



Prickly News

South Coast Cactus & Succulent Society Newsletter

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NEXT MEETING

Tom Glavich:
"Pelargoniums of Southern Africa"

Sunday November 11, at 1:00 pm
(Program starts at 1:30pm)

REFRESHMENTS FOR NOVEMBER

Thanks to those who helped in October.

Marie Bowers	Helen Lu
Karin Cozzolino	Toni Luz
Robert DeCrescenzo	Ana MacKenzie
Gloria & Suzette Diaz	Joyce & Lisa Mori
Jim Gray	Jose & Caitlin Ramirez
Debby Hemingway	Sue Wong
Lupe Hulett	Karen Yoshioka

Volunteers for November refreshments are:

Gloria Diaz	Jose Ramirez
Ana MacKenzie	Caitlin Rubia

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.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Many thanks to Gary Duke for his wonderful presentation at the last meeting on cactus identification. Even though I have heard other iterations of the program before, there is always more to learn. It was especially appropriate and helpful because now we have many new members eager for the information. The handout is a good reference for all of us. Thanks again, Gary.

As the holidays approach, we will be making plans for our holiday potluck. It will be held on the second Sunday of December. The fun will begin at noon with a social half hour, and we will eat at 12:30. I'll be giving more details with the next newsletter.

Since many of you will be repotting your winter growers, and maybe getting rid of unwanted summer growth in your gardens, please consider saving some cuttings in a 3-inch pot (or larger) for our April Show and Sale Club sale table. The effort is worthwhile; this year's plant donations from members netted us \$1200. I usually start potting for the show in November so the plants are well established and ones we are proud to sell.

I look forward to hearing our November presenter, Tom Glavich, who has just returned from a Southern Africa trip. He will lecture on Pelargoniums. Tom is a gift to the succulent community and his programs are always educational and fun. He will also bring plants to sell.

See you there! Maria Capaldo, President



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Pachycereus pringlei



Senecio pusillus

**PRESENTER FOR NOVEMBER: Tom Glavich
“Pelargoniums of Southern Africa”**

Tom’s presentation is on Pelargoniums and related genera of South Africa. The presentation includes pictures of Pelargoniums in cultivation and in habitat in South Africa, Lesotho and Namibia. The talk also includes a section on cultivation and propagation. The Pelargoniums of South Africa include some of the best floral displays of any genus. These will be on display throughout the presentation.

Tom Glavich is a member of many of the Southern California Cactus and Succulent Societies. He has been a frequent speaker at the South Coast Cactus and Succulent Society. He is on the board of the Cactus and Succulent Society, one of the co-chairs of the Inter-City Cactus and Succulent Show, and the author of many articles in the Journal of the Cactus and Succulent Society of America.



Tom Glavich

CACTUS OF THE MONTH: North American Columnar Cacti (Saguaro, Cereus, etc.) Submitted by Jim Tanner

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Cacti show a wide variety of growth habits, this month’s plant is North American Columnar Cacti.

Some cacti may become tree-sized but without branches, such as larger specimens of Echinocactus platyacanthus. Cacti may also be described as shrubby, with several stems coming from the ground or from branches very low down, such as in Stenocereus thurberi.

Smaller than the tree-like (arborescent) cacti may be described as columnar. They consist of erect, cylinder-

shaped stems, which may or may not branch, without a very clear division into trunk and branches. The boundary between columnar forms and tree-like or shrubby forms is difficult to define. Smaller and younger specimens of Cephalocereus senilis, for example, are columnar, whereas older and larger specimens may become tree-like. In some cases, the “columns” may be horizontal rather than vertical. Thus, Stenocereus eruca has stems growing along the ground, rooting at intervals.



Cephalocereus senilis



Ferocactus pilosus



Pilosocereus royenii

SUCCULENT OF THE MONTH: *Senecio*

Submitted by Jim Tanner

There are about 100 succulent *Senecios*, and they are certainly interesting. There are some large shrubs, but many are small, trailing plants or spreading ground covers. As with most succulents, they are very drought and heat tolerant and not very cold tolerant.

Many *Senecio* species are toxic to animals. The leaves are thick and fleshy and can be deep green, bluish or even striped. *Senecio* succulent leaves vary widely in shape. Some are round, some banana-shaped, some stand upright. *Senecio* flowers form in clusters, on long stems. Different species bloom at different times throughout the year. The flowers persist for weeks. Shapes include red or white spires and yellow daisy-like flowers, but it is really the foliage that interests most gardeners.

A few *Senecio* species can tolerate brief periods of cold or dampness, but prolonged exposure will turn them to mush.

Being succulents, they will grow best in full sun.

Most *Senecio* plants are low growing, under 1 ft. tall. Depending on species, they may spread out or trail down about 1 ft.

Senecio succulents are grown for their interesting shapes and leaves. They do bloom, at different times during the year, but not all of them bloom in cultivation as well as they do in the wild.

A number of succulent relatives have now been moved to the genus *Kleinia*.



Senecio haworthii



Senecio rowleyanus



Senecio articulatus



Senecio radicans



Senecio anteuphorbium

MINI-SHOW RESULTS - October 14, 2018

Open Cactus	1st	Jim Hanna	<i>Ariocarpus fissuratus</i>
	2nd	Gary Duke	<i>Mammillaria crinita</i> subs. <i>painteri</i> f. <i>monstruosa</i>
	3rd	Phyllis DeCrescenzo	<i>Notocactus</i>
Open Succulent	1st	Jim Hanna	<i>Operculicarya decaryi</i>
	2nd	Gary Duke	<i>Tylecodon stenocaulis</i>
	3rd	Gary Duke	<i>Adromischus hybrid</i> 'Red Coral'
Intermediate Cactus	1st	Sally Fasteau	<i>Gymnocalycium stenopleurum</i>
	2nd	Sally Fasteau	<i>Gymnocalycium bodenbenderianum</i> subs. <i>triacanthum</i>
	3rd	Mike Short	<i>Mammillaria vetula</i> subs. <i>gracilis</i>
Intermediate Succulent	1st	Sally Fasteau	<i>Lithops</i>
	2nd	Bernard Johnson	<i>Pseudolithos cubiformis</i>
	3rd	Mike Short	<i>Fenestraria rhopalophylla</i>
Novice Cactus	1st	Martha Bjerke	<i>Gymnocalycium stenopleurum</i>
	2nd	Coni Nettles	<i>Gymnocalycium damsii</i> v. <i>rotundulum</i>
	3rd	Terri Straub	<i>Opuntia rufida</i> f. <i>minima</i>
Novice Succulent	1st	Coni Nettles	<i>Anacampseros</i> 'Sunrise'
	2nd	Coni Nettles	<i>Sedum oreganum</i>
	3rd	Coni Nettles	<i>Echeveria x imbricata</i>

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SCCSS MINI-SHOW STANDINGS (as of October 14, 2018)

Open Class	Cactus	Succulent	Total
Capaldo, Maria	43	45	88
DeCrescenzo, Phyllis	35	44	79
Duke, Gary	57	24	81
Gardner, Jim	11	33	44
Hanna, Jim	11	23	34
Wilk, William	28	34	62
Woodley, Laurel	13	25	38

Intermediate Class	Cactus	Succulent	Total
Caplan, Anita	12	19	31
Fasteau, Sally	64	48	112
Johnson, Bernard	24	42	66
LaForest, Dale	15	32	47
Neely, Jade	3		3
Short, Mike	13	24	37

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Novice Class	Cactus	Succulent	Total
Bjarkman, M.A.	5	16	21
Bjerke, Martha	6	6	12
Cottrell, Diane	1	8	9
Diaz, Gloria		1	1
Dorsey, Martin	2	6	8
Hodgson, David		6	6
Johnson, Ted	7	38	45
Murphy, Rosemarie		2	2
Nancy Mosher	1		1
Nettles, Coni	41	48	89
Nisewaner, John		7	7
Ray, Sibiu		5	5
Richer, Russ	1		1
Scott, Eric	20	4	24
Steenon, Dean		1	1
Straub, Terri	47	13	60
Tanner, Jim		3	3

MINI-SHOW PLANTS OF THE MONTH (POM) 2018

	Cactus	Succulent
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

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

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Editor's Corner



Thanks to Jade Neely and Gary Duke for supplying the Presenter of the Month material. Thanks to Jim Tanner for supplying the Mini-Show and Plant of the Month material. Thanks to Jim Hanna and all for supplying the POM lists.

Mini-Show winners can request the original (full size) photo of their plant from mshort@mail.com stating either the size and format required or how you intend to use it (1080 computer screen, TV, 4 x 6 print, etc.).

Contributions to the newsletter are encouraged, especially articles of an educational nature.

Also information on upcoming events that might be of interest to club members are welcomed. Humorous articles, photos, cartoons, or poetry also welcomed. Materials supplied for the newsletter ought to be legally usable, there should not be any copyright infringement. We can attach attributions when required, usually the owner's name, the origin of the material, and any license involved. Attribution is often required for photos on the web, like those covered by "Wikimedia Commons" licenses. Please supply any required information along with the material submitted.

Mike Short - Editor.