

Prickly News

South Coast Cactus & Succulent Society Newsletter - July 2013

GENERAL MEETING

Sunday, July 14, 2013, 1:30 pm

We will meet in the Hall

Yards & Gardens - Presented by Hank Warzybok

Our speaker this month will be our own Hank Warzybok. Hank has been a fan of cactus and succulents since he retired in 1995. He is the past president of the Long Beach club. He is also a member of the San Gabriel and Orange Coast clubs as well as our South Bay and Saddleback Valley Bromeliad clubs. Hank particularly likes Aloes and Euphorbias due to their indestructible nature. He has hosted a yard tour for the Orange County club as well as the Gates club. He has no lawn.

He recently fell off his ladder when trimming a large cactus and into his cacti collection requiring a trip to the emergency room and a stay in the hospital. We now say that anyone who has a similar mishap with their collection as having done a "Hank Warzybok".

His presentation will feature a tour of "Yards and Gardens," which gathers ideas that you may want to try in your own yard.

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President's Message July 2013

Here we are at the start of another Fiscal Year (FY). I still look forward to the future with optimism, but no major tasks on my agenda. Perhaps with two new at-large Board members, Mike Short and Bob Caplan, some new ideas will emerge. However, I encourage all members to send their ideas to any Board member or me. I promise to discuss them with you and that can best be done using the telephone. Call me. I'm free most evenings.

Last month I attended the final briefing of the Oasis Group on the Twenty-five Year Plan for the South Coast Botanic Garden. In my opinion, the proposed changes are not revolutionary, but in keeping with its modest mission to serve the community by providing a unique horticultural and wildlife habitat experience, and to represent a model of excellence for land reclamation and sustainability. Bottom line: The Garden could use a "sugar daddy or mommy" to donate \$10M.

The Board decided to add another class to our Mini-shows, starting next January and is currently revising the rules. As I look at the point totals in the Newsletter, I wish I saw a longer list of members with points. But I also understand that not everyone has plants in the genera categories for each month (myself included). BTW: The rules as published in the Newsletter are the abbreviated version. The full set of rules are in our Operational Procedures that can be found on the Club's website along with the Bylaws.

Dale La Forest

REFRESHMENTS FOR JULY

Volunteers for July refreshments are:

**Melinda Hines, Nancy Jengo,
Maria Jenkins, and Bill Kelly**

The June snacks were provided by:

**Maria Capaldo, Carol Causey,
Phyllis DeCrescenzo, Gary Duke, Dale La Forest,
Barbara Stengel, and Laurel Woodley.**



Many thanks!

Carol Causey



**Southcoast Cactus and Succulent Society
Mini Show Final Results
As of June 9, 2013**

Novice Class	Cactus	Succulents	Open Class	Cactus	Succulents
Bjerke		2	Capaldo	15	14
Caplan	7	6	Causey	8	6
DeCrescenzo	20	12	Duke	54	34
Dunn		1	Gardner	2	30
Hines	4	7	Hanna		10
Jengo		1	Kohlschreiber	2	
Jenkins	2	1	La Forest	5	8
Bernard Johnson		4	Williams	3	
Jackie Johnson	14	11	Woodley	2	12
Kelly	2	1			
Knight		15			
Neely	39	23			
Shearer		1			
Tanner	6	13			
Unrine	3	4			
Veits	4	4			

**June Mini Show
FIRST PLACE
WINNERS**

CACTUS

OPEN

Gary Duke
Parodia schlosseri

NOVICE

Jade Neely
Notocactus schlosseri

SUCCULENT

OPEN

Gary Duke
Pachypodium namaquanum bispinosum

NOVICE

Phyllis DeCrescenzo
Pachypodium lealii
ssp saundersii

2013 PLANTS OF THE MONTH (POM)

	CACTI	SUCCULENTS
January	Mammillaria - Hooked Spines	Kalanchoe
February	Variegated Cacti	Euphorbia with Caudex
March	Crested / Monstrose	Gasteria
April	PLANT SHOW AND SALE	
May	Turbinicarpus / Leuchtenbergia	Tylecodon
June	Parodia / Notocactus	Pachypodium
July	Lobivia/ Echinopsis/ Trichocereus	Senecio
August	Astrophytum	Variegated (All)
September	Opuntia - Flat Pad Varieties	Adenium
October	Cereus / Columnar Cactus	Sedum
November	Discocactus / Melocactus	Lithops
December	HOLIDAY PARTY	



Notocactus rutilans

PLANT OF THE MONTH RULES – revised January 2010

Up to 3 plants may be entered in each of the two categories: Cactus and Succulent

Entries may be in either the Novice or Open Class

Novice entries must have been held by the owner for at least 3 months. Only plant condition will be judged, not the pot or other enhancements.

Open entries must have been held for at least 1 year. All aspects of the entry will be judged, including plant condition, and pot.

JUDGING

Entrants will receive 6 points for first place, 4 points for second place, 2 points for third place and 1 point for showing a plant that is not disqualified. The judge may award one 1st place and up to two 2nd and two 3rd places in each category. If plants are not deemed to be of sufficient quality, no place will be awarded.

At the discretion of the judge and/or Mini-show Chair, a plant may be disqualified or removed due to disease or infestation or because it is not the correct genera.

Senecio Succulent of the Month - June 2013

Senecio is a genus of the daisy family (Asteraceae) that includes ragworts and groundsels. The flower heads are normally rayed, completely yellow, and the heads are borne in branched clusters. Senecio is one of the largest genera of flowering plants, and despite the separation of many species into other genera it still contains c. 1250 species of varied form, including leaf, stem and tuber succulents, annuals, perennials, aquatics, climbers, shrubs and small trees. Some species produce natural biocides (especially alkaloids) to deter or even kill animals that would eat them.

Senecio includes species from all over the world. A large number of these species are common perennial or annual weeds, but some are succulent and caudiciforms from tropical and subtropical areas. A number of succulent relatives have now been moved to the genus Kleinia.

The flowers of Senecio are arranged in clusters at the top of the plants, they vary in color from white and yellow, to red and purple.

Most succulent species tolerate no frost.

The name means "old man".



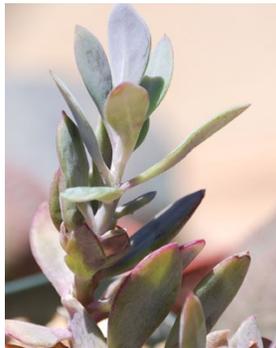
Senecio scaposus,



Senecio rowleyanus



Senecio vitalis



Senecio sempervivus



Senecio tropaeifolius



Senecio haworthii,



S. medley-woodii



Senecio jacobsenii

All the photos on this page are from <http://www.succulents.us/senecios.html> I discovered the site while looking for senecio photos. It is a nursery near San Diego. Take a look at the "Visit My Garden" pages for inspiration.

Melinda Hines, Editor

Echinopsis, Lobivia, & Trichocereus Cactus of the Month - July 2013

Like several other taxonomic changes in Cactaceae, this one has not been universally accepted. Amateur and professional growers still use names like Echinopsis (in the older sense), Lobivia, and Trichocereus, although many of the others fell out of common usage long before the change.



Echinopsis pachanoi

Echinopsis species are native to South America (Argentina, Chile, Bolivia, Peru, Brazil, Ecuador, Paraguay and Uruguay). They grow only in situations where the soil is sandy or gravelly, or on the sides of hills in the crevices of rocks.

Lobivia is an anagram of Bolivia from where many of this

genus species originate. Lobivia is now included in Echinopsis.

Echinopsis is a large genus of cacti, sometimes known as hedgehog cactus, sea-urchin cactus or Easter lily cactus. One small species, *E. chamaecereus*, is known as the peanut cactus. The 128 species range from large and treelike types to small globose cacti. The name derives from echinos hedgehog or sea urchin, and opsis appearance, a reference to these plants' dense coverings of spines.

Echinopsis is distinguished from Echinocactus by the length of the flower tube, from Cereus by the form and size of their stems, and from both in the position on the stem occupied by the flowers. They are remarkable for the great size, length of tube, and beauty of their flowers, which, borne upon generally small and dumpy stems, appear much larger and more attractive than would be expected.

The growing and resting seasons for Echinopsis are the same as for Echinocactus. Research by J. Smith (former Curator at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew) showed that species like the Chilean *Echinopsis cristata* and its Mexican relatives thrive if potted in light loam, with a little leaf mould and a few nodules of limestone. The limestone keeps the soil open; it is important that the soil should be well drained. In winter, water must be given very sparingly, and the atmosphere should be dry; the

temperature need not exceed 10°C during the night, and in very cold weather it may be allowed to fall to 5°C, provided a higher temperature of 14°C is maintained during the day. In spring, the plants should receive the full influence of the increasing warmth of the sun; and during hot weather, they will be benefited by frequent spraying overhead, which should be done in the evening. The soil should never be saturated, as the soft fibrous roots will rot if kept wet for any length of time.

None of the species need to be grafted to grow freely and remain healthy, as the stems are all robust enough and of sufficient size to take care of themselves. The only danger is in keeping the plants too moist in winter, for although a little water now and again keeps the stems fresh and green, it deprives them of that rest which is essential to the development of their large, beautiful flowers in summer.



Echinopsis tubiflora



Lobivia Famatimensis

More Echinopsis, Lobivia, & Trichocereus Photos on Next Page

The POM articles and photos (except as noted for Senecio) were researched and provided by Jim Tanner.



Lobivia draxleriana



Trichocereus smrzianus



Trichocereus camarguensis

CSSA CONVENTION REPORT

By Dale La Forest

I attended my first CSSA Convention in Austin, TX. The convention delivered all our club motto promises; to “Learn Facts, Make Friends, and Have Fun!”. I attended all 29 one-hour lectures over a four-day period - and one day was devoted to a tour. I didn’t fall asleep once, although I confess to nodding during one - I won’t say which. One in particular was “Growing Prickly Pears on the Moon” by Gerturd Konings was out of this world. Yes, that’s right ‘on the moon’, no typo. I’ll bring a couple of program pamphlets that will list all the speakers and their programs. I’d be happy to tell you what I remember about them, but not here in this report. I attended an evening Sansevieria discussion group; and was surprised and excited to be in luck to get a *Sansevieria* ‘Malawi Bat’ as a door prize. Bat refers to the fact that the leaf resembles (by a large stretch of the imagination) a base ball bat, not the flying marsupial. <G> I was surprised at the number of members attending from overseas among the approximately 300 who attended. One young woman from Scotland surprised me with a small bottle of Blended Scotch whisky that I will enjoy in solitude some day after a stressful meeting. We shared an interest in *Sansevierias* and I must find a way to repay the gift. There were of course many vendors, but I resisted buying plants, since the CSSA show & sale will be coming up later this month. I went on a tour to Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, operated by the University of Texas. I forgot how many acres, but think it’s over a thousand with a smaller developed area. Clearly it is well endowed. You can visit their website to learn more. I did manage to find a *tillandsia recurvata* lying on the ground and the gardener gave me a cutting from a *Jatropha dioica* that I will try hard to grow. Dioicous in this case means two-sexed. I won’t know which this is until it flowers.

I return much more appreciative of the CSSA; and re-energized with many ideas and directions to suggest to you all.

**WELCOME
to our
New Members**

May 2013

Cheri Highwart
Shirley Kline
Susan Schultz
Barbara Stenel
Jim Wood

**CACTUS AND SUCCULENT
CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2013** *(updated 6/2/2013)*

- JUNE 28-30** **CSSA ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE –HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS**
1151 OXFORD ROAD, SAN MARINO, CA.
626-405-2160 or 2277 **PLANTS SALES START JUNE 28TH THRU JUNE 30TH**
THE SHOW OPENS ON THE JUNE 29TH THRU JUNE 30TH FREE TO THE PUBLIC
- JULY 26-28** **ORANGE COUNTY CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SUMMER SHOW AND SALE**
FRI. JULY 26TH 9am-5pm, SAT JULY 27TH 9am-5pm, SUN 28TH 12-4pm
1000 S. State College Bl., (Anaheim United Methodist Church) Anaheim, CA
INFORMATION CALL 949-212-8417
- AUG. 17 & 18** **28th ANNUAL INTERCITY SHOW AND SALE AT THE LA COUNTY ARBORETUM,**
9am-5pm daily. 301 NO. BALDWIN AVE., ARCADIA, CA
INFO. CALL TOM GLAVICH 626-798-2430 or JOHN MATTHEWS 661-297-5364
- AUG 31** **HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS SUCCULENT SYMPOSIUM**
ALL DAY AT THE HUNTINGTON
- SEPT. 29** **LONG BEACH CACTUS CLUB ANNUAL PLANT AUCTION**
RANCHO LOS ALAMITOS, 6400 BIXBY HILL ROAD, LONG BEACH, CA 90615
INFO: 310-922-6090
- NOV. 2 & 3** **SAN GABRIEL CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY 9am-4pm both days**
SHOW AND SALE---LA COUNTY ARBORETUM ADDRESS ABOVE.



Photo by Laurel Woodley

2014 FY Officer Installation - left to right:
Dale La Forest, Maria Capaldo, Philip Johnston Ross, Judy Unrine, Bernard Johnson



Celebrate!
Independence
Day!



Board of Directors for FY2014:

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At Large Member	Mike Short	Liaison, CSSA	Laurel Woodley
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