



# Prickly News

South Coast Cactus & Succulent Society Newsletter - March 2014

## GENERAL MEETING

**Sunday - March 9 , 1:30 pm**

We will meet in the Hall

Presentation by Wendell S. (Woody) Minnich  
"The Great American Southwest"



## President's Message

Thank you for agreeing to the increase in dues. Even with the increase I think membership in the society is an incredible bargain. We will start accepting renewal dues in May for the 2014-2015 fiscal year and hope to complete the process at the June meeting. The renewal form will be in the

May and June Newsletter for members who don't plan on attending meetings.

Preparations for the April Show & Sale are well underway. If you have a friend who you think would enjoy our Society, invite them to join at our show. The Board decided to allow people who join our Society then the months of May and June free, but they will join at the new rates.

If you received advertising postcards for the Show & Sale, you probably should finish distributing them by the end of this month. And don't forget, word-of-mouth is probably the best advertising, so commit to memory the show dates and times and don't forget the SCBG charges entry fees for non-foundation attendees.

If you plan to volunteer at the show, be sure to read the guidance Jim Gardner has distributed. Ask questions if you aren't sure what to do. If you are an Officer or Committee Chair PLEASE review the Operational Procedures. They contain a lot more detailed guidance.

It's hard to believe only four months are left in this fiscal year and with April devoted to the show, only three meetings to our June elections. So I will be asking for a couple of volunteers to form a Nominating Committee at the March meeting.

Dale La Forest  
President

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South Coast Cactus & Succulent Society  
42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Show & Sale

- Beautiful displays
- Expert advice
- 1000s of plants for sale

April 12 – 13, 2014  
9 AM to 4 PM  
South Coast Botanic Garden  
26300 Crenshaw Blvd.  
Palos Verdes Peninsula

Entry free with paid admission to garden: adult \$9; senior/student \$6; child 5-12 \$3; under 5 free.

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## REFRESHMENTS FOR FEBRUARY

The February snacks were provided by:

Marie Bowers	David Okihara
Bob & Anita Caplan	Irene Rich
Snow Dunn	Danny Westall
Carol Knight	Laurel Woodley

Volunteers for March refreshments are:

Roselyn Arbuckle	Jim Gardner
Maria Capaldo	Carmen Shearer
Rosalie P. Flores	

If you would like bring something to our next meeting, please feel free to do so – thanks!

**Kitchen Volunteers** – Please see Carol Causey after the meeting if you would like to help with kitchen cleanup.

**South Coast Cactus and Succulent Society  
MINI SHOW FINAL RESULTS - (as of February 9, 2014)**

Novice Class	Cactus	Succulents	Intermediate Class	Cactus	Succulents	Open Class	Cactus	Succulents
Jengo	1	1	Caplan	5	5	Capaldo	15	6
B. Johnson	8		De Cresenzo	12	4	Duke	16	3
B. Kelly	15	1	J. Johnson	12	3	Gardner		12
Shearer	5	2	C. Knight		8	Hanna		17
Tanner		17	Neely	20	9	La Forest	4	3
G. Unrine	2							
J. Unrine	5							
Wood	8	1						



**February  
Mini Show**

**FIRST PLACE  
WINNERS**

**CACTUS**

**Open Class**  
Maria Capaldo

*rebutia species*

**Intermediate Class**

Jade Neely

*rebutia albipilosa*

**Novice Class**

Bill Kelly

*rebutia miniscula*

**SUCCULENT**

**Open Class**

Jim Gardner

*sansevieria  
kirkii pulchra*

**Intermediate Class**

Carol Knight

*sansevieria  
golden flame*

**Novice Class**

Jim Tanner

*sansevieria mutomo*

**2013-2014 PLANTS OF THE MONTH (POM)**

	Cactus	Succulents
January	Mammillaria straight spines	Adenia, Cissus and Cyphostemma
February	Rebutia	Sansevieria
<b>March</b>	<b>Gymnocalycium</b>	<b>Crassula</b>
April	PLANT SHOW AND SALE	
May	Stenocactus	Gasteria
June	Crests / Montrose	Echeveria
July	Ferocactus	Agave / Yucca
August	Coryphantha	Mesembs
September	Ariocarpus	Haworthia
October	Cactus dish gardens	Succulent dish gardens
November	Eriosyce	Winter Bulbs
December	HOLIDAY PARTY	

**MINI-SHOW RULES**

Exhibitors must be club members in good standing 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 December meeting, members' point total will be reviewed by the Programs Committee Chair and Mini-show Coordinator. 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. Members will not be allowed to regress to a lower level.

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

## Preparations for the 2014 Cactus & Succulent Show & Sale

Our February 9 meeting at which I attempted to assign all the jobs in our upcoming show and sale in April went very well. Probably 95% of the positions are assigned. As you can see, almost all of the jobs at the show and sale have been filled. Please read over the copy of the assignment work sheet to be sure that I have not made errors, and to see where you could volunteer for one of the few remaining vacancies. If you find an error, please let me know by phone or email. Thank you.

Jim Gardner.

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TASK/COORDINATOR	PARTICIPANT	CONTACT #	COMMENTS
<b>Friday Setup</b>	1 Jim Gardner		Mike Short
	2 Dale LaForest		Sally Fasteau
	3 Gary Duke		
	4 Jim Hanna		
	5 Laurel Woodley David Highwart		
<b>Sales</b>			
<b>Cashiers</b>			
Saturday AM	1 Conni Nettles		
	2 Carol Knight		
	3 Maria Jenkins (?)		
	4 <b>OPEN</b>		
Saturday PM			
	1 Carol Knight		
	2 Nancy Jengo		
	3 Jade Neely		
Sunday AM			
	1 Nancy Jengo		
	2 Carol Knight		
Sunday PM			
	1 Robert DeCrescenzo		
	2 Jade Neely		
<b>Credit Cards Coordinator</b>	Bernard Johnson		
Saturday AM	Nancy Jengo		
Saturday PM	Mike Short		
Sunday AM	<b>OPEN</b>		
Sunday PM	Mike Short		
<b>Line Control</b>			
Saturday AM	Maria Capaldo		

<b>Tag Pullers</b>			
Saturday AM	1 Hank Warzebok		
	2 Bob Mosher		
	3 Stella Castaneda		
	4 Ana McKenzie		
	5 Mike Short		
	6 OPEN		
Saturday PM	1 Betty Saunders		
	2 Ana McKenzie		
	3 Rose Arbuckle		
Sunday AM	1 Anita Caplan		
	2 Bob Caplan		
	3 Jim Wood		
Sunday PM	1 Hank Warzebok		
	2 Phyllis DeCrescenzo		
<b>Public Sales</b>			
Vendors	Jim Hanna		
Table Fees	Jim Hanna		
Tags/sales/holding	Jim Hanna		
<b>Publicity</b>			
Multimedia	Anita Caplan		
Flyers	Dale LaForest		
Marquee	Jim Gardner		
<b>Photography</b>	Laurel Woodley		
<b>Hospitality/Membership</b>			
Coordinator	Sally Fasteau		
Saturday AM	Bob Lewis		
Saturday PM	Bob Lewis		
Sunday AM	Bob Lewis		
Sunday PM	Bob Lewis		
<b>Member Badges</b>	Sally Fasteau		
<b>Greeter</b>			
Saturday AM	Bob & Anita Caplan		
Saturday PM	Bob & Anita Caplan		
<b>Signage</b>	Ana Mackenzie		
<b>Decorations</b>			
Display Window	1 Jim Gardner		
	2 Lu Hageimer		
<b>Club Table</b>	Lupe Hulett (?)		

<b>Rover</b>			
Saturday AM	Gary Duke		
Saturday PM	Gary Duke		
Sunday AM	Gary duke		
Sunday PM	Gary Duke		
<b>Kitchen</b>			
<b>Coordinator</b>	Carol Causey		Will recruit workers
Breakfast Saturday	Danny Westfall & Carmen Shearer		
Lunch Saturday	Carmen Shearer		
Breakfast Sunday	OPEN		
Lunch Sunday	OPEN		
Purchase meat?	Dale LaForest		
Purchase chicken	Bob Lewis		
<b>Sunday Cleanup</b>	1 Jim Gardner		
	2 David Okihara		Kitchen
	3 Jim Wood		
	4 Sally Fasteau		
	5 Ana McKenzie		
	6 David Highwart		
	7 Laurel Woodley		
<b>Show Table Exhibitor</b>	1 Jim Gardner		
	2 Robert DeCrescenzo		
	3 Hank Warzebok		
	4 Dale LaForest		
	5 Jim Hanna		
	6 Capaldo/Johnson		
	7 Laurel Woodley		
	8		
	9		
	10		
	11		
	12		
	13		
	14		
	15		
<b>Tag Security</b>			
Saturday	OPEN		
Sunday	Bernard Johnson		

## CACTUS OF THE MONTH – GYMNOCALYCIUM

Gymnocalycium are among the most popular of cacti, from the novice through the advanced grower. They are easy to grow; flower readily; come in a large number of distinguishable species; look great in flower, in bud, and even when dormant. A well grown plant will often flower several times during the year.

Gymnocalycium is an old genus, first named in 1845. The genus is named for the naked (spineless) calyx (the outermost covering of the bud and lower flower). Most Gymnocalycium are also readily identified by their 'chins' beneath the areoles.

The heart of the genus Gymnocalycium is Argentina, although the genus stretches into Southeastern Bolivia, Western Paraguay, Uruguay, and into the Southernmost part of Brazil. For the most part Gymnocalycium are grassland plants, growing and shaded in the grass of the Pampa and Chaco (dry forest) that covers much of Argentina. As a result, most like some protection from full afternoon sun, but need bright light during the day.

Gymnocalycium cultivation is easy. They need a dry rest during the winter; they can take Southern California climate without winter heat, as long as they are dry. They should be fed regularly with a weak general purpose fertilizer when growing. They are tolerant of any well drained soil, but constant wet will cause the roots to rot. Fortunately, they are easy to re-root, with roots generally re-growing in a just few months.

Gymnocalycium are easy to grow from seed, started in a well drained, damp potting mix in a plastic bag covered pot. Germination is fairly rapid, but growth during the first year is slow compared to most Mammillaria and many other genera. Vegetative propagation is also easy. Offsets from clumps can be removed, left to dry for a few days and potted. They generally root within a few weeks.

All the species and all the varieties and forms of Gymnocalycium are worth growing.

Tom Glavich

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS for FY2013-2014

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Show & Sale Chair

Programs Committee Chair

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CSSA

#### At Large Members

**Dale La Forest**

**Maria Capaldo**

**Bernard Johnson**

**Philip Johnston Ross**

**Judy Unrine**

**Jim Gardner**

**Gary Duke**

**Jim Hanna**

**Anita Caplan**

**Sally Fasteau**

**Lynda Johnson**

**Laurel Woodley**

**Mike Short**

**Bob Caplan**



*gymnocalycium fisheri*



*gymnocalycium anisitsii*



*gymnocalycium baldianum*



*gymnocalycium nova*



*gymnocalycium mihanovichii*



*gymnocalycium horstii*

## SUCCULENTS OF THE MONTH – CRASSULA

Crassula is the largest genus in the family, containing everything from bog plants to some of the most extreme succulents. Many Crassula species have been naturalized and are commonly seen as garden plants in Southern California. These include *C. arborescens*, *C. falcata*, *C. perforata*. Many hybrids and cultivars are available, offering a large variety of colors and shapes. One of the best is Morgan's Beauty. Some favorite species include: *Crassula arta* which makes columns of close packed triangular leaves. As the stem lengthen with age, cuttings can be taken and the plant restarted. *Crassula lycopodioides* is a wonderful plant for hanging baskets. Its thin green strands of tiny leaves offset from roots and the base to fill a good size pot. *Crassula pyramidalis* forms mats of short four sided stems.

Many Crassulas border on being weedy. They get lanky after a year or two, and the bottom leaves either fall off or turn brown. Cuttings of these plants should be taken (they almost always root), and the plants restarted either in the early fall (October is best) or early spring (late February to April). Great things can be done in a small space with this genus.

Tom Glavich



*crassula ovata*



*crassula lactea*



*crassula arborescens*



*crassula capitella*



*crassula marnieriana*



*crassula falcata*



*crassula muscosa*



*crassula ovata* flower



Wendell S. (Woody) Minnich 2013

Woody, as he is commonly called, has been in the cactus hobby for some 45 years and has become well known for his participation in many of the cactus and succulent clubs. He is an honorary life member of nine clubs as well as a life member of CSSA (Cactus & Succulent Society of America.) He has served in almost all positions of leadership from president, to newsletter editor, to show chairman and so on. He is also known for his extensive field work studying primarily the cactus family. He has traveled throughout Africa, Argentina, Australia, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Madagascar, Mexico, Namibia, New Zealand, Peru, Socotra, the United States and Yemen. From these trips he has developed an extensive knowledge of the cactus family as well as many of the other succulent genera.

Woody is also known for his many presentations. His photography is considered to be special and his commentary very entertaining and educational. He is a recognized international speaker and has spoken for plant conventions - organizations all over the USA, as well as in England, Germany, Australia, New Zealand, Argentina and Mexico. Woody has also authored a number of articles for various newsletters, the CSSA journal and his photographs are well published. Woody is the creator-originator of the first color version of the CSSA journal "Cacti and Succulents for the Amateur" that also featured show plants, shows and the growers of the pictured plants.

He is also known for his cactus and succulent nursery, Cactus Data Plants. CDP was started in 1975 and is still in operation today. Cactus Data Plants specializes in show specimens and rare cacti and other succulents with particular emphasis in *Ariocarpus*, *Astrophytum*, *Mammillaria*, *Gymnocalycium*, *Turbincarpus*, *Melocactus*, *Copiapoa*, *Fouquieria*, *Pachypodium*, *Euphorbia*, *Cyphostemma*, *Adenium* and *Adenia*.

Woody and his wife Kathy now live in the beautiful mountains south of Santa Fe New Mexico in a region called Cedar Grove. He has a small 1,200 sq. ft. greenhouse where he grows his unique plants. He is always on the move and travels frequently to do presentations and shows throughout the western United States. Woody is the proud parent of three children, Leah, Denver and Sarah, all of whom are now grown and out in the big world. Woody is also the proud grandparent of three grandsons, Indiana, Ashton and Logan. He is a retired high school teacher of 32 years and he taught Graphic Arts, Architecture, Art and Health.





## The Great American Southwest

No where in the world is there a more dynamic and picturesque region than that of the American southwest. This romantic and historical part of the USA is marked with drama from its indigenous peoples and landscapes, to its grandest plants and creatures. For the purpose of this title we are including the seven most cactus and succulent rich states; Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas and Utah.

In these seven states there is a wealth of endemic plants and animals. Along with these plants and animals, one will often encounter some amazing and beautiful scenery. Due to the fact that many of our cacti and succulents are found in these unique environments, their special characteristics are frequently developed for adaptation and survival in these harsh places. The geology in this general region is very often tortured and dramatic, and thus the plants, animals and scenery are frequently nothing short of breath taking!

Each state will be addressed with the cacti and succulents that are primarily found in that state. A fair number of the taxa inhabit more than one state, but many species are often found in a geographically small area located only within a single state. These genera include some of the rarest and most difficult to cultivate cacti and succulents to be found in the trade today. Their environments range from extreme cold regions with blazing sun, to high elevations with meters of snow, and from very arid low deserts with furnace like temperatures to Mediterranean-like coastal niches.

We will not show all the recorded species of each genus but will focus on the most unique and classic representatives of the Cactaceae and the many other succulent genera. These genera will include; *Agave*, *Ancistrocactus*, *Ariocarpus*, *Astrophytum*, *Carnegiea*, *Coryphantha*, *Dasyliirion*, *Dudleya*, *Echeveria*, *Echinocereus*, *Echinomastus*, *Epithelantha*, *Escobaria*, *Ferocactus*, *Graptopetalum*, *Lophocereus*, *Lophophora*, *Mammillaria*, *Neobesseyia*, *Neolloydia*, *Nolina*, *Opuntia*, *Pediocactus*, *Sclerocactus*, *Stenocereus*, *Thelocactus*, and *Yucca*. We will also take a look at some of the old plant names and their places, and stories in history.

Adding to the mystique of the Great American Southwest is a wealth of information, from the places where these plants were found to the people who found them. Names like *Coloradoa*, *Navajoa*, *Toumeyia*, and *Utahia* are just a few of the romantic and descriptive epithets used for some of the prized genera. There are many famous explorers and botanists who spent their entire lives to find these unique plants. These people include such prominent names as; Britton, Rose, Engelmann, Benson, Earle, Gentry and Weniger, just to mention a few.

This presentation, The Great American Southwest, is an epic story and view of this magic land. Many people from all over the world have been attracted this special region, and for me, I will be sharing over 40 years of my field work in this most incredible part of our country.

Wendell S. (Woody) Minnich 2012

# CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2014

(updated 11/12/2013)

- MAR. 28-30 ORANGE COUNTY CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SPRING SHOW AND SALE.  
FRI. AND SAT. MAR. 28-29 9-5PM SUN. MAR. 30th 12-4PM  
1000 S. State College Bl., (Anaheim United Methodist Church) Anaheim, CA  
INFO: 562-587-3357
- APR 12-13 SOUTH COAST CACTUS AN SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW & SALE  
SOUTH COAST BOTANIC GARDEN, 26300 CRENSHAW BLVD., PALOS VERDES, CA  
INFO: 310-378-1953
- APR 19-20 GREEN SCENE PLANT SALE—AT THE FULLERTON ARBORETUM  
1900 ASSOCIATED ROAD, FULLERTON, CA 92831
- APR 27 HUNTINGTON PLANT SALE 10 TO 5  
HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS, 1151 OXFORD ROAD, SAN MARINO, CA.  
INFO: 626-405-2160
- MAY 4 SOUTH BAY EPIPHYLLUM SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE—9am to 4pm  
SOUTH COAST BOTANICAL GARDENS  
INFO: 310-833-6823
- May 3 & 4 SUNSET CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE  
VETERANS MEMORIAL CENTER, GARDEN ROOM  
4117 OVERLAND AVE., CULVER CITY, CA. INFO.  
INFO: 310-822-1783
- MAY 16-17 GATES CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY  
33rd SHOW AND SALE FRI & SAT 9-4:30 pm  
INFO: 951-360-8802
- MAY 17-18 LONG BEACH CACTUS CLUB PLANT SHOW AND SALE 10AM-5PM  
RANCHO LOS ALAMITOS, 6400 BIXBY HILL ROAD, LONG BEACH  
INFO: 310-922-6090—www.lbcss.org
- MAY 24-25 CENTRAL COAST CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY ANNUAL SHOW & SALE (10-4PM),  
LUDWICK CENTER, 864 SANTA ROSA, SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA –  
INFO: 805-237-2054, www.centralcoastcactus.org
- JUNE 7-8 SAN DIEGO CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY –SUMMER SHOW AND SALE  
BALBOA PARK, ROOM 101, SAN DIEGO, CA.  
INFO: 858-382-1797
- JUNE 14-15 LOS ANGELES CACTUS and SUCCULENT SOCIETY  
PLANT SHOW AND SALE 14TH 9-5, 15th 9-3:30  
SEPULVEDA GARDEN CENTER, 16633 MAGNOLIA BLVD.  
ENCINO, CA INFO. E-MAIL www.lacss-show.com
- JUNE 27-29 CSSA ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE –HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS  
1151 OXFORD ROAD, SAN MARINO, CA.  
INFO: 626-405-2160 or 2277  
PLANTS SALES START JUNE 27TH THRU JUNE 29TH  
THE SHOW OPENS ON THE JUNE 28TH THRU JUNE 29TH  
FREE TO THE PUBLIC
- JULY 25-27 ORANGE COUNTY CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SUMMER SHOW AND  
SALE. FRI. JULY 25TH 9am-5pm, SAT JULY 26TH 9am-5pm, SUN 27TH 12-4pm  
1000 S. State College Bl., (Anaheim United Methodist Church) Anaheim, CA  
INFO: 949-212-8417
- AUG. 9-10 29th 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 661-714-1052
- AUG 30 HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS SUCCULENT SYMPOSIUM  
ALL DAY AT THE HUNTINGTON
- SEPT. 7 LONG BEACH CACTUS CLUB ANNUAL PLANT AUCTION -12-5PM  
RANCHO LOS ALAMITOS, 6400 BIXBY HILL ROAD, LONG BEACH, CA 90615  
INFO: 310-922-6090
- NOV. 1 & 2 SAN GABRIEL CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY 9am-4pm both days  
SHOW AND SALE—LA COUNTY ARBORETUM ADDRESS ABOVE