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SOUTH COAST CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY NEWSLETTER | OCT 2023



As we transition to “fall “, our days are so variable, that I find myself checking the weather forecast daily. I still have lots of cacti blooms to thrill me whenever I visit the greenhouse. I have been taking advantage of some cloudy days to get clean-up done. Also, I am easing up on watering frequency.

Newsletter Editor: I do hope you have been enjoying the Newsletter each month. Alas, Clif Wong, who has graciously continued as editor after retiring and moving to the Boston area, has asked to be relieved of this duty by the end of the year. I have made multiple announcements at meetings, and no one has yet volunteered to take this on. Mike Short keeps up the information on the website, and we need someone to organize it into a Newsletter. Mike then is responsible to put it on the website and send the link out to members. Mike will be available to help you get started, and will do initial proof reading. It would take someone knowledgeable with organizing photos and print. If you have that ability, please volunteer! A big thank you to Clif for all his years as editor!

Nominations for the Board: Bob Caplan has agreed to head the Nominating Committee for Board elections to be held in November. If you are interested in assisting him with this duty or being a member of the Board, (involves about 4-5 meetings a year after the General meeting), please contact him at arcaplan2@gmail.com or at his cell: (310) 406-7218.

Mini Show: This month’s Mini Show plants are Cactus: Copiapoa and Succulent: Graptopetalum and hybrids, Graptoveria and Pachyveria. Multiple plants of the same species per pot are accepted and only these genera hybrids are accepted for entry. Bring your plants clean and free of pests.

Speaker: I am pleased to have as our Speaker on October 8th, our own Jim Gardner who will present “*Fascinating succulent flora of the Canary Islands*”. Jim has travelled extensively to the Canary Islands and has a wonderful collection of photos from his experiences. There will be an emphasis on Aeoniums during this talk. There will also be an Aeonium give-away plant available.

Please let me know if you are bringing a guest to the meeting at minniecap@icloud.com before Thursday, October 5th if possible.

Maria

GUEST SPEAKER OF THE MONTH

Jim Gardner

October 8, 2023 1:30 pm



“Fascinating succulent flora of the Canary Islands”



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“Fascinating succulent flora of the Canary Islands”

BY JIM GARDNER



Jim Gardner with *Aeonium goochii*

Jim Gardner!!! I moved to southern California from the Midwest in 1968. I fell in love with succulent plants in 1971 after a colleague of mine at work introduced me to them in his fantastic garden. I've been growing them ever since. Since then, my wife and I have taken many trips into the deserts of the southwest and Baja California to see these plants in their habitat.

We have also taken many trips abroad to see succulent plants in their habitat as well.

In February 2011 we went to the Islands of Tenerife and La Gomera in the Canary Islands and delighted in the abundance and variety of Aeoniums and other succulents in their winter growth phase. We then went to the Canaries again in May 2014 on a trip sponsored by the Cactus and Succulent Society of America led by Dan Mahr. On this trip, we visited 6 of the 7 major islands of the Canaries and again were delighted by the abundance and variety of the Aeoniums as well as other succulents and non-succulents as well.

In our succulent garden at home, my wife and I have focused on winter-growing plants coming from the “Mediterranean” climate zones of the world, especially the plants of South Africa and the Canary Islands as they are so well-adapted to our climatic regime here in Southern California.

Another passion of mine is ceramics, especially making planters for my succulents. The two hobbies are complementary.



SCSS Mini-Show SEPTEMBER Winners

Open Succulent



1st: Gary Duke
Adenia spinosa



2nd: Jim Gardner
Adenium arabicum



2nd: Jim Gardner
Adenium obesum 'Shada'



3rd: Laurel Woodley
Adenium arabicum



Intermediate Succulent



1st: Mike Short
Adenium obesum



2nd: Anita Caplan
Adenium multiflorum



3rd: Anita Caplan
Adenium arabicum 'Fat Guy' x 'Squat'



Novice Succulent



1st: Shane Mullen
Adenium socotranum



2nd: John Nisewaner
Adenium obesum



3rd: Braulio Mena
Adenium obesum



3rd: John Nisewaner
Adenium multiflorum





SCCSS Mini-Show SEPTEMBER Winners

Open Cactus



1st: Gary Duke
Ariocarpus fissuratus



2nd: Gary Duke
Ariocarpus retusus



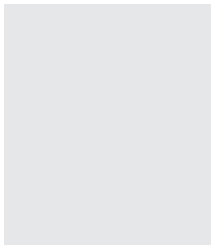
3rd: Gary Duke
Ariocarpus scaphirostrus



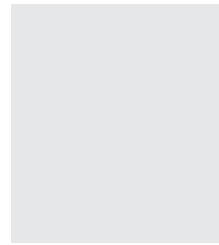
Intermediate Cactus



1st: Bernard Johnson
Ariocarpus fissuratus



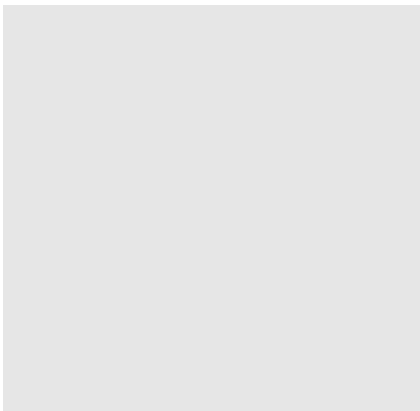
2nd: No Entries/winners



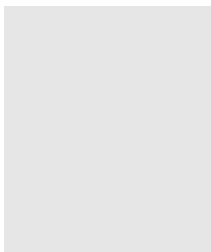
3rd: No Entries/winners



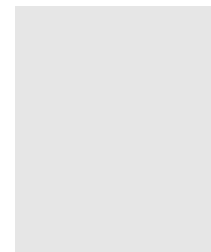
Novice Cactus



1st: No Entries/winners



2nd: No Entries/winners



3rd: No Entries/winners





Monthly Cactus: Copiapoa

Copiapoa is a genus of cacti from the dry coastal deserts, particularly the Atacama Desert, of northern Chile. It comprises about 26 species. These species vary in form from spherical to slightly columnar and in color from a brownish to blue-green body.

Copiapoa is a favorite genus among many cactus growers. While not known for any particular characteristic, such as the large flowers of Echinopsis, the species in Copiapoa exhibit a wide degree of “variation on a theme”. In common with each other, Copiapoa species are globose or globose-cylindrical plants that have well-defined ribs and a woolly apex which gives rise to nearly all yellow flowers. These flowers are funnel shaped, mostly between 1 and 2 inches in diameter, and are quite similar from one plant to the next.

In contrast, the spines may be long and fierce or mostly absent. The roots may be fibrous or huge tubers that are larger than the portions above ground. Some plants are small individuals many form clumps, some imposing mounds of several feet across with hundreds of stems. Coloration is also a variable even within the same species from glaucous blue-green, to deep green to brown. In this way, it is easy to identify a given plant as one belonging in the genus Copiapoa, but it is conversely difficult to then decide to which species it belongs.

As previously stated, Copiapoa is widely popular in cultivation. In the wild the genus is restricted to Northern Chile. There they are found primarily in the Atacama desert where annual rainfall is barely measurable. The plants in habitat get their moisture from coastal fogs. Images from this habitat often reveal vast barren areas where Copiapoa plants or clumps march across the void along with almost no other vegetation. Despite the extreme and specific conditions in habitat, Copiapoa as a whole are surprisingly easy in cultivation. From seed sowing to the care of mature plants, this genus is very forgiving. While staying manageable in size, Copiapoa in cultivation will flower from a young age and reliably so each following year.

Monthly Cactus: Copiapoa



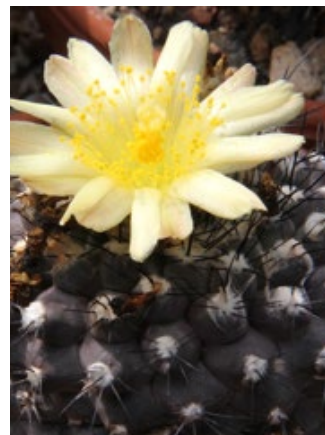
Copiapoa cinerea



Copiapoa cinerea



Copiapoa humilis



Copiapoa hypogaea



Copiapoa humilis
subsp. *tenuissima*



By Tom Glavich

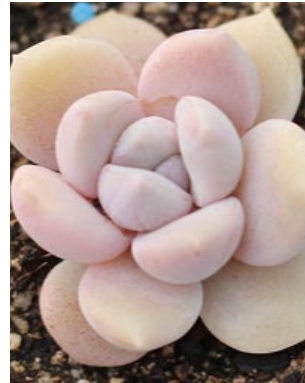
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Monthly Succulent: Graptopetalum

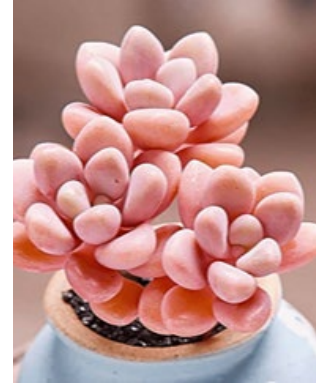
NOTE: The mini-show has a policy of only allowing one plant per pot. However the rule will be relaxed for this month's succulents. Graptopetalum, Graptoveria, and Pachyveria have the ability to grow new plants from leaves that drop in the pot. In addition they have the ability to root when a stem leans and touches the soil surface. These habits make it hard to define what is a single plant.

Graptopetalum is a small genus of the family Crassulaceae. They are perennial succulent plants and native to Mexico and Arizona. Their leaves vary in color from silver-gray to pink to waxy green and are often speckled. They all have thick leaves forming rosettes with star-shaped flowers from white to pink on long stems. All require lots of sunlight to look their best. They are similar looking to Echeverias, although they are generally considered closer to Sedums.

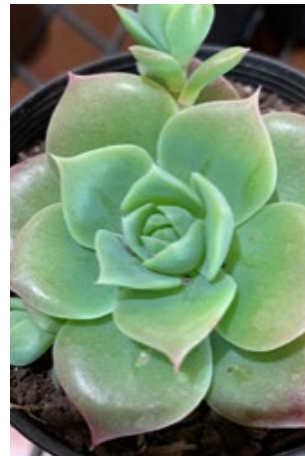
Monthly Succulent: Graptopetalum



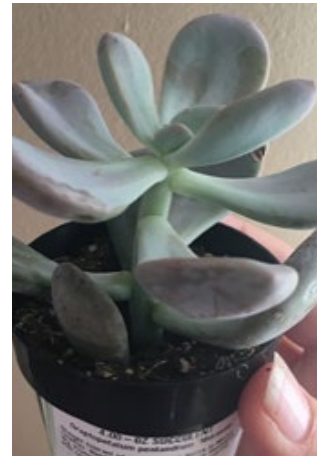
Graptopetalum amethystinum



Graptopetalum 'Ellen'



Graptopetalum macdougallii



Graptopetalum 'Murasaki'



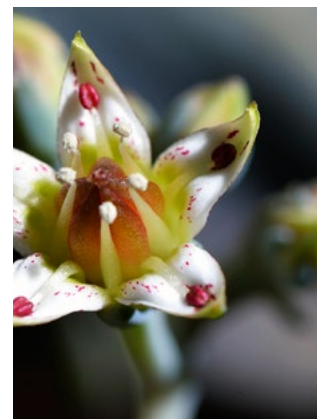
Graptopetalum paraguayense
'Ghost Plant'



Graptopetalum saxifragoides



Graptopetalum pachyphyllum



Graptopetalum paraguayense



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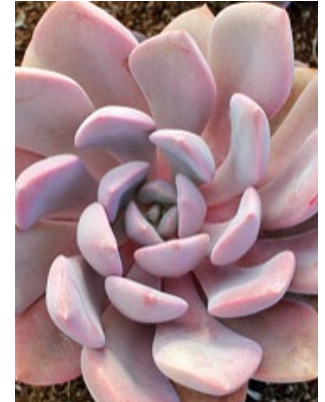
Monthly Succulent: Graptoveria

Graptoveria is a hybrid cross that originated from a combination of Echeveria and Graptopetalum succulent plants. Most exhibit a compact rosette 6 to 8 inches across. Some, such as 'Moonglow,' may reach 10 inches in width. Offsets develop readily, tightly filling out your display. Graptoveria maintains vivid colors when they are somewhat stressed, usually from limited watering or cool temperatures. The frosty pink cultivar 'Debbi' becomes a deeper pink and even more frosty when growing in a sunny spot while water is withheld.

Monthly Succulent: Graptoveria



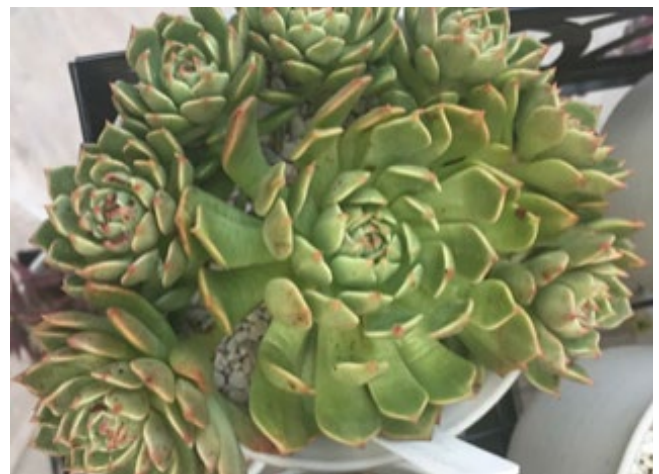
x Graptoveria 'Bashful'



x Graptoveria 'Debbie'



x Graptoveria 'Fred Ives'



x Graptoveria 'Olivia'



x Graptoveria 'Moonglow'



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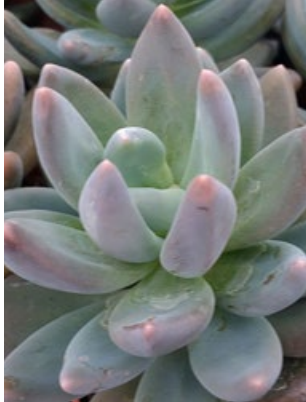
Monthly Succulent: Pachyveria

Pachyveria is a hybrid cross between *Pachyphytum* and *Echeveria*. There are many varieties available, but most grow two to six inches tall and wide. The thick, chubby leaves are produced in colorful rosettes. These tough plants just need full sun and well-drained soil that is allowed to dry out completely between watering.

Monthly Succulent: *Pachyveria*



x *Pachyveria* 'Glauca'
(Little Jewel)



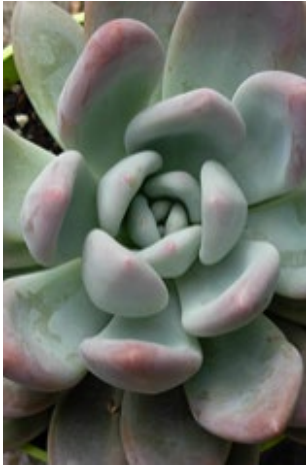
x *Pachyveria* 'Draco'



x *Pachyveria* 'Opalina'



x *Pachyveria* 'Powder Puff' (= 'Exotica')



x *Pachyveria* 'Scheidecken'



By Tom Glavich

Latin Lookup

Loquerisne Latine (Do you speak Latin)?
The meanings of latin plant names on the previous pages
– from <http://davesgarden.com/guides/botanary/>

Cactus

cinerea [sin-EER-ee-uh] Ash-colored.

Copiapo [koh-pee-uh-POH-uh] Of or from Copiapo (Chile).

humilis [HEW-mil-is, HUM-il-is] Lowest, dwarf, small, slight.

hypogaea [hy-poh-JEE-uh] Under earth.

tenuissima [ten-yoo-ISS-ee-muh] Most slender.

Succulent

amethystinum [am-eth-ee-STEE-num] Colour of amethyst.

Graptopetalum [grap-toh-PET-al-um] From the Greek graptos (painted, marked) and petalon (petal); the petals are variegated.

macdougallii [mak-doo-GALL-ee-eye] Named for Tom MacDougall, who discovered the species in the mid-20th century.

pachyphyllum [pak-ee-FIL-um] Having thick or fat leaves.

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SCSS Mini-Show Standings

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Novice Class	Cactus	Succulents	Total	Intermediate Class	Cactus	Succulents	Total	Open Class	Cactus	Succulents	Total
Aburto, Carlos	0	11	11	Caplan, Anita	2	21	23	Capaldo, Maria	27	50	77
Bjarkman, M.A.	7	6	13	Johnson, Bernard	37	26	63	DeCrescenzo, Phyllis	48	44	92
Bjerke, Martha	11	35	46	Johnson, Jackie	22	46	68	Duke, Gary	21	12	33
Cottrell, Diane	0	3	3	Lott, Lemono	1	19	20	Fasteau, Sally	9	5	14
Darmali, Vincent	12	9	21	Short, Mike	9	30	39	Gardner, Jim	20	35	55
Diaz, Gloria	2	4	6	Straub, Terri	46	28	74	Hanna, Jim	0	15	15
Dorsey, Martin	0	12	12					Woodley, Laurel	6	7	13
Galliani, Debra	10	1	11								
Marek, Robert	2	0	2								
Mena, Braulio	2	18	20								
Mullen, Shane	9	9	18								
Nisewaner, John	0	23	23								
Smiley, Barbara	0	2	2								
Tillotson, Joseph	0	1	1								
Unrine, Judy	0	1	1								

Mini-Show Rules

Exhibitors must be club members and must be present at the meeting in order to receive points. One name representing the same household must be used unless plants are grown separately. Mini-show coordinator will be consulted if there is any question of entry identity.

Any container may be used, including plastic, as long as it is clean. All plants must be groomed and free of pests and disease.

There are two plant categories, "Cactus" and "Succulents". Up to three plants per individual may be entered in each category.

There are three entry classes: "Novice", "Intermediate" and "Open". Only members new to the hobby would be expected to be in the novice class. After the November meeting, members' point totals will be reviewed by the Board of the Society. Novice members awarded

more than 64 points or winning at least 6 first place awards will be asked to move to the Intermediate class in both categories. Intermediate Members awarded more than 64 points or winning at least 6 first place awards, will be asked to begin showing in the Open class.

All plants must be grown by the exhibitor for a minimum of six months for novice and intermediate and one year for open class. An individual plant may be entered only once a year.

Scoring:

First Place: 6 points
Second place: 4 points
Third place: 2 points

Placement: all entries that are not disqualified receive one point





Mini-Show Plant Calendar



Mini-Show Plants for 2023-2024

October 2023	Copiapoa	Graptopetalum, Graptoveria, Pachyveria
November 2023	Crested and Monstrose	Crested and Monstrose
December 2023	HOLIDAY POTLUCK	HOLIDAY POTLUCK
January 2024	Mammillaria - Hooked Spines	Caudiciform (Beaucarnia, Calibanus, Dioscorea, Fockea, etc.)
February 2024	Coryphantha, Escobaria, Acharagma, Cochemiea, Sclerocactus	Gasteria and hybrids
March 2024	Echinocereus	Dudleya, Cotyledon
April 2024	SHOW & SALE	SHOW & SALE
May 2024	Eriosyce, Neoporteria, Neochilenia, Islaya	Crassula
June 2024	Gymnocalycium	Pachypodium
July 2024	Ferocactus, Leuchtenbergia	Kalanchoe
August 2024	Lobivia, Echinopsis	Stapeliads (Stapelia, Huernia, Orbea, etc.)
September 2024	Discocactus, Uebelmania	Sansevieria, Dracaena

OCTOBER

2023 Bulletin board



News Flash

We received this email from a nonmember. If you are interested, contact the number or email below.

“After almost 35 years I find myself in need of selling my collection of Cactus, Succulents, Caudiforms and Cycads. Quite a few are very nice specimens. If any members are interested I would be happy to set up a time to meet with them. I am located in Tustin. Feel free to post it to your members”

My cell is 714-342-8537
Marty Kendrick
MJKKENDRICK@YAHOO

Upcoming Events

[Click here for Full List](#)



South Coast C&SS monthly meeting
October 8, 2023 @ 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm PDT

South Coast Botanic Garden,
Frances Young Hall
26300 Crenshaw Blvd.,
Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA,

PRESENTER FOR OCTOBER:

Jim Gardner

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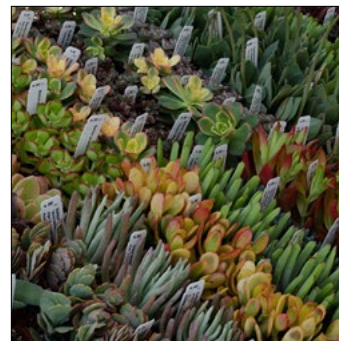


Conejo C&SS – Fall Sale 2023
Oct. 10th 2023, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
558 North Ventu Park Road,
Thousand Oaks, CA, 91320
SE corner of Ventu & Hillcrest

Vendors will be offering: Cactus,
Succulents, Bromeliads & Plumerias
Along with Pottery and Jewelry

For more information:

Facebook: Conejo Cactus & Succulent
Society Web: ConejoCSS.com
Email: ConejoCSS@hotmail.com



Huntington Fall Plant Sale 2023
November 3 @ 10:00 am thru
November 5 @ 5:00 pm PDT

Huntington Botanical Gardens
1150 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA,

Reservations Required
Sat-Sun NOV 3-5 | 10am -5pm
Info. Reservations- <https://huntington.org>
Sale call 626-405-3571
Huntington Botanical Gardens,
1151 Oxford Rd., San Marino, CA 91108

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