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SOUTH COAST CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY NEWSLETTER | DEC 2020

Gary Duke

ZOOM PRESENTATIONS

Sunday, Dec 13, 2020 @ 1:30 pm

(Members watch for an email invitation)

Mike Short

**Distinguishing poached from cultivated plants
&
Mike Short on the plant database MOPDB**



As we near the end of a challenging year I am pleased that our Society has remained active with zoom meetings and newsletters. As we shelter in place, many of us have spent more time with our plants than ever before. NBC tells us that people “have found reassurance and relaxation in the timeless ritual of planting, watering and tending gardens.” I would guess that more people

are learning about succulents and introducing them to their gardens. If this is true, we can hope to find, once the pandemic is over, new converts to our hobby and heightened interest in our Society.

I would like to acknowledge those members who have contributed this year. Even though there are no Society meetings, there are tasks that keep us going behind the scenes.

Mike Short for managing our Website, Events Calendar, Communicating through E mail to members.

Clif Wong for his creative Newsletter and serving on the Board.

Gary Duke for coordinating speakers and programs.

Jade Nealy for serving as co-coordinator of speakers and programs.

Bernard Johnson for his work as Treasurer.

Sue Wong for her work as Secretary, documenting and archiving minutes

Sally Fasteau, our membership chair, for maintaining our membership directory and sending out communiques to our members.

Jim Tanner for contributing information on the plants of the month in our Newsletter, and tallying the Mini Show numbers.

M.A. for serving as Vice President, and liaison to CSSA

Laurel Woodley for her photographic contributions and posting on Facebook for the Society.

Caitlin Rubia for posting on Instagram.

Terri Straub for serving on the Board and sharing her garden.

Ann Nye, for monthly publicity.

Lou Hagemeyer (CGCI liaison).

Anita Caplan for her proofreading skills.

I thank you all for your contributions.

Our end of the year Society meeting will have 2 short presentations from Gary Duke and Mike Short. Afterwards the POM winners will be announced and our Plant of the year photos will be shown. Please join us and send me a photo of your Plant of the Year, *Lobivia saltensis*, your garden, or a brag plant to minniecap@icloud.com. You may also E mail me the response to the Plant questionnaire on page 13 of this Newsletter.

Stay well and keep in touch!

MARIA CAPALDO

Maria

SHARE YOUR GARDEN OR YOUR FAVORITE PLANT



Email me with photos of your garden and/or plants that we can publish as a way of staying connected.

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Distinguishing poached from cultivated plants

BY GARY DUKE



Besides the opportunity to show your favorite plant at the this year's Zoom Holiday Party, we thought some may want to buy plants on the internet and Gary Duke and CactusQuest (Hunter) have produced a short video titled **"Ethical Plant Shopping + CITES"** to help you be legal in your shopping. Both he and Hunter have been accused of having collected specimens in their collections, which is the impetus for this video. Gardening and plant buying is increasing significantly during this pandemic.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d9wTHg4Qy78>



A Short video of the MOP-DB on-line plant database

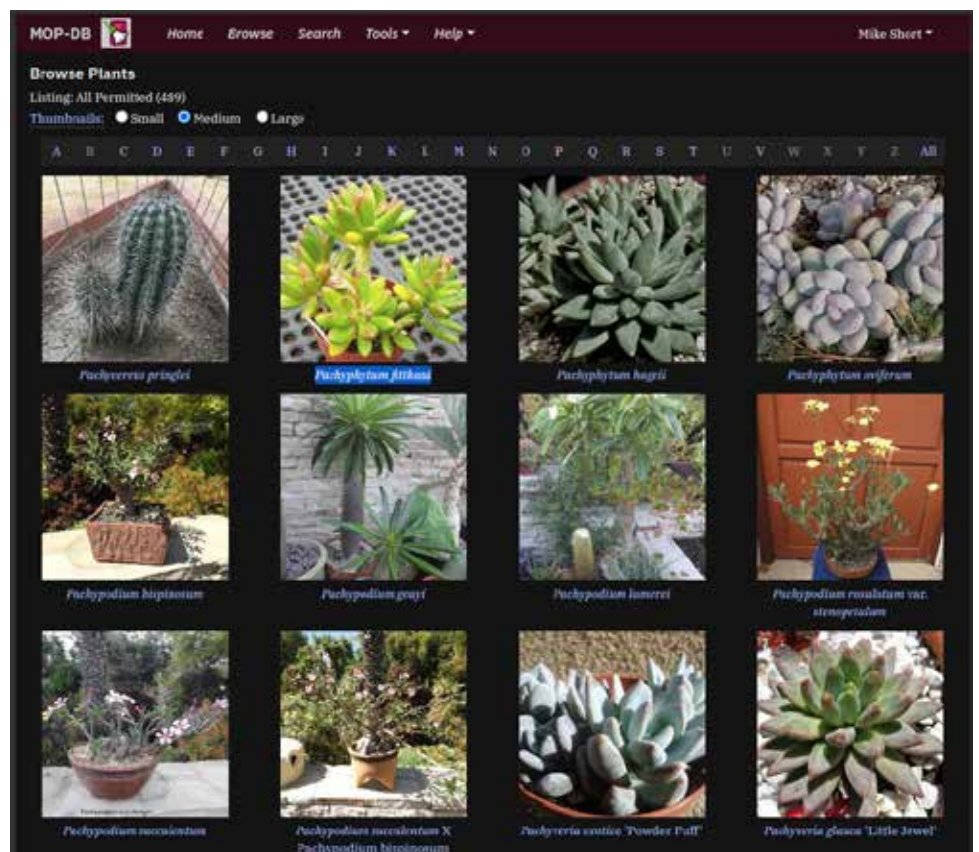
BY MIKE SHORT

Mike Short will give a short video presentation of his on-line plant database, MOP-DB, that he is inviting members of SCCSS to join.

The database is for us plant collectors, allowing us to keep track of our plants. MOP-DB members can enter their plants along with photos and details describing them and their history.

Mike worked for Xerox as a software engineer where he wrote internet software for laser printers.

Creating an on-line plant database has been an ambition of his since the 1980's, and started taking shape when he retired. MOP-DB has been about 5 years in the making.



What's in your garden?

Aloe polyphylla
by Bob Lewis



Bob Lewis's garden



White Agave with fellow variegated Agaves
by Jim Tanner

Euphorbia suzannae in flower
by Bernard Johnson



White Agave
by Jim Tanner

Thank you for sharing!
What's in your garden?

minniecap@icloud.com share by December 7

2020-2021

Mini - Show Plant Calendar



Mini-Show Plants for 2020-2021

December 2020	<i>Lobivia saltensis</i>	<i>Lobivia saltensis</i>
January 2021	Mammillaria - Hooked Spines	Caudiciform (Beaucarnia, Calibanus, Dioscorea, Fockea, etc.)
February 2021	Eriosyce, Neoporteria, Neochilenia, Islaya	Crassula
March 2021	Echinocereus	Gasteria and hybrids
April 2021	2021 Show and Sale	2021 Show and Sale
May 2021	Coryphantha, Escobaria, Acharagma	Dudleya, Cotyledon
June 2021	Gymnocalycium	Pachypodium
July 2021	Lobivia, Echinopsis	Sansevieria
August 2021	Ferocactus, Leuchtenbergia	Stapeliads (Stapelia, Huernia, Orbea)
September 2021	Discocactus, Uebelmania	Kalanchoe
October 2021	Miniature (3in or less)	Miniature (3in or less)
November 2021	HOLIDAY POTLUCK	HOLIDAY POTLUCK

NOVEMBER

Virtual Mini-Show: **NOVICE / SUCCULENT**

SUCCULENT CATEGORY: NOVICE



Euphorbia crested
by Joe Tillotson



Euphorbia crested
by Joe Tillotson



NOVEMBER

Virtual Mini-Show: **NOVICE / CACTUS**

CACTUS CATEGORY: NOVICE



Cleistocactus aureispina cristata
by Terri Straub



Cereus peruvianus monstrose
by Terri Straub



Lophocereus schottii monstrose
by Jim Tanner



Opuntia monacantha
by Gretchen Davis



Mammillaria perezdelarosae
by Gretchen Davis



Mammillaria spinosissima cristata
by Terri Straub



Monvillea spegazzinii cristata
by Gretchen Davis



Myrtillocactus geometrizans cristata
by Terri Straub



Virtual Mini-Show: **SUCCULENT / INTERMEDIATE**

SUCCULENT CATEGORY: INTERMEDIATE



Euphorbia lactea monstrosa crest
by Anita Caplan



Pelargonium crithmifolium crest
by Anita Caplan



Virtual Mini-Show: **CACTUS/ INTERMEDIATE**

CACTUS CATEGORY: INTERMEDIATE



Lophocereus schottii monstrose
by Lemono Lott



Cereus forbesii monstrose
'Ming Thing' by Lemono Lott



Mammillaria geminispina cristata
by Anita Caplan



Monstrose and crested
by Bernard Johnson



Crested cactus
by Bernard Johnson



NOVEMBER

Virtual Mini-Show: **OPEN / SUCCULENT**

SUCCULENT CATEGORY: OPEN



Aeonium 'Sunburst' crest
by Phyllis DeCrescenzo



Aeonium crested
by Maria Capaldo



Aeonium 'Sunburst' crest
by Laurel Woodley



Euphorbia crest
by Phyllis DeCrescenzo



Euphorbia lactea crest
by Laurel Woodley



Euphorbia lactea crest
by Phyllis DeCrescenzo



Euphorbia lactea crest
by Phyllis DeCrescenzo



Euphorbia lactea crest
by Sally Fasteau



Senecio vitalis cristata
by Phyllis DeCrescenzo



NOVEMBER

Virtual Mini-Show: OPEN / CACTUS

CACTUS CATEGORY: OPEN



Cereus peruvianus
by Phyllis DeCrescenzo



Cereus peruvianus monstrose
by Phyllis DeCrescenzo



Cleistocactus winterti cristata
by Phyllis DeCrescenzo



Copiapoa tenuissima 'Monstrose'
by Laurel Woodley



Crested Mammillaria
by Maria Capaldo



Cylindropuntia fulgida
f. Monstruosa by Laurel Woodley



Lophocereus schottii
by Phyllis DeCrescenzo



Mammillaria gracilis
'Arizona Snowcap' by Laurel Woodley



Mammillaria pilcayensis
by Phyllis DeCrescenzo



Myrtillocactus geometrizans
by Phyllis DeCrescenzo



Trichocereus monstrose
by Phyllis DeCrescenzo



SCSS Mini-Show Standings as of November 8, 2020

[Click here for sortable standings](#)

Novice Class	Cactus	Succulents	Total	Intermediate Class	Cactus	Succulents	Total	Open Class	Cactus	Succulents	Total
Bantad, Sonita	3	3	6	Caplan, Anita	2	4	6	Capaldo, Maria	23	17	40
Bjarkman, M.A.	3	9	12	Johnson, Bernard	16	29	45	DeCrescenzo, Phyllis	25	24	49
Bjerke, Martha	0	2	2	Johnson, Ted	5	16	21	Duke, Gary	21	16	37
Cottrell, Diane	7	9	16	La Forest, Dale	8	8	16	Fasteau, Sally	7	21	28
Cozzolino, Karin	0	2	2	Lott, Lemono	3	4	7	Gardner, Jim	12	5	17
Davis, Gretchen	5	7	12	Neely, Jade	3	3	6	Hanna, Jim	0	8	8
Diaz, Gloria	0	2	2	Nettles, Coni	22	15	37	Wilk, William	10	4	14
Dorsey, Martin	1	10	11	Short, Mike	1	10	11	Woodley, Laurel	8	10	18
Nisewaner, John	0	12	12								
Sams, Nancy	2	4	6								
Seiver, Cheryl	1	1	2								
Sover, Suzane	0	1	1								
Straub, Terri	24	13	37								
Straup, Matt	0	2	2								
Tanner, Jim	12	15	27								
Tillotson, Joseph	2	7	9								
Unrine, Judy	0	6	6								
Wong, Clif	0	1	1								
Youssefzadeh, Aya	1	4	5								
Youssefzadeh, Jacob	5	15	20								

SCSS Mini-Show Rules

A Mini-show is scheduled for all meetings except April (Show and Sale) and December (Holiday Potluck) as a way for members to show their prized plants and staging skills; and for everyone, especially novices to learn how to grow and show theirs. Lists of eligible plants are printed in the newsletter and on our Society's website.

There are three entry classes:

Novice, Intermediate and Open. New members may enter at any level, but once a level has been entered members may not regress to a less advanced class.

There are two plant categories, Cactus and Succulent. Up to three entries per member may be entered in each category.

Exhibitors must be club members in good standing and present at the meeting.

One member's name representing a household must be used unless plants are grown and shown separately. We trust you.

Any container may be used, including plastic. The containers and plants must be free of pests and disease. Only one plant/container is permitted but this includes rosettes/offsets/pups connected by rhizomes, stolens,

and above ground clusters. Dish gardens are an exception if they are the category of the month. Novice and Intermediate entries must be grown by the exhibitor for a minimum of six months, and open class entries for one year.

Usually our speaker (as an unbiased expert) will be asked to judge, but if the speaker is a Society member, one or two members who are not showing will be asked to judge. Remember, judges may not be experts and usually judge based on how well the plant is grown and staged.

The following point system is used.

- 1st place= 6
- 2nd place=4
- 3rd place=2

Entries not disqualified receive 1 point.

After the November meeting, point totals will be reviewed by the Board. Novice and Intermediate members with more than 64 points or with at least 6 first place awards may be asked to move to the Intermediate or Open class if their entries show them qualified. This is a subjective judgment.

Mini-show Virtual Points

1 Mini show point each for a submitted photo of your cactus and succulent (up to 2 points)

Up to 2 points for those submitting garden photos if you had **not** submitted Mini-show photos.





South Coast
Cactus & Succulent Society



*Happy
Holidays*



*“May your walls know joy, may every
room hold laughter, and every window
open to great possibility.”*

— Mary Anne Radmacher

Did you know? All gardeners live in the most beautiful places because they make them so! - *Joseph Joubert*

Lobivia Saltensis

Please use **one** form per person and circle answers

1. Where did you grow your plant? (circle an answer)

- Full sun
 - Partial shade, such as patio, under shade cloth, etc
 - Full shade
 - Full summer sun and partial shade during the winter
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2. Did the plant survive until Nov 2020? (circle an answer)

Yes / No

3. Did you like the plant? If so, why did you like it or did not like it? (circle an answer)

Yes / No

Comment?

4. Did the plant flower in your possession? Color? (circle an answer)

Yes / No

Comment?

5. Did you repot it? (circle an answer)

Yes / No

Comment?

6. What was the approximate watering schedule? (circle an answer)

- Every 1–4 days
 - About once/week
 - About every other week
 - About 1/month
 - Never
-

7. Did you fertilize? With what kind of fertilizer, and how much? (circle an answer)

- Every watering
- Every other watering
- Once/month
- Less than once/mo

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Remembering David Verity



David Verity, South Coast Cactus and Succulent Society member, passed away last month shortly after his 90th birthday following a long illness. David was a consummate plantsman and longtime garden manager at the UCLA Mildred E. Mathias Botanical Garden (MEMBG).

David was a native Californian, born in Los Angeles. After military service during the Korean War he enrolled at UCLA and graduated in 1959 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Ornamental Horticulture, supplemented by strong campus curriculum in Botany led by Mildred Mathias. Shortly after graduating he began working as a nurseryman in the UCLA Botanical Garden. This was a garden love that continued for 33 years until his retirement in 1992, most of this time as Garden Curator in charge of the collection.



David made many major contributions to Southern California horticulture in introducing new drought-tolerant plants to cultivation from his own international collections as well as working with Mildred to propagate seeds that she brought back from her travels. In this activity he oversaw a major expansion of the MEMBG plant collection. His careful hybridization work led to many new cultivars that are widely planted in Southern California gardens today, most notably with aloes (examples planted at South Coast Botanic Garden), bush monkeyflowers, iochromas, and pride-of-madeira. This work and his leadership role for many decades with the Southern California Horticultural Society made David a living legend among his colleagues. He was a Dudleya mentor to Kei Nakai, who ended up naming *D. verityi* after David.



His work in horticulture and insects will be treasured.

Upcoming Events

[Click here for Full List](#)



SOUTH COAST
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ZOOM MEETING

**Ethical Plant Shopping
and CITES**

MOP-DB Plant Database

Sunday, December 13

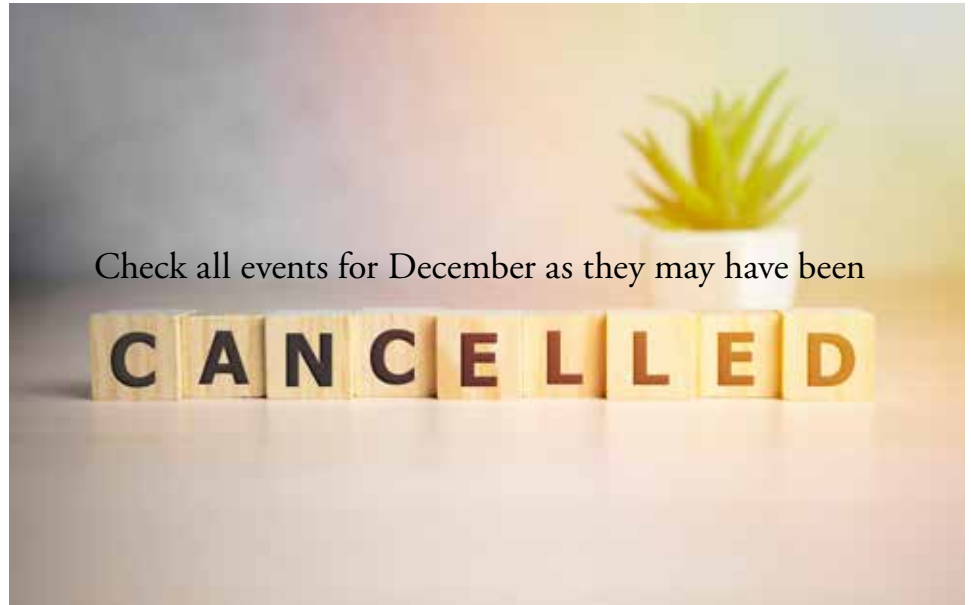
Invitation will be sent by e-mail,
and also will be available
by streaming on YouTube.

Speakers:

Gary Duke
Mike Short

Start time:

1:30 pm



[For more information and to learn more](#)

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