



# Prickly News

South Coast Cactus & Succulent Society Newsletter - May 2014

May 11 at 1:30 p.m.

## Presentation by Attila Kapitany

### The Future of Succulents in Garden Design

*The mind tends to limit succulents to a particular style and yet imaginative garden designers have in recent years explored the possibilities like never before. Join me on an almost unbelievable visual treat. Who would have thought that succulents could ever be made to look soft and luxuriant in the garden, mixing succulents with annuals, spring bulbs and under roses? Also why are succulents popular? You'll be surprised at my ideas and findings....Some say succulents are a fad that's going to fade ...I'll prove them wrong!*



## Lunada Bay Home Owners Association - SPRING WALKABOUT

On May 3rd from 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Jim Tanner, Philip Ross Johnston and Dale La Forest will set up a Club Information Table at the **Lunada Bay HOA SPRING WALKABOUT**. We will try to set up on the SE side of the Paseo Lunado Green Belt. You're all invited to drop by and chat.

### Refreshments for May: no signups

**...If you would like to bring something to share, please feel free!**

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## President's Message

**WOW** those members who worked behind the scenes to make this event a success. Pre-event advertising is critical, so "THANK YOU, **Anita Caplan** who made those beautiful postcards that some of us distributed, and **Bernard Johnson** for purchasing those wonderful banners AND hanging them on the fence outside the SCBG gate. Those banners can be used in the future for as long as they last merely by attaching new dates with Velcro. Bernard also is the one who gets our credit card machine and makes sure it works. Do any of you remember those shows when we borrowed a machine from the San Gabriel Valley club and before that didn't even accept credit? I wouldn't be surprised if some of our buyers would have liked to use their smartphones to pay this year. That is probably something we will need to address in the next few years. I have no idea how we are going to find a member with the tech savvy to make that sort of thing happen. We should remember that the Show & Sale requires a lot of time and effort by a number of people before, during, and after the show. Their hard work means all of us can reap the benefits of having great speakers, lots of free plants, and reimburse members for various expenses during the year. But the show doesn't quite cover all of our expenses. So . . .

As we near the end of our fiscal year, **it's time to pay the piper**. The **Membership Renewal form** is attached to this newsletter (or may be sent separately) and will also be in the June and July issues. PLEASE complete all the boxes. We compare it with our records to ensure we are able to contact you. **Send by snail mail or bring your completed Renewal form and dues (checks preferred) to Bernard Johnson**, Treasurer before the June meeting is adjourned. Remember, only INDIVIDUAL memberships - no family or couple memberships anymore. I hope you all choose to renew as we have some wonderful programs scheduled for this year.

The nomination committee will be announcing the current slate of Officers and At-large representatives and we will be accepting floor nominations for all elected positions at the May meeting. If you would like to nominate someone, please contact Jim Tanner. We will be voting in June.

Dale La Forest  
President



## MAY'S PRESENTER: ATILA KAPITANY



Attila Kapitany, an internationally renowned cactus and succulent enthusiast. He will be speaking on The Future of Succulents in Garden Design. Attila has served as president of the Cactus & Succulent Society of Australia for 10

years, and has 30 years experience growing and marketing cacti and succulents. He is also a prominent member of the horticultural media in Australia, writing regularly in magazines, journals and newspapers and promoting succulent plants.

Attila is co-founder and developer of the well-known Collectors Corner and Paradisia Nurseries, where his interests focused on the breeding, cultivating and

marketing of rare and unusual plants. He has traveled extensively to plant habitats around the world and has amassed possibly one of the largest collections of (mostly seed-raised) plants in Australia. Also, Attila has co-written seven books with Rudolf Schulz about succulents, with an eighth book, a solo effort on Australian native species. His most recent publications are a series of booklets on xerophytic Australian plants. If you have one of Attila's books, feel free to bring it and have him sign it. He may have a few books to buy at the meeting, but he is speaking at numerous locations in southern California but hopefully will have enough for each club. We will be meeting in the small classroom next to the kitchen, so come early to get you book signed and to get a seat and hear how Australian succulents can be used in the future in garden design.

## VOLUNTEER of the YEAR AWARD

Every year Los Angeles County recognizes volunteers from its many departments. This year Laurel Woodley was recognized by the Department of Parks and Recreation. Laurel is our Society's CSSA liaison and official photographer. We are proud to have her as an active member.

Citation for the award:

### **LAUREL WOODLEY** **Board of Supervisors, Fourth District**

"Since Laurel began volunteering at South Coast Botanic Garden, she has been the driving force to get every tree and shrub identified and labeled. She is a tireless worker and checks the signs weekly to ensure that they are in place. The garden has never had a volunteer with her knowledge and expertise. She is also known for her photographs, which are incorporated in the garden's social media publications. Laurel serves as member of the Board of Trustees and the Volunteer Committee, offering her ideas and insight for the future and progression of the garden."



## ANNUAL SHOW & SALE 2014 – SHOW SUMMARY

The South Coast Cactus & Succulent Society's annual show & sale held April 12 & 13 was as always, a smashing success thanks to the enthusiastic and cheerful support of our club members. Saturday morning, the place actually hummed with activity, and for most of Saturday the lines at checkout never stopped. I haven't heard the final estimate of gross receipts, but Saturday, alone, was in excess of \$20,000. This is pretty amazing for a plant sale! The show and sale ran very smoothly with no significant glitches that I'm aware of.

The success of the show was due to the hard work of a great number of people which I wish to acknowledge. My apologies to anyone I've missed.

Pre-show planning: **Jim Hanna** handled the frustrating task of organizing the vendors and assigning sale table space. **Bernard Johnson** updated our cash registers and managed our credit card reader smoothly during the show, despite problems with phone access for the card reader. **Bernard** and **Maria Capaldo** hung the club's show banners on the fence a week in advance of the show. We know that several people came to the show solely because they saw these banners. **Sally Fasteau** and **Lu Hagemeier** assisted me in setting up our window display at the Garden. **Anita Caplan** placed ads in several local newspapers, printed our flyer, and printed up and oversaw the distribution of our very attractive advertising cards.

Friday setup: Setup was made easy by the large number of volunteers, including **Jim Hanna, Carol Knight, Dale LaForest, Jim Gardner, Carol Causey, Bernard Johnson, Maria Capaldo, Dick Kohlschreiber, Gary Duke, Laurel Woodley, David Highwart** and many others. Ana McKensie continued to improve on her excellent signage throughout the main hall.

Kitchen: **Carol Causey** was kitchen coordinator once again, and kept things running smoothly. **Carmen Shearer, Danny Westhall** and **Snow Dunn** helped in the kitchen, and **Bob Lewis** and **Dale LaForest** brought in the ham and chicken. Many people brought in side dishes, and the result was enjoyed by all. The vendors tell me that our club has the best meals of any club in the region.

Hospitality and club information table: **Sally Fasteau** managed the name tags and coordinated the club table. **Irene Brenner** and **Bob Lewis** put in long hours at the club table. This year, we had space enough to try a new location, right where people entering the hall would see them, and were very pleased with the results.

This year, **Anita & Bob Caplan** initiated a new service as greeters, meeting people as they entered the hall, offering guidance, answering questions, and asking them how they became aware of our show and sale. As a result, for the first time we know that the single most important source of information about our show and sale is the newsletter of the Garden itself.

Information that they gained will be used next year in planning for our 2015 Show & Sale.

Our very handsome and very full club table was overseen by **Lupe Hulett**. Thanks to all who brought in plants.

Cashiers: The cashiers and tag-pullers were indispensable to sales, and did a great job. **† Nettles, Nancy Jengo, Heidi Husnak, Carol Knight, Maria Jenkins, Jade Neely, Robert DeCrescenzo** and **Maria Jenkins** ran the cash registers and handled the heavy traffic, especially on Saturday.

**Bernard Johnson**, oversaw operation of our credit card reader with **Mike Short, Maria Capaldo** and **Nancy Jengo** as operators. **Bernard** successfully dealt with great difficulties with the card reader due to our poor reception at the garden.

Tag Pullers; **Hank Warzebok, Bob & Nancy Mosher, Bob & Anita Caplan, Stella Castaneda, Bob & Ana McKenzie, Betty Saunders, Rose Arbuckle, Jim Wood, Phyllis De Crescenzo, Mary Lopez, Gina Bus** and **Mike Short** worked hard as tag pullers.

Line Control: **Maria Capaldo** tactfully directed customers to the appropriate line; either cash, check or credit card on Saturday morning when traffic was heavy.

This year we tried something new in our display area by creating two classes of display; artistic and educational. As a result, nearly half the displays were in the Educational class, the rest in Artistic. We also instituted the Single Table Rule in an attempt to encourage newer members to display. **Jim Gardner, Peter Walkowiak, Dale LaForest, Jackie Johnson, Jim Hanna, Laurel Woodley, John Matthews, Ellyn Holloway, Hank Warzebok** and **Robert DeCrescenzo** had tables. As always, voting was by the public on Saturday. In the Artistic class winners were: first, Jackie Johnson, second, Jim Hanna, and third, Peter Walkowiak. In the Educational class winners were: first, Jackie Johnson, second, Hank Warzebok, and Third, John Matthews.

**Laurel Woodley**, as always, was on hand to photograph plants, people and events.

Cleanup: At the end of the show comes cleanup. **Jim Hanna, Gary Duke, David Highwart, Jim Gardner, Maria Capaldo, Bernard Johnson, David Okihara, Jim Hanna, Dale LaForest, Sally Fasteau** and many others hung around to clean up our considerable mess.

I feel our show and sale was a great success. I'd like to thank everyone for their great spirit and energy. I'd especially like to thank **Dale LaForest** for his support and his worrying, **Bernard Johnson** for dealing with the finances of the show and the quirks of the card reader, and **Bob & Anita Caplan** for all their work on publicity and their innovation with the new position of Greeter. Together we created a great show.

Sincerely, **Jim Gardner**. Show Chair





Beautiful plant displays and show winners receiving prize checks. Among them Jackie Johnson won 1st place for both Educational and Artistic tables. John Matthews and Hank Warzybok won for their educational tables and Jim Gardner and Jim Hanna won for their artistic tables.



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

Novice Class	Cactus	Succulents	Intermediate Class	Cactus	Succulents	Open Class	Cactus	Succulents
Holloway		7						
Jengo	1	7	Caplan	9	12	Capaldo	15	6
B. Johnson	8		De Crescenzo	20	12	Duke	28	6
B. Kelly	27	4	J. Johnson	15	7	Gardner		14
Shearer	5	2	C. Knight		11	Hanna		29
Short		2	Neely	26	12	La Forest	7	4
Tanner		24						
G. Unrine	2							
J. Unrine	5							
Wood	11	4						

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

	Cactus	Succulents
January	Mammillaria straight spines	Adenia, Cissus and Cyphostemma
February	Rebutia	Sansevieria
March	Gymnocalycium	Crassula
April	PLANT SHOW AND SALE	
<b>MAY</b>	<b>STENOCACTUS</b>	<b>GASTERIA</b>
June	Crests / Monstrose	Echeveria
July	Coryphantha	Mesembs
August	Ferocactus	Agave / Yucca
September	Ariocarpus	Haworthia
October	Cactus dish gardens	Succulent dish gardens
November	Eriocyce	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



# CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2014

(updated 05/01/2014)

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  
The Gates Cactus & Succulent Society will present it's first Barbeque Dinner and Rare Plant Auction as part of the 39th annual Show & Sale on Friday evening, May 16, at the Western Municipal Water District, 450 Alessandro Blvd., Riverside, CA. This new home of the Gates Show & Sale will be the host facility for the dinner and auction. Dinner will be served at 6:30 PM and the Auction will begin at 8:00. Cost for dinner is \$20.00. Contact Karen Roholt (951)-369-7180 to make reservations. Reservations for dinner are mandatory. Contact Buck Hemenway, President for club 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](http://www.lacss-show.com)

JUNE 27-29 CSSA ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE  
HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS  
1151 OXFORD ROAD, SAN MARINO, CA.  
PLANT SALES 27TH -29TH, THE SHOW OPENS ON 28TH

INFO: 626-405-2160 or 2277  
<http://www.cssainc.com/>

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

**Central Coast Cactus & Succulent Society's  
Eighth Annual Show & Sale**

**Memorial Day  
Weekend**  
Saturday 3-7p  
Sunday 10:00-3:00  
Monday 8-12p  
Tuesday 10:00-4:00

**FREE ADMISSION**

- Unusual, rare and hard-to-find specimen plants along with traditional favorites
- Knowledgeable growers and experts
- Streamlined checkout
- Pottery by local artists designed for succulents
- Helpful and cheerful CCCS volunteers
- Special auction of show-quality specimens on Sunday at 2:00 pm

**Ludwick Community Center**  
884 Santa Rosa Street, San Luis Obispo  
Corner of Mill Street

Visit our website for more information  
[www.cccs.org](http://www.cccs.org)  
CCCS meets on the 2nd Sunday of each month at  
Old Fellows Lodge  
500 Davis St., SLO  
Free plant to the true winner.

## CACTUS OF THE MONTH – STENOCACTUS

Stenocactus is a genus of northern and central Mexican cacti of around 10 species related to Ferocactus. It now includes Hertrichocereus and Echinofossulocactus. They are mostly small globular cactus, of very variable characteristics, generally below 4 inches in diameter (10 cm), often solitary, but sometimes clustering as they age. The name echinofossulocactus comes from the Latine for 'Echinocactus with a little ditch', referring to the small wrinkle extending from the top of the areola in some species. They contain the wave cacti, also called brain cacti, that are so named because of their large number of undulating ribs.

The short funnel-shaped flowers are generally striped with a darker median line and, just above 1 inch across (2.5 cm). These flowers come in late summer and last 3-4 days. Stenocactus are not always self-fertile, so you might need to have several non related plants flowering at the same time, in order to get seeds. The seeds come in green pods.

They are propagated by seeds that germinate easily.



*Stenocactus pentacanthus*



*Stenocactus multicosatus*



*Stenocactus tricuspis*



*Stenocactus coptonogonus*



## SUCCULENT OF THE MONTH – GASTERIA

Gasteria is a popular and easily grown genus of plants that has been collected and kept as house plants since the 17th century. Gasteria flowers are carried on a long scape (leafless flower stalk). They generally hang down as they open, and have a swollen (gasteriform) portion at the base of the flower. The word Gasteria comes from the Greek "gaster" meaning stomach or belly.

Gasteria vary in size from about an inch to several feet in diameter. Almost all plants start out with the leaves in two rows (distichous), although most eventually begin to spiral, either remaining in a distichous spiral, or changing into a rosette form. Gasteria are very variable in appearance. They have definite juvenile and adult forms, have local variations in appearance, and have form and growth habits that are dependent on the soil type and amount of sunlight.

Typical natural habitats are humus rich, sandy soils. They grow on dry rocky hillsides and generally grow under larger shrubs particularly when young. They also can be found in rock fissures or in the shade of large rocks. The roots are shallow and thick which helps the plants obtain moisture from barely wet soils, and nourishment from decaying leaves and debris from larger shrubs.

Gasteria cultivation is easy. They are mostly winter and spring growers, but exhibit some growth all year except for the hottest part of the summer. They are tolerant of almost any growing mix, although they do best with high organic content mixes, similar to their natural growing conditions. They prefer partial shade, particularly in the afternoon; however the best color is obtained by giving them as much light and sun, short of sunburn, as possible.

Tom Glavich



*Gasteria baylissii*



*Gasteria batesiana*



*Gasteria pillansii*



*Gasteria 'Ghost of Carlsbad'*



*Gasteria baylissii* flowers



## Membership News:

### Change in Dues Structure:

At the February 2014 meeting the members voted for the following changes which will begin July 1, 2014.

1. Membership dues will \$18.00 per person.
2. The Society will no longer offer family memberships.
3. The price for the hard copy of the Prickly News will be \$12.00 per year.

These changes were prompted by the fact that the South Coast Botanic Garden will be charging us a rental fee to use their facilities beginning July 1, 2014.

### Membership Renewal

Our new fiscal year begins July 1. Please look for the membership forms on our website [www.southcoastcss.org](http://www.southcoastcss.org), in the May, June, and July newsletters, or at our meetings. We look forward to sharing another year of stimulating programs, enjoyable mini-shows, and numerous opportunities to add to our collections.

### Name Badges and Membership Directory:

If you need a new name badge or would like a current 2014 Membership Directory, please let me know via email or phone. Sally Fasteau, [sallyfasteau@cox.net](mailto:sallyfasteau@cox.net), 310-544-1313.

### Welcome to New and Returning Members

Please welcome the following 18 members who are new or returning to the club:

July 2013	Marjorie Beringer Fernand Bournival Ellyn Holloway Steven Knight Nancy Mosher Robert Mosher Gwen Richardson
August 2013	M.A. Bjarkman
October 2013	Davis Highwart
January 2014	Rosalie Flores Helena Velken Aiko Watanabe Chris Watanabe
February 2014	Harry Fletcher Sandra Fletcher Tom Petrich
March 2014	Mary Mauck Joe Wujcik
April 2014	Maria B. Blas Pam Carnesi Gary Hansen Archana Shah Rebecca Tortorice Ray Van Veen Karen Yoshioka

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS for FY2013-2014

### Officers

*President*  
*Vice President*  
*Treasurer*  
*Secretary*  
*Parliamentarian*

**Dale La Forest**  
**Maria Capaldo**  
**Bernard Johnson**  
**Philip Johnston Ross**  
**Judy Unrine**

### Standing Committee Chairmen

*Show & Sale Chair*  
*Programs Committee Chair*  
*Finance Committee Chair*  
*Communication Committee Chair*  
*Membership Committee Chair*

**Jim Gardner**  
**Gary Duke**  
**Jim Hanna**  
**Anita Caplan**  
**Sally Fasteau**

### Liaisons

*CGCI*  
*CSSA*

**Lynda Johnson**  
**Laurel Woodley**

### At Large Members

**Mike Short**  
**Bob Caplan**

## Membership Form

### South Coast Cactus & Succulent Society

**Instructions:**    **Make Check payable to:**    **SCCSS**  
                           **Mail Form and Check to:**    **Bernard Johnson**  
   **629 18<sup>th</sup> Street**  
   **Manhattan Beach, CA 90266**

**Or, submit form and payment at a meeting.** (checks preferred)

**Please Read:** The membership year begins July 1<sup>st</sup> and ends June 30<sup>th</sup>. Please provide the following information to the membership committee. Unless you indicate that you do not wish to include any or all of this information, it will be published in the membership directory. To assure that our directory is current and accurate we ask renewing members to resubmit this information. Thank you.

<b>Date:</b>	<b>New Member</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <small>*Prorated see below</small>	<b>Membership Renewal</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <small>Renewal memberships are not Prorated</small>
<b>Name</b> <small>One name per form please.</small>	<b>Please Print</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Please exclude my address from the Directory <b>Mailing Address</b>		
<b>City, State, Zip code</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Please exclude my email address from the Directory <b>Email for newsletter</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Please exclude my phone number from the Directory <b>Phone</b>		
	I give my permission to publish the above information with the exception of any exclusions indicated. Sign here →	

*New memberships are prorated. Contact Membership Chair for amount due.	<b>Membership Chair:</b> Sally Fasteau 310-544-1313 sallyfasteau@cox.net	Enter amount below
<b>Member's Dues</b>	<b>\$18/year</b>	\$
<b>\$12 Additional fee for hard copy of newsletter to be mailed to the above address. (Free newsletter delivery by email only.)</b>	<b>\$12/year</b>	\$
	<b>Total</b>	\$
		<small>Renewal Dues are not prorated.</small>

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