

# Prickly News

South Coast Cactus & Succulent Society Newsletter

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## NEXT MEETING

**Gary Duke:**

**"What Kind of Cactus Is It?"**

**Sunday October 14, at 1:00 pm  
(Program starts at 1:30pm)**

## REFRESHMENTS FOR OCTOBER

Thanks to those who helped in September.

Volunteers for October refreshments are:

**Gloria Diaz**

**Ana MacKenzie**

**Nancy Gray**

**Caitlin Rubia**

**Lou Hagemeyer**

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

**F**all is almost upon us in Southern California and is a good time to start repotting the winter growers. It is also a good time to grow succulents from seed (after the hot summer weather). For those of you who would like to experiment growing

from seed, see the collection at the seed depot of CSSA for members. Please contact me if you are interested in sharing seed from your plants or want to obtain seed.

There is a CSSA matching grant of up to \$50,000 to the Endowment Fund that ends in December, 2018. Please contact Bill Wilk, our CSSA liaison, if you are interested in making a donation.

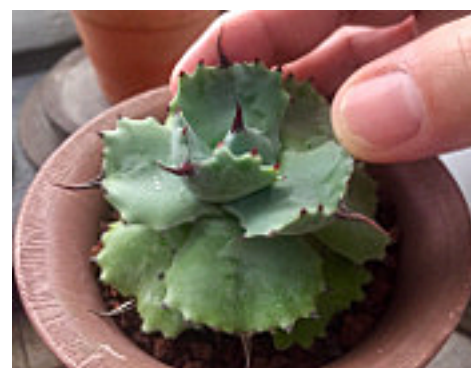
I was sad to hear of the passing of Myron Kimnach, one of our succulent societies greats. See article below for his story.

I would appreciate any input if you have ideas about what you would like us to do as a society, or know a speaker or program that you think we would enjoy. The Society has greatly improved communication to the members through the efforts of Mike Short, our webmaster and Newsletter editor. If there are any topics you would like to see in our Newsletter or you would like to contribute to our Newsletter, please let Mike know.

Minutes of our previous meetings are available for review on our website at <http://southcoastcss.org/category/minutes/>. Our Secretary, Sue Wong does a great job of summarizing the meeting and usually includes contact information for the speaker, names of plants discussed at the meeting, and upcoming events announced. Thank you, Sue, for all your work.

At our October meeting, our own Gary Duke will be presenting an informative talk on cactus identification. I felt that with so many new members, this would be a great topic for discussion. I know you will enjoy it.

See you there! Maria Capaldo, President



**PRESENTER FOR OCTOBER: Gary Duke**  
**“What Kind of Cactus Is It?”**

**G**ary believes that anyone interested in cacti ought to be able to determine which genus a cactus plant belongs in just by examining it and looking for a few tell-tale signs. What do you look for? Come, learn and find out.

If you know the genus, then you have a clue to the growth characteristics and flowers a plant will have. You will know if someone switched the name tags at your favorite box store.

This is a tutorial on many of the small globular cacti families and their identifying characteristics - will it be tall or short and squat, will it have big or small flowers, is it from North America or South America.

If you don't like cacti, well he has lots of pictures of pretty cactus flowers to look at. Come and learn! (He has hand-outs too).

**G**ary Duke is an incumbent on the Board of Directors to the Cactus and Succulent Society of America. He currently assists with auditing the CSSA finances each year and also is a member of the Honors Committee. He has been collecting cacti and succulents for over 50 years. He's an avid collector of cacti and also collects Tylecodons and Dudleyas.

He is a retired Air Force officer with a doctoral degree in physics. During his military career, he moved his original and ever expanding collection of less than about 30 plants from Illinois, where he grew up, to Omaha, NE, Dayton, OH (where he started their first C&S Society, which is now defunct), San Pedro, CA, Montgomery, AL and



Gary Duke

Albuquerque, NM where he had been show chairman. He has also been President of the South Coast Cactus and Succulent Society and the Long Beach Cactus Society. Following his military career, he worked as a program manager for Boeing for 16 years.

He has over 1000 different species in his private collection and enjoys propagating them. He frequently gives slide presentations throughout southern California, including being invited to speak at the Huntington Botanical Gardens and at the Denver Cactus and Succulent Society.

He has traveled to Aruba, Peru, Baja Mexico and Bolivia twice to see cacti and succulents in habitat.

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**CACTUS OF THE MONTH: Miniature (3in or less)**  
*Submitted by Jim Tanner*

**T**his month, the Cacti and Succulent of the Month are both miniatures. Miniatures are defined differently for different shows. In most cases, the definition is a mature plant in a pot with an inside diameter less than three inches. Some shows define the miniature category as any plant displayed as a miniature. This allows seedlings and young plants to be entered as miniatures. Others require the plant to be the smallest in a genus. We'll use the broad definition for the Plant of the Month.

The key to success is staging plants. Particular attention must be paid to the relation of the plant to the pot, the top dressing, and any rocks. The importance of

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*Opuntia microdasy*

color, geometry, and texture are all magnified in the smaller scale of miniatures.

Succulents entered as miniatures include representatives from almost every family, and a list would be far too long to print. Unusual entries often do well.



*Gymnocalycium mihanovichii* var. *friedrichii*

With care, species that normally grow large can be kept small, stunted by the lack of root room. Even though small, miniatures need a little fertilizer to keep growth looking fresh, and frequent watering, since there is little storage either in the pot or the body of the plant.



*Turbinicarpus kranzianus*

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**SUCCULENT OF THE MONTH: Miniature (3in or less)**  
*Submitted by Jim Tanner*

See text for CACTUS OF THE MONTH.



*Aeonium sedifolium*



*Crassula corymbulosa*



*Aichryson bethencourtianum*



*Senecio haworthii*

## MINI-SHOW RESULTS - September 9, 2018

<b>Open Cactus</b>	<b>1st</b>	Laurel Woodley	<i>Uebelmannia pectinifera</i>
	<b>2nd</b>	Maria Capaldo	<i>Discocactus albispinus</i>
	<b>3rd</b>	Maria Capaldo	<i>Uebelmannia pectinifera</i>
<b>Open Succulent</b>	<b>1st</b>	Maria Capaldo	<i>Kalanchoe rhombopilosa</i>
	<b>3rd</b>	Maria Capaldo	<i>Kalanchoe tomentosa</i>
	<b>3rd</b>	Phyllis DeCrescenzo	<i>Kalanchoe beharensis</i>
<b>Intermediate Cactu</b>			
<b>Intermediate Succulent</b>	<b>1st</b>	Mike Short	<i>Kalanchoe marmorata</i>
	<b>2nd</b>	Mike Short	<i>Kalanchoe synsepala</i>
	<b>3rd</b>	Mike Short	<i>Kalanchoe tomentosa</i>
<b>Novice Cactus</b>	<b>1st</b>	Coni Nettles	<i>Uebelmannia pectinifera</i>
	<b>2nd</b>	Coni Nettles	<i>Discocactus horstii</i>
<b>Novice Succulent</b>	<b>1st</b>	Coni Nettles	<i>Kalanchoe humilis</i>
	<b>2nd</b>	M.A. Bjarkman	<i>Kalanchoe tomentosa</i>
	<b>2nd</b>	Ted Johnson	<i>Kalanchoe tomentosa</i>
	<b>3rd</b>	Ted Johnson	<i>Kalanchoe luciae</i>

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## SCCSS MINI-SHOW STANDINGS (as of September 9, 2018)

Open Class	Cactus	Succulent	Total
Capaldo, Maria	40	42	82
DeCrescenzo, Phyllis	31	41	72
Duke, Gary	51	17	68
Gardner, Jim	11	30	41
Hanna, Jim	4	12	16
Wilk, William	28	34	62
Woodley, Laurel	13	23	36

Novice Class	Cactus	Succulent	Total
Bjarkman, M.A.	5	16	21
Bjerke, Martha		6	6
Cottrell, Diane		5	5
Diaz, Gloria		1	1
Dorsey, Martin	2	6	8
Hodgson, David		6	6
Johnson, Ted	6	38	44
Murphy, Rosemarie		2	2
Nancy Mosher	1		1
Nettles, Coni	35	38	73
Nisewaner, John		7	7
Ray, Siby		5	5
Scott, Eric	20	4	24
Stenson, Dean		1	1
Straub, Terri	43	10	53
Tanner, Jim		3	3

Intermediate Class	Cactus	Succulent	Total
Caplan, Anita	12	19	31
Fasteau, Sally	53	40	93
Johnson, Bernard	24	37	61
LaForest, Dale	15	32	47
Neely, Jade	3		3
Short, Mike	10	20	30

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## MINI-SHOW PLANTS OF THE MONTH (POM) 2018

	Cactus	Succulent
October	Miniature (3in or less)	Miniature (3in or less)
November	N. 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	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

- Oct 6**      **Lotusland, Santa Barbara, party and rare plant auction.**  
 1:30 pm - 5:30 pm. Early Bird Pricing before September 1st. Members \$65, non-members \$85. After September Members \$75, non-members \$95. Call 805.969.9990 for reservations.
- 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**      **South Bay Bromeliad Associates – Buying Bus Trip**  
 Meet at Larry Tabelings' Live Art Plantscapes, 1323 W 130th St, Gardena, CA 90247 at 8:00 AM.  
 Return to the nursery at 6 PM. \$20 per person, \$25 for non members.  
 Bring your own box lunch. Club will provide water, soft drinks & snacks.
- Oct. 27-28**      **Palomar Cactus & Succulent Society Fall Show And Sale**  
 Sat 9-5, Sun 10-3, San Diego Botanic Gardens, 230 Quail Gardens Drive, Encinitas, CA  
 Info eventcoordinator@palomarcactus.org 858-776-7216
- Jan. 12-13**      **San Gabriel Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale**  
 9am-4pm both days, LA County Arboretum 310 No. Baldwin, Arcadia, CA  
 Manny Rivera 626-579-7954 or Tom Glavich 626-798-2430

*See this event on our website*

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### BOARD OF DIRECTORS FY2017-2018

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CSSA	Bill Wilk

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## SOME SUCCULENT MEMORIES

### Part 9: coming to the Huntington

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By Myron Kinnach R.I.P

It has been six years since I last contributed to this series about my life with succulents. Parts 7 and 8 consisted of a history of the ISI (International Succulent Institute; more recently, International Succulent Introductions). Now we turn to a significant event occurring in February of 1962.

After working eleven years as Assistant Manager of the University of California botanical garden in Berkeley, California, I received a most interesting letter from William Hertrich, Curator Emeritus of the Huntington Botanical Gardens in San Marino, California. It read more or less as follows:

*Dear Mr. Kinnach.*

*Knowing of your interest in plants (including cacti and other succulents), would you be interested in taking charge of the Huntington Botanical Gardens in San Marino, California?*

*I believe you have visited here once or twice. There are two hundred acres, including the Cactus Garden, Water Garden, Shakespeare Garden, as well as groves of eucalyptus, citrus and camellias.*

*The position of Superintendent will be available in a year. If you are at all interested in contemplating a change, we would be very glad to hear from you.*

Of course I had heard of Mr. Hertrich, renowned for his employment by Henry Huntington to design and develop his private estate, as well as to supervise the maintenance of his mansion, later the site of his outstanding art collection. Naturally I was flattered and at the same time excited by the possibility of applying for such an attractive job.

Despite my satisfaction with the Berkeley position, after eleven years I had grown less enthusiastic with the duties there for two reasons. First, due to the lack of a degree in botany, I was not allowed to conduct research at



William Hertrich & Myron in the Desert Garden (1962)

the garden. Second, although I found eight hours a day growing plants very pleasant, I missed the intellectual challenges of taxonomy. It seemed possible that at the Huntington I would be able to conduct research as well as partake in horticulture by delegating the work to an increased gardening staff in a much larger garden,

I replied to Hertrich that I was indeed interested in the position. Soon after, I heard from the Director of the entire institution, John Pomfret, earlier the President of the College of William & Mary in Virginia. He summarized what my duties would be; in addition to developing the gardens, I would supervise the janitorial maintenance of all the buildings, including the Art Gallery and Library, manage the cafeteria for public and staff, and maintain the roads, irrigation system, and reservoirs. I would also be responsible for the upkeep of some 150 acres of non-public, mostly undeveloped grounds, in contrast to the entire Berkeley garden of only some ten acres. Unlike the latter garden's dozen or so gardeners, I would have a staff of around 150 building and garden personnel.



**MEMBERSHIP NEWS - Submitted by Sally Fasteau**

**Please welcome new member(s)**

Michael Cozzolino

San Pedro