laurel Woodley	<i>Cotyledon ladismithiensis</i>
	2nd	Maria Capaldo	<i>Cotyledon ladismithiensis</i>
	2nd	Phyllis DeCrescenzo	<i>Dudleya palos verde</i>
	2nd	Gary Duke	<i>Dudleya cymosa</i>
	3rd	Phyllis DeCrescenzo	<i>Dudleya palos verde</i>
	3rd	Phyllis DeCrescenzo	<i>Cotyledon ladismithiensis</i>
Intermediate Cactus	1st	Sally Fasteau	<i>Coryphantha calipensis</i>
	2nd	Sally Fasteau	<i>Coryphantha pallida</i>
Intermediate Succulent	1st	Dale LaForest	<i>Dudleya brittonii</i>
	2nd	Bernard Johnson	<i>Dudleya</i>
	2nd	Dale LaForest	<i>Dudleya 'white sprite'</i>
	3rd	Sally Fasteau	<i>Dudleya brittonii</i>
Novice Cactus	1st	Terri Straub	<i>Coryphantha pycnanantha</i>
	2nd	Terri Straub	<i>Coryphantha palmeri</i>
Novice Succulent	1st	M.A. Bjarkman	<i>Dudleya brittonii</i>
	2nd	M.A. Bjarkman	<i>Dudleya</i>

Click here for photos
of the winning plants
on our website



SCCSS MINI-SHOW STANDINGS (as of May 13, 2018)

Open Class	Cactus	Succulent	Total
Capaldo, Maria	22	24	46
DeCrescenzo, Phyllis	19	21	40
Duke, Gary	36	10	46
Gardner, Jim	4	23	27
Hanna, Jim	4	12	16
Wilk, William	9	12	21
Woodley, Laurel	2	13	15

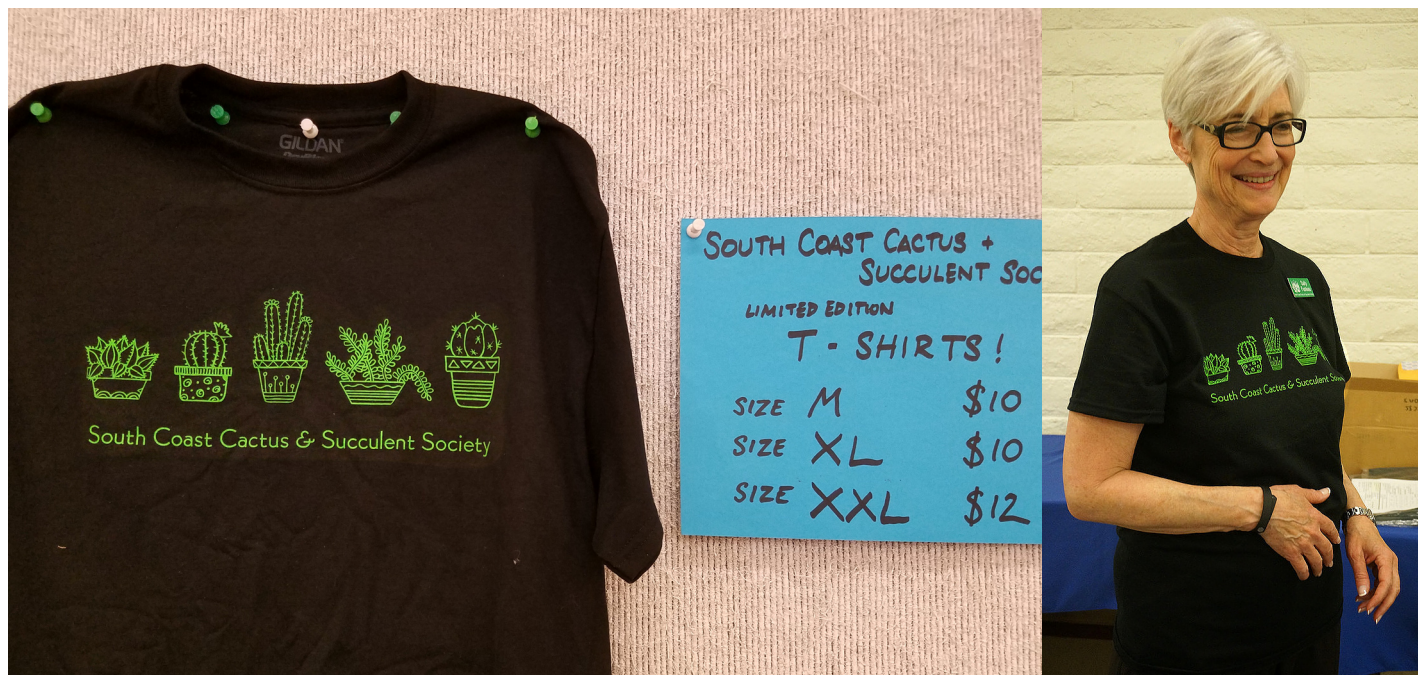
Intermediate Class	Cactus	Succulent	Total
Caplan, Anita	10	16	26
Fasteau, Sally	32	13	45
Johnson, Bernard	16	13	29
LaForest, Dale	8	29	37
Neely, Jade	3		3
Short, Mike	8	7	15

Novice Class	Cactus	Succulent	Total
Bjarkman, M.A.	4	12	16
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
Steenson, Dean		1	1
Straub, Terri	32	10	42

NOTE: Includes the points from the Show & Sale

Click here to see the
standings on our website

CLUB T-SHIRTS We will be ordering more T-shirts by size, \$10 each (\$12 for XXL).
Please see Sally Fasteau at the meeting or email her to be included in this list, sallyfasteau@cox.net.



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.
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

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- 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

Membership renewals are now being accepted. Please complete a membership form and return it to us either at a meeting or by mail. You can print the attached form or the one on our website, click the button in this box or go to <http://southcoastcss.org/join/>. Checks or exact change are preferred. If you cannot print the form there will be some available at the meetings.

Click here for the membership form on our website

Please welcome new member(s)
 Brian Gold from Los Angeles

BOARD OF DIRECTORS FY2017-2018

Board Members:

President	Maria Capaldo
Vice President	M.A. Bjarkman
Secretary	Sue Wong
Treasurer	Bernard Johnson
Communication Committee Chair	Mike Short
Finance Committee Chair	Jim Hanna
Membership Committee Chair	Sally Fasteau
Programs Committee Chair	Gary Duke
CGCI Liason	Lou Hagemeyer
CSSA Liason	Bill Wilk
Show and Sale Co-Chair	Heidi Husnak
Show and Sale Co-Chair	Nancy Jengo

At Large Board Members:

David Hodgson, Clif Wong, Jim Wood

Committee Members (Tasked):

Publicity Coordinator (Show)	Anita Caplan
Publicity Coordinator (Monthly)	Ann Nye
Refreshments Coordinator	open (volunteer?)
Speaker Co-ordinator	Gary Duke
Speaker Co-ordinator	Jade Neely
Mini-Show Coordinator	Jim Tanner

Other Positions:

Plant Man	Jim Hanna
Facebook	Laurel Woodley
Newsletter/Webmaster	Mike Short

! NOTICES !

Election of Officers

Election of officers will take place at the June meeting.

SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2018 - 2019

Nominations from the floor are also welcome.

President:	Maria Capaldo
Vice-President:	M. A. Bjarkman
Secretary:	Sue Wong
Treasurer:	Bernard Johnson
1st At-Large Board Member:	David Hodgson
2nd At-Large Board Member:	Caitlin Rubia
3rd At Large Board Member:	Clif Wong

Membership Form

South Coast Cactus & Succulent Society

Instructions: Make Check payable to: **SCCSS**
 Either: Mail Form and Check to: **Bernard Johnson**
 629 18th Street
 Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

Or: **Submit form and payment at a meeting.** (checks preferred)

Please Read: The membership year begins July 1st and ends June 30th. Please provide the following information to the membership committee. Unless you indicate that you do not wish to include any or all of this information, it will be published in the membership directory. Renewing members may write "SAME" in the spaces where information has not changed.

Date:	<input type="checkbox"/> New Member <small>*Prorated see below</small>	<input type="checkbox"/> Membership Renewal <small>Renewals are not Prorated</small>
Name: <small>One name per form please.</small>	Please Print	
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<small>*New memberships are prorated. Contact Membership Chair for amount due.</small>	Membership Chair: Sally Fasteau 310-544-1313 sallyfasteau@cox.net	Enter amount below
Member's Dues	\$18/year	\$
\$12 Additional fee for hard copy of newsletter to be mailed to the above address. (Free newsletter delivery by email only.)	\$12/year <small>For hard copy of newsletter</small>	\$
	Total	\$
		<small>Renewal Dues are not prorated.</small>

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